



Observer report for 2015 UK Riichi Mahjong Open (RCR, RERS 2)

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Date: August 15th - 16th 2015

Place: Farnham, United Kingdom

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website of UK Mahjong : registration, program, list of participants,...

Participants: 40 players

Represented countries

GBR	JPN	GER	CZE	CHN	USA	SWE	NED	EST	BRA	...
24	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1

Playing schedule: 2 days, 8 rounds (4+4) of ~90 minutes (75 minutes + current and one more round)

Location: The Bourne Club in Farnham. There was sufficient room in the playing area and players could go to the lobby between rounds.

Equipment: All tables had mats with edges, there were two different tile sets in use – some black, some white. Both were chinese style monocolored sets with extra indicators on the haku to distinguish them.

Refereeing: Martin Lester and Gemma Sakamoto were playing referees

Complaints: None.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. A gong clearly informs players of the the end of sessions. Ranking up to date between each session.

Sessions: Sessions were timely with an excellent playing atmosphere.

Catering: Lunches were served in the same place and were of high quality.

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd), one for the most improved player of the second day and one for the best local player (with nobody receiving two prizes).

Conclusion: Very friendly tournament with a good atmosphere and great turnout (both in number of players and nationalities).