



Observer report for Hrodna Tanyao Open 2019 (Riichi, MERS 2.5)

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Date: February 23th – 24th 2019

Place: Hrodna, Belarus

Website or other source(s) of information:

About tournament:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2331030346972167>

Sessions, ranking, statistics:

<https://mahjongtracker.com/app/tournaments/5c70f8c85f8e23000e9c02b9>

Participants: 44 players from 4 countries: Belarus (24), Poland (16), Ukraine (3), Russia (1).

Playing schedule: 2 days, 8 rounds (4+4) of 90 minutes

Location: Tsentr garadskoga zhytstsiya, str. Kirava, 3

Equipment: Square tables with different sets and junkmats. On one table there was no junkmat

Refereeing: Marta Binkowska (Head Referee), Dominik Kolenda, Łukasz Grzybowski – all playing referees.

Complaints: Some delays in starting the first hanchan on both days.

Information / communication during the tournament: The organizers used the microphone to announce information about the tournament and the beginning of the hanchan. The timer was projected on the screen and was also available in the Mahjong Tracker application. Results were updated online on the site and in the Mahjong Tracker application.

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

Catering: 2 full meals at a restaurant near the tournament venue. Coffee, tea, water, cookies were available between sessions.

Prizes: For the top 4 and souvenirs for some achievements (see [here](#))

Conclusion: The tournament was excellent in a friendly atmosphere, the level of play of the participants was very decent. The organizers did their best, especially considering that this was the first EMA tournament in Belarus.