



Observer report for Doitsu Jan Ou Taisen 2018 (RCR, MERS 3)

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Date: November 24-25, 2018

Place: Cologne, Germany

Website or other source(s) of information: All information about the tournament (venue, timetable, registration, players, how to get there) was found on the website: <https://www.riichi-cologne.de/en/>

Participants: 36 players

· Represented countries

GER	NED	BEL	GBR	RUS	POL	FRA	DEN	AUT	AUS
									
12	7	7	3	2	1	1	1	1	1

Playing schedule: 2 days, 9 rounds (5+4) of 90 minutes

Location: The tournament was hosted at the local shooting club hall. In hall is space for more 60 Players if needed.

Equipment: Junk mates on every table. There were also the junk mates sets on some tables, on the others there were some white sets. Problem with these sets are that the white dragon is completely white. The where some people who complained about these dragons.

Refereeing: The host Manuel Schlich was a non-playing referee. Anneke Keyl was a playing referee.

Complaints: Only some people are complaining about the white dragon, as already mentioned.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected from a computer to the wall. All scores are printed after each round. Also, the scores were posted on facebook. There was a microphone for starting the round and passing information about the tournament. Also, there was a original Gong for start and end the round.

Sessions: Excellent playing atmosphere, FFF (Fair-play, Friendly and Fun). There were no big mistakes or Etiquette problems. Only in the first round the players which finished early were a bit noisy outside the playing hall because it was not possible to close the door. But after the first round everyone recognised it and so the problem was solved.

Catering: Lunch at the venue (classic german food). There were water bottles and coffee free to take. Small snacks on breaks.

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd), one for the best German Player and some Discounts for the last place and for everyone who made a rinshan kaihou while the tournament (because of the club name). Also some “thank yous” for people who help while the tournament.

Conclusion: Very nice tournament in cologne. Lot of players from other countries. Nice atmosphere all weekend long. Nice and professional organisation, especially for their first tournament organisation overall.