



## **Observer report for Ostrava Riichi Open 2019 (RCR, MERS 2)**

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**Date:** November 9th 2019

**Place:** Ostrava, Czech Republic

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information on the website of Mahjong Silesia: registration, program, list of participants...

**Participants:** 44 players

**Represented Countries:**

POL	CZE	NOR	AUT	SVK	BEL
30	4	4	3	2	1

**Playing schedule:** 1 day, 5 rounds of 90 minutes

**Location:** We played at Hotel AD Landek. The seminar room could comfortably host all 44 players but the air was a bit stifling sometimes. A little hard to reach with public transport but there was free parking!

**Equipment:** Nice mats and sets at all tables.

**Refereeing:** Łukasz Grzybowski was non-player referee.

**Complaints:** None.

**Information / communication during the tournament:**

Mahjong Tracker app was used to keep track of scores and time during the tournament. Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen and also visible in the app. Live ranking via app, but the final scores were kept hidden until the ceremony.

**Sessions:** Excellent playing atmosphere, fair play 😊

**Catering:** Lunch delivered to the venue (schnitzel and potatoes), water and snacks during the breaks. Coffee, tea and other drinks could be bought from the hotel.

**Prizes:** Trophies for the top 3 players.

**Conclusion:** Very nice tournament in Ostrava with excellent playing atmosphere and a good value for your money.