

Observer report for Bologna Riichi 2022(RCR)

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Date: December 3-4 2022

Place: Bologna, Italy

Website or other source(s) of information: Information in Italian and English on https://www.fimj.it/?page_id=8967, including itinerary, Information about location.

Participants: 16 players

Represented Countries: 1xAUT,1xPOL,1xPOR,13xITA

Playing schedule: 2 days, 8 rounds (5+3) of 90 minutes

Location: The location was a clubhouse called "caserme rosso". It was easily reachable by public transport form the city center in aroudn 15min. There was ample space and a bar that offered coffee and snacks for reasonable prices. On Saturday other Rooms where also packed with people playing all kind of italian card games and billiard variants, which made for a cool atmosphere.

Equipment: Tables where the right size and height, and sets where uniform Amos Monster riichi sets including Junk Mats.

Refereeing: Marco Montebelli and Michael Gürtl-Dusleag where the playing referees.

Complaints: Temperature in the playing Room was a bit low on the first day.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Timer, Standings and Seating assignment where displayed on a Laptop Screen placed prominently in the front of the Room.

Sessions: Atmosphere was good, with everyone being friendly and having fun. A lot of players where more experienced with MCR than Riichi thus resulting in quite a few Errors while playing, but everything could be resolved and people where understanding and cooperative if corrected on details.

Catering: Lunch in the same place on Saturday(Lasagna, Fociacca drinks and coffee), On Sunday Lunch was possible but not included as sessions started at 13h. Coffee and Snacks where available at the bar in the location at reasonable prices. **Prizes:** Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd, 3^{rd,} and 4th).

Conclusion: Nice small Tournament in a very nice City. Hopefully more foreign players will attend in the future.