



Observer report for Oranda Sai Kou 2018 (RERS 1)

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Place: Berghem, The Netherlands

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

Participants: 52 players (Netherlands 45, Germany 3, Belgium 3, France 1)

Playing schedule: 1 day, 5 hanchan of 90 minutes. 15 minutes breaks between the hanchans, 30 min breaks for lunch. Rounds started on time.

Location: Sportcentrum Berghem provided enough room for 52 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.

Referees: Two referees in total; John Kuijpers and Reylly Brands (head referee), as well as playing referees.

Complaints: None

Information / communication during the tournament:

Greeting/announcements done in English, short and informative. There was a 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: Coffe and tea in the morning. A typical Dutch lunch in another room – self service buffet.

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

Conclusion:

A wonderful tournament.

This tournament was well prepared. There were no problems.

The new ranking after each 'hanchan' were exceptionally quickly known.

Congratulations to all volunteers and the sporting spirit of the participants so that this tournament has taken place in a friendly atmosphere.

Thanks.

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EMA observer.