



Observer report for Copenhagen Open 2023 (Riichi, MERS 1,5)

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Date: 5 February 2023 (Riichi)

Place: Copenhagen, Denmark

Website or other source(s) of information: All information could be found on the website of Mahjong Denmark: registration, program, list of participants.

Participants: 28 players (Riichi)

Represented countries

DEN	SWE	FRA	POL	POR	NED	---	GER
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Playing schedule: 1 day, 5 rounds of 90 minutes (Riichi)

Location: The venue, a community room in a residential building, has enough space for 7 tables, with some space left over for rest area and tables for food and refreshments. Possibilities to go out for some air in pauses. The noise of washing machines from an adjacent room can be a bit disturbing.

Equipment: We played with standard Riichi mahjong sets and on a variation of tables. Practical reusable plastic sheets for presenting the score for Orasu (last round). All in good/acceptable condition.

Refereeing: Jesper Nöhr (Riichi) was non-player referee.

Complaints: None.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. A gong clearly informs players of the start and the end of sessions. Ranking up to date between each session, printed and posted on walls.

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

Catering: Lunch in the same place (do it your self-sandwiches both days – it was a MCR tournament the day before), drinks included. The area for lunch was a bit small with not place for everybody to sit on the same time but considering the food and the time this is not a big problem.

Prizes: Trophies and Danish design items for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd), and one for the best Dane.

Conclusion: Nice tournament in Copenhagen as always.