

Observer report for: 2013 POMC

Observer: Janco Onnink

Date: 23 and 24 June 2013

Place: Porto

Introduction

6 players from France couldn't come because their flight was cancelled because of problem with the air company. This was making it hard for the organiser, because the number of players was reduced from 40 to 32. This created some problems with the playing schedule. Some players meet another player 2 times. After day 1 the schedule for Sunday was created again based on the opponents on Saturday, so Sunday this was better. Because of the rescheduling the team competition was cancelled, because choice was made to avoid people meet same player again was more important than teams. The prize for the team competition was given to the Spanish players because of their support to the tournament.

Website or other source(s) of information:

http://www.uniaodemahjong.com/pomc2013/inscricao_en.html

Participants:

Country	number of players
Netherlands	11
France	09
Spain	08
Portugal	01
Austria	02
Belgium	01
Total	32

Playing schedule: 6 rounds of 90 minutes (4 on Saturday, 2 on Sunday)

Equipment:

Good tile sets, Mahjong tables

Referee: Janco Onnink and Marianne Croeze.

Complaints:

No real complaints, some players made a remark of playing the same opponent, but most of them understand the situation and had no problem with that.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Results on paper after very round (on beamer)

Digital time display on beamer

Sessions:

6 sessions

Catering:

- Lunch on Saturday included (with live music)
- Diner on Saturday included
- Diner on Sunday included (with live music)
- Free drinks, cookies and bread during whole tournament
- Option to join Chinese New Year dinner on Friday for 15,--

Prices:

- Prices for nr 1,2,3 (Special watch for nr 1) and book about Macao for 1, 2 and 3
- Price for Iberia cup (For best player of the two tournaments)
- Price for teams
- Bag with souvenirs for all players
- Certificates for each player

Conclusion:

Second tournament in Portugal. It's amazing how much effort Rui did to make everybody feel comfortable. There was live music at dinners and transport by local train.

Rui did a real great job for organising such a nice tournament!!

Well organised tournament.

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