



Observer report for Great Wave Tournament 2016 (RCR, MERS 1)

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Place: Espoo, Finland

Website or other source(s) of information: All information is available on the website of the tournament: <http://mahjong.ayy.fi/#/turnaus> : registration, program, list of participants.

Participants: 32 players representing 4 countries: Finland (28 players), Russia (2 players), Austria (1 player) and Japan (1 player)

Playing schedule: 1 day, 4 rounds of 90 minutes

Location: Energy Garage of Aalto University.

Equipment: Tables, mats and sets were provided. Honbo sticks for renchan and riichi declaration. Scores were kept by means of scoresheets. Scoresheets did not comply to EMA format, no place to write uma and intermediate calculations. Some tables were somewhat larger than they should have been for comfortable play and some were wonky.

Refereeing: One non-playing head referee and one playing referee were present.

Complaints:

See equipment*.

2 players did not show up. The start of the tournament was delayed. 2 substitute players were provided by organizers.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. Referee informs players of the start and the end of sessions. Ranking up to date between each session was presented on a screen as well. Organizers wrote a letter the day before concerning closed roads nearby which was very helpful.

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

Catering: Lunch in the same place (chicken or beef burritos, spring rolls), drinks and others.

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd).

Conclusion: Very nice for first time tournament organizers. Hope for more (hopefully two-day this time) to come.