



## Observer report for Yuki No Taikai 2020 (RCR, MERS 1,5)




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**Date:** January, 18<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Place:** Oss, The Netherlands

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information on the website [www.schoonspel.nl](http://www.schoonspel.nl) : registration, program, list of participants, ...

**Participants:** 52 players

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37	14	1

**Playing schedule:** 1 day, 4 rounds each of 75 minutes until an announcement was given, that the current hand had to be finished, and one more hand was played.

**Location:** clubhouse of Mahjong club Schoon Spel, Schadewijk community center

**Equipment:** We played with games, tables and junk mats of high quality. There was one special table with big MCR-tiles for a player, who is handicapped.

**Refereeing:** Ans Hoogland and Anneke Keyl were playing referees.

**Complaints:** There was a small complaint before the first round, because there was no additional paper for writing down the amount of sticks of each player before the last game starts. We used a blank paper in the first round and for the following rounds special papers were printed.

### **Information / communication during the tournament:**

There was a big visible clock that showed the remaining time. An announcement by microphone and loudspeaker informed the players of the start and the end of sessions. Ranking up to date between each session was printed and posted on walls.

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

**Catering:** Lunch was served in the same place (sandwiches, soup, warm snacks), snacks and fruit between the rounds and water, coffee and tea during the whole tournament were included.

**Prizes and gifts:** Trophies for individual ranking (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) and small gifts (candies) for the referees, the ranking calculator (man at the computer) and the EMA observer.

**Conclusion:** Very nice tournament in Oss. It was the first Riichi tournament of the club – however, the organisation was very good and lots of people enjoyed playing there. The name Yuki No Taikai means snow tournament – and even if there was not a single sign of snow outside, the prizes for the winners were snow globes that looked famous.