

Observer report for (RCR, MERS 2) Maruichi Taikai

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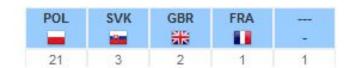
Place: Warsaw, Poland

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website of Polish League of

Mahjong; registration, program, list of participants etc.

Participants: 28 players

Represented countries



Playing schedule: 2 days, 6 rounds (3+3) of 90 minutes.

Location: The Asia and Pacific Museum. Ample room between tables. Lighting was good.

Equipment: Standard Riichi tiles & Junk/edged rubber mats; comfortable tables & chairs.

Refereeing: Szymon Lasota, Dominik Kolenda, Krzysztof Sasinowski (all playing)

Complaints: None.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Time remaining projected via computer onto a large screen. Clear announcements made to signify the start and conclusion of each hanchan. Ranking projected onto screen after each hanchan.

Sessions: Excellent playing atmosphere, FFF (Fair-play, Friendly and Fun).

Catering: Water and chocs provided for each player on both days. Set menu lunch served in a nearby restaurant on first day. Social evening at a nearby fusion restaurant/pub after 1st day.

Prizes: Medals, denominated by the four winds, for individual ranking (1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th), plus a consolation prize for last place (tears wiping).

Conclusion: Very nice tournament in Warsaw.