



## **Observer report for Dutch Riichi Open 2017 (RERS 2)**

**Observer:** Jos Dermout

**Date:** November 4th – 5th 2017

**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:** 40 players from (Netherlands 29, Great Britain 1, Germany 5, Luxembourg 1, Russia 1, Belgium 3)

**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 40 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 playing referees.

**Complaints:**

**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 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 3<sup>rd</sup>), and giveaways for referees and EMA observer

### **Conclusion:**

On the first day during the introduction only the non-playing referee was introduced. The other two referees who were officially appointed participating (playing) referees were only introduced on the second day.

It is worth to observe that when a problem arose a referee was called upon. The original decision of this referee was later revised.

This small incident had however no impact on the competition which continued without any problems.

Sincere congratulations to the organizers and all the collaborators of the Mahjongclub "Schoonspel" who all contributed to a splendid competition.

Many Thanks

PS. Note also that a complain was submitted to the observer against the non-playing referee. She was supposed to be a certified EMA referee ?

This 'non-certified' referee made according the individual who made the complaint, two grave errors: one change a "call" and two she refused to count the points by Mahjong.