

Observer report for Aachen Riichi Open 2016 (MERS-1)

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Website or other source(s) of information:

All the relevant information (in German and English) was on the website DMJL (Deutsche Mah-John Liga). Registration, program, list of participants,... The participants were informed via emails.

Participants: 28 players

Germany: 16

The Netherlands: 6

France: 6

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

Location: The room is just big enough to host 28 players and the venue is easily accessible from Aachen town center. For lunches all players walked together to a nearby restaurant.

Equipment: Good chairs and tables with junkmats and good Riichi sets and sticks.

Refereeing: Waldemar Laube was non-playing referee.

Complaints: No complaints, some people had questions about handling the new Riichi rules.

Information / communication during the tournament:

There was a clock on a laptop. A clear announcement was made after 75 minutes, after which one hand is played. Real-time ranking after each session was printed and posted on walls.

Sessions: Excellent playing atmosphere.

Catering: Entry fees covered two lunches at a nearby restaurant. Coffee and refreshments were provided in the break room.

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

Conclusion: Very nice tournament in Aachen, it is a pity there was not room enough for more players.