



The Swedish Open Championship of Wizard 2025

SVENSKA ÖPPNA MÄSTERSKAPET I WIZARD 2025

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Intro

Unfortunately, the amazing game of Wizard isn't a well-known game in the Kingdom of Sweden.

If I would guess, the most common Trick-taking game that is played by families is a game called Plump.

That game shares a lot of similarities to the game Wizard, but lacks the 4 jesters and the 4 wizards. The point system is also a little bit different but not much.

Because of the similarities I often said Wizards is like the game Plump but with some extra cool cards that makes a great game like Plump, into an amazing game of Wizard, when I tried to spread the word of this tournament in order to get as many participants as possible.

My main source of advertising was by using the largest Swedish board gaming groups on Facebook, Reddit and Boardgamegeek's Swedish forum section.

Initially, in my pre-planning step I expected that maybe around 20 people would be interested in this tournament.

But when I pre-launched the event in order to see how many actually would be interested, I only got around 14 persons who said they would be interested in participating.

After some more time of trying to spread the word and reach out more people it was time to launch the Event for real and have players sign up for the event.

When the event was up and running about 8 weeks before the game day there was 9 players who have signed up, me included. It's probably not allowed in larger and more "serious" events that the organizer himself is also a participant. But since this seemed to turn out to be a smaller event, I decided to do it anyway. I had also pointed out two extra players to help out with rulings in the games I was going to play in, in case someone would mind (as it turned out no one did mind).

For a long while it looked like we would only be around 10 players but as time went by a few more joined in and coming the day before the event there was 13 players that had signed on.

On the actual game day there was even one more that turned up so when the tournament started, we were 14 players.

2 players had to leave after the first game, but the rest, all 12 of us stayed for whole day.

Game day!

When everyone arrived, they had to sign in, get a name label to put on their shirt, get a good luck Wizard coin, Wizard/Llama coaster and Amigo rubber band.

After everyone was signed in, we could see that 12 of us were from Sweden and one from Germany and one from Italy.

Turning our Swedish Championship into an Open Swedish Championship.

I gave some instructions on how the day would unfold with three game rounds where everyone would be randomized, and a fourth and final game for the top 4 ranked players.

And most important:

- 1: Have fun,
- 2: Have even more fun!
- 3: Competition.

I encouraged players to try resolve any mishaps and misplays by themselves at their tables with the three rules above as guidelines, after all this was not the World Championship, “only” the Swedish 😊.

Every table was provided with a printout of the tournament rules, but none was needed, and I never had to step in and make rules call at any point during the day.

I used the Tournament rules provided by www.wizardcards.com which I understand is the American official site for wizard. So Ranking points and tiebreakers recommended on that site is what we used for our tournament.

After 3 games were played the top 4 players were:

(Name, nationality, Position in first game, position in second game, position in 3rd game, total score)

1. Magnus Andersson (Swe), 4th place, 1st place, and 1st place = 104 Ranking points.
2. Albin Karlsson (Swe), 1st place, 4th place, and 1st place = 104 Ranking points.
3. Per Westling (Swe) 1st place, 2nd place, and 3 place = 100 Ranking points.
4. Viktor Karlsson Mantel (Swe) 3rd place, 1st place, and 2nd place = 100 Ranking points.

The final was won by Per Westling with a final score of 340 points, and 1 missed bid.

In second place came Magnus Andersson with a final score of 190 points and 4 missed bids.

Thirds place went to Albin Karlsson with a final score of 120 points and 5 missed bids.

Finally, in 4th place was me, Viktor Karlsson Mantel, which I must say was a relief, I would have been very embarrassed if I would have to give myself one of the prizes! 😊

Picture time!



To the left: Per Westling, to the right, Event host Viktor Karlsson Mantel. Viktor congratulate the tournament winner, Per Westling on taking the first place and becoming the first(?) Swedish Wizard champion. Unfortunately no pictures were taken when Magnus, and Albin received their rewards.



The Final table, bottom left, Albin Karlsson. Top left, Viktor Karlsson Mantel. Top right, Per Westling. Bottom right, Magnus Andersson.



