



Observer report for Dutch Riichi Open 2016 (RERS 2)

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Place: Oss, Netherlands

Website or other source(s) of information: All needed information provided on the tournament website (<http://www.schoonspel.nl/rdo>): registration, program, list of participants, later also results. Website was constantly kept up-dated and was available in Dutch and English.

Participants: 48 players from (Netherlands 36, Great Britain 1, Germany 10, Luxembourg 1)

Playing schedule: 2 days, 9 rounds (5+4) of 90 minutes. 20 minutes breaks between the hanchans, 45 min breaks for lunch. Rounds started on time.

Location: The “Wijkcentrum Schadewijk” provides enough room for 48 players, additional rooms could be used during the breaks. Lighting at the tables was good.

Equipment: Mahjong sets in good shape, tables equipped with junkmats and counting sticks (30.000 per player), additional credit sticks available from the referees.

Refereeing: three referees in total, one of them (Els Kuijpers) non-playing, the other two (Anneke Keyl, and Ans Hoogland as head referee) as playing referees.

Complaints: None.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Greeting/announcements done in English, short and informative. Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. A gong clearly informed players of the start and end of sessions. Ranking up to date between each session, printed and posted/projected on walls.

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

Catering: Lots of food provided, starting with snacks for breakfast during the registration. Lunch was served in buffet style in a separate room (bread, rolls, cheeses, meats, fish, spreads). Later on snacks were handed out (fruits, sweets). Drinks vouchers included in the registration fee could be used for drinks from the bar (coffee, tea, soft drinks, beer). Bottled water was provided.

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd), and give-aways for referees and EMA observer

Conclusion: Very nice tournament in Oss, very good organization, happy participants!