WRC 2025 Official Rules Clarification

29th June 2025

The following important clarifications and amendments to the WRC 2025 rules have been issued and are to be considered effective from the date of this document. These updates have been made to resolve inconsistencies and to ensure the highest competitive standards are upheld during the tournament.

1. Clarification to Rule 8.4 – Declaration at the End of the Live Wall
(Page 27, Main Rule Book)

Current wording:
"It is forbidden to declare a sequence, triplet, quad or riichi when there are no tiles left in the live wall."

Clarification:
The reference to riichi in this sentence was included in error following the recent rule change to allow riichi even without a draw left. It is permitted to declare riichi when there are no tiles left in the live wall. (However, it is by no means recommended to do so.)

This correction will be reflected in the updated version of the Main Rule Book.

2. Amendment to Penalty Rule 12.3.4 – Invalid Group Melds
(Penalties Document)

Current wording:
"A player melding a group that is neither a sequence, triplet nor quad, or declaring a false concealed quad, can correct it as long as they haven't discarded. After discarding, the invalid group cannot be changed and the player has a dead hand."

Amendment:
To align with professional standards and prevent potential abuse of the rule, the following

penalty structure will now apply:

- Before discarding: An invalid or false meld/group will result in a dead hand.
- After discarding: An invalid or false meld/group will result in a chonbo.

This change takes immediate effect and will be incorporated into the updated version of the Penalties Document.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. We understand that these clarifications are coming before the start of the WRC 2025 event, and we ask that you are familiar with these clarifications before the event. Updated rule documents will be distributed shortly.

Thank you for your continued support of the World Riichi Championship.

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