



Observer report for Reggio Emilia Riichi Open 2023 (Riichi, MERS 1)

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Place: Reggio Emilia, Italy

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website "www.fimj.it": registration, program, list of participants, choose of foods.

Participants: 20 players (1 country)



Playing schedule: 1 day, 4 hanchans of 90 minutes (the clock was set up for 75 minutes when after that, players finished the round and played one more).

Location: Social Center ARCI "Primavera", Reggio Emilia.
Big enough for 20 players and with enough space between them.

Equipment: Japanese mahjong sets and junkmats on all tables.

Refereeing: Alan Coli (was non-player referee).

Complaints: None.

Information / communication during the tournament:

For the recording of the score was used sticks and sheets on which to mark the final score at the end of each hanchan.

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. An acoustic signal informs players of the start and the end of sessions. Ranking up to date between each session.

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

Catering: After the first hanchan we moved to the restaurant area of the building for the meal (gramigna, gnocco with cold cuts, cake and drinks), there was as well vegetarian option.

Prizes: Prizes (local food) for individual ranking (1st, 2nd, 3rd).



Conclusion: Very nice and friendly tournament with a good atmosphere. It's a pity there were not any foreign players but given the pleasure of the tournament I hope that will be there a bigger presence next year.