Price table. Custom made and framed diplomas with the text “assigned to you for taking 1st/2nd/3rd place in the 2025 Swedish Championship of Wizard” (but in Swedish). Custom made medals, with engraved picture of the Wizard from the American version, as a homage.



All other participants that stayed to the end. From left to right: Bob Siverskog, Jonathan Siverskog, Giovanni Novembre, Mattias Svanström, Erik Hallquist, Henrik Arnell, Stella Benninghaus, Daniel Rydberg.



Table B and A during game number 3.



A picture during game number 2



Table B during game number 2



Lunchbreak!



Free Coffe and Cake for all who participate!

Namn	Placering omgång 1	Turneringspoäng (TP) efter omgång 1	Placering omgång 2	TP efter omgång 2	Placering omgång 3	TP efter omgång 3
Albin K	1 Missade bud 2	46	4 → 12 Missade bud 5	58	1 → 46 Missade bud 3	104
Magnus A	1 Missade bud 7	12	1 → 46 Missade bud 4	58	1 → 46 Missade bud 2	104
Viktor K	3 Missade bud 5	21	1 → 46 Missade bud 3	67	2 → 33 Missade bud	100
Per W	1 Missade bud 3	46	2 → 33 Missade bud 3	79	3 → 21 Missade bud 3	100
Daniel R	2 delad Missade bud 4	27	1 → 46 Missade bud 4	73	3 → 21 Missade bud 6	94
Giovanni N	1 Missade bud 3	46	2 → 33 Missade bud 4	79	4 → 12 Missade bud 7	91
Stella	2 Missade bud 0	33	2 → 33 Missade bud 6	66	3 → 21 Missade bud 3	87
Erik H	2 delad Missade bud 4	27	3 → 21 Missade bud 6	48	2 → 33 Missade bud 2	81
Mattias S	3 Missade bud 4	21	3 → 21 Missade bud 4	42	2 → 33 Missade bud 3	75
Jonte S	5 Missade bud 5	4	3 → 21 Missade bud 6	25	1 → 46 Missade bud 1	71
Henrik A	2 Missade bud 6	33	4 → 12 Missade bud 8	45	4 → 12 Missade bud 8	57
Bob S	4 Missade bud 5	12	4 → 12 Missade bud 7	24	4 → 12 Missade bud 7	36

My way to easy keep track of upkeep and shuffle around player standings by a running total of Ranking points, a sort of IRL version of excel. Works great for smaller groups.

Wizard		Spelare 1	Spelare 2	Spelare 3	Spelare 4
		Per	Magnus	Albin	Viktor
# Runda	# Kort	Poäng	Poäng	Poäng	Poäng
1	1	= 20	= 30	= -10	= 20
2	3	"+/-" 30	"+/-" -10	"+/-" 30	"+/-" 30
		= 50	= 20	= 20	= 50
3	5	"+/-" -10	"+/-" 40	"+/-" -10	"+/-" -10
		= 40	= 60	= 10	= 40
4	7	"+/-" 40	"+/-" -10	"+/-" -10	"+/-" -30
		= 80	= 50	= 0	= 10
5	9	"+/-" 70	"+/-" 20	"+/-" 30	"+/-" -10
		= 150	= 70	= 30	= 0
6	11	"+/-" 50	"+/-" 50	"+/-" 30	"+/-" -10
		= 200	= 120	= 60	= -10
7	12	"+/-" 70	"+/-" -10	"+/-" 40	"+/-" 40
		= 270	= 110	= 100	= 30
8	13	"+/-" 40	"+/-" 40	"+/-" -10	"+/-" 60
		= 310	= 150	= 90	= 90
9	14	"+/-" 40	"+/-" -10	"+/-" -10	"+/-" -10
		= 350	= 140	= 80	= 80
10	15	"+/-" -10	"+/-" 50	"+/-" 40	"+/-" -10
		= 340	= 190	= 120	= 70
Slutpoäng =		340	190	120	70

Scoresheet from the Final table.