

Observer Report 13th Belgium Open

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Date : Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 of March 2023

Place : Temse (Belgium)

MERS 2 tournament

Information could be found on the website kleine3draken.be

Information at the website was clear and complete.

Participants

There were 96 players from Belgium (14), The Netherlands (27), Germany (10), France (31), Sweden (2), Italy (7) and Switzerland (5).

Playing Schedule

2 days, 7 rounds of 1hr and 50min and the last hand finished to the end.
4 rounds at day 1, 3 rounds at day 2.

Location

The tournament took place in the Community Centre of Temse

Equipment

Good. We played on mahjongtables with big tile mahjongsets.

Refereeing

Non playing referee: The first day Michel van Damme. There were no big issues.

One of the participants got sick and therefore Michel has to play the second day, because there were no more substitutes. At the end of the last round there was an issue at a table which was difficult to solve by the referee. The players who were involved gave a different version of a situation: was the winning tile used or not used by the winner when he was counting.

Complaints

No complaints about the organization.

Two players asked if 1hr and 50min is the correct time to play. The rules are changed: the last game can be finished and no longer stopped when the time signal sounds.

They advised to end after 1hr and 55min or 2hr. No one knew if EMA made a decision about this. I promised to ask EMA and will send the answer to the organization.

Information/communication during the tournament

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen.

The results were available in time, printed and posted on walls.

Catering

Lunch in the same place, served on plates. A hardworking kitchen brigade delivered a very good job.

On both days after the first round there was soup and lunch after the second round. Bread on day 1 and a very special lunch on day 2: homemade beef stew with fresh fries. A typical Belgium dish.

Prizes

There were prizes for the numbers 1, 2 and 3; beautiful artworks made by a Belgium sculptor.

Conclusion

The tournament was well organized, as always. We played competitive but in an excellent atmosphere (FFF).

The timetable is an issue and EMA should communicate about this as soon as possible.

