

Observer Report 9th Belgium Open

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Date : Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th March 2017

Place : Temse (Belgium)

MERS 2 tournament

Information could be found on the website kleine3draken.be

Information at the website was clear and complete.

Participants

There were 96 players from Belgium (16), Switzerland (1), Germany (17), France (26), Italy (8), The Netherlands (25), Sweden (2) and the UK (1).

Playing Schedule

2 days, 6 rounds (3+3) of 120 minutes.

Location

The tournament took place in the Community Centre of Temse

Equipment

Good. We played on mahjongtables with big tile mahjongsets.

Refereeing

Non playing referee: Michel van Damme. There were no big issues, one penalty for passing information.

Complaints

On Sunday we had a problem in the first round of that day. There were tiles changed at two tables: 2 tables had incomplete mahjongsets. Players discovered this after about 15 minutes. New sets were provided.

One of the players complained about this and has a recommendation: at the start of each day of a tournament the organisation has to check the sets.

The EMA should advise/prescribe this.

Information/communication during the tournament

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen.

A gong clearly informs players of the start and the end of the sessions.

The results were available in time, printed and posted on walls.

Catering

Lunch in the same place, served on plates. A hardworking kitchen brigade delivered a good job again.

Prizes

There were beautiful prizes, sculptures made by a local artist, for the numbers 1, 2 and 3.

There was a prize for the player who ended 9th, because it was the 9th version of this tournament.

Conclusion

The tournament was well organised, as allways. We played competitive but in an excellent atmosphere (FFF). It was great to have players from various countries.