

Observer report for Silesian Riichi Open 2023 (Riichi, MERS 4)

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Date: 06th – 07th May 2023

Place: Myslowice, Poland

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website of Upper Silesian

Mahjong Association: mahjongsilesia.wordpress.com/sro2023

Participants: 68 players



Playing schedule: 2 days, 8 rounds (4+4) of 90 minutes

Location: The room is large enough to host players and there was lot of space in between sessions.

Equipment: We played with riichi sets games of excellent quality. Tables were composed of two individual tables with rectangular dimensions.

Refereeing: Grzybowski Łukasz (head referee – non playing)

Bacic Marta (assisting playing referee) Bacic Jakub (assisting playing referee)

Complaints:

- Rectangular set of two tables to play on made it harder to reach tiles for players.
- Food served was the same on the two days.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected from a computer on a hall screen. An announcement and gong, followed by timer on Mahjong Tracker app clearly informs players of the start and the end of sessions. Ranking up to date between each session, posted on Mahjong Tracker app and shown on the hall screen.

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

Catering: Lunch in another room of the same place, drinks and others.

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd) and 7 small trophies for top 10.

Conclusion: Very nice tournament in Myslowice which has been successfully organized by the Silesian Mahjong Association!