



Observer report for Oryu Maajan Taisen 2019 (RCR, MERS 3,5)

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Date: April 27th – 28th 2019

Place: Cologne, Germany

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website of Rinshan Kaihou Cologne: registration, program, list of participants,...

Participants: 52 players

Represented countries: NED (12), GER (12), BEL (9), POL (4), FRA (4), AUT (3), ITA (2), GBR (2), SUI (1), CHN (1), CAN (1), Substitute (1)

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

Location: The playing room at “Schützenhalle der St. Sebastianus Bruderschaft” was big enough to comfortably host the 52 players and there was also a big adjacent room for the breaks and lunch.

Equipment: Every table had the same tiles and mats. They were very comfortable in size.

Refereeing: Manuel Schlich was non-playing referee and Anneke Keyl served as an additional playing referee.

Complaints: None.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Projection of the clock didn't work properly so it was showed on a laptop screen, which was placed on a chair on the stage, so it was easily visible by all players. Start and end of the session was clearly announced. Ranking update between each session was printed and posted to the wall of the break room. Important announcements were made before sessions so everybody could hear them.

Sessions: Very relaxed but still competitive playing atmosphere.

Catering: Lunch was cooked by the people who run the venue. There was traditional German food on the first day and pasta on the second day. Vegetarian/vegan options were available. Snacks and drinks (water, coffee, tea, lemonade) were available all the time.

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd), chocolate for the highest score of each hanchan, discounts on the fee for the next tournament for scored yakuman and the last place.

Conclusion: Very nice tournament in Cologne with great atmosphere and good organization. One table was chosen every hanchan to be videotaped, which I find a very nice idea!