



Observer report for VIII Russian Riichi Championship (MERS 3,5)

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Date: 14th – 15th of December 2019

Place: Moscow, Russia

Website or other source(s) of information: All necessary information provided on the tournament website: <https://mahjong.click/en/tournaments/riichi/viii-russian-riichi-championship/announcement/>

Participants: 112 players from Russia-103, Poland-2, Belarus-2, United States-1, Japan-1, China-1, Norway-1 and substitute player-1.

Playing schedule: 2 days, 10 rounds of 90 minutes, ten-minute breaks between the rounds, ninety-minute breaks for lunch. Rounds started on time.

Location: Russia, Moscow, hotel conference room in Intourist Hotel Kolomenskoe : <http://intourist-kolomenskoe.ru/contacts/>

This place provides enough room for 112 players. It was very convenient for a tournament, providing a cloakroom, space for resting during breaks, and lunch in the hotel restaurant.

Equipment: Standard Japanese sets at all tables. We played at square tables with mats on top.

Refereeing: Three playing referees : Oleg Klimenko, Dmitry Novikov, Pawel Bogachev

Complaints: None.

Information / communication during the tournament: Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen.

We played using an application created by Russian players. Assignment of players to the tables was carried out according to a special system for this purpose. Players were selected randomly for the first hanchan, and then each following assignment would be done according to their ranking during the tournament. The seating of players for the tables was available in the application. and displayed on a large screen. The ranking was also available live on the internet, as well as in the mobile application.

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

Catering: Coffee, tea, water and snacks were available during breaks, lunch at the hotel restaurant, extra charge, but at a favourable price.

Prizes: Cups for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd) and prizes for the ten best players,

Conclusion: A nice tournament in Moscow, very good organization, happy participants!