



Observer report for Prague Open 2015 (Riichi, RERS 2)

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Place: Prague, Czech Republic

Website or other source(s) of information: All information and the registration form could be found on the website www.ratka.cz. E-mail contact was reported to me as being very fast and smooth.

Participants: 44 players

Represented countries: Slovakia (7), United Kingdom (6), Russia (5), Germany (5), Czech Republic (5), Austria (4), Finland (3), Denmark (3), Poland (3), Netherlands (2), France (1)

Playing schedule: 2 days, 8 rounds (5+3) of 90 minutes

Location: The tournament was held at Silicon Hill Campus (student union of the Czech Technical University). There was a very large room for playing and for coffee breaks, there was a large room with the buffet and very comfortable chairs and sofas to relax.

Equipment: Standard Japanese tiles and junk mats.

Refereeing: There were two non playing and one playing referee.

Complaints: There were some minor issues regarding the seating of players as there seemed to be some constellation which occurred twice.

Information / communication during the tournament:

There was a clock projected to the wall. A sound signaled that there were 15 minutes left. Up to date ranking projected to the wall after each session (except for the first one).

Sessions: Excellent playing atmosphere, very little issues for the referees.

Catering: Lunch in a very nice restaurant just around the corner. Food was very good and the service was fast and friendly. Also, there was a great variety at the coffee break buffet.

Prizes: Trophies and goodies for the top three players. A prize for the lowest ranked non-Czech player (free entry for the next Prague tournament) and a small prize for the highest score in one hanchan and the best Czech player.

Conclusion: Well organized tournament with a very international audience. Socializing before and after the event was also great!