



## **Observer report for Riichi Open Danish Championship 2023**

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**Date:** 20-21 May 2023

**Place:** Copenhagen, Denmark

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information on the website of Mahjong.dk  
Registration, fee, schedule, address to venue and list of participants.

**Participants:** 52 players

**Countries represented:** Denmark 12, Germany 7, Sweden 6, Norway 4, Ukraine 4, Poland 3  
Slovakia 3, Switzerland 2, Netherlands 2, Belgium 2, Finland 2, United Kingdom 1, Ireland 1  
Austria 1, France 1, Canada 1

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

**Location:** At the Copenhagen Mahjong Club at Haraldsgade 69. Short walk from Metro station or bus stop. The venue had a gaming area and a break area and there was good space for everyone. A bit hot at one point but windows were open quickly.

**Equipment:** We played with standard Riichi mahjong sets and on a variation of tables. All in good/acceptable condition. Some tables needed new layouts as they were a bit rough.

**Refereeing:** Tina Christensen, non-playing referee

**Complaints:** One. Lunch break was too short. In 45 minutes, we barely made it back after lunch.

### **Information / communication during the tournament:**

Visible clock projected on a big screen. A gong sound and a clear announcement were made when each round started/ended. Scores was printed and shown at two locations in the venue. Much appreciated that referee made clear that it was ok to spectate ongoing games but to show respect and be silent.

**Sessions:** Very nice playing atmosphere. More experienced players helped the less experienced. A few chombo's occurred but otherwise fun games and good sportsmanship behaviour from all players.

**Catering:** Lunch was served at a restaurant just across the street. Snacks, drinks and coffee at the venue. All included in the tournament fee.

**Prizes:** Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd, and 3<sup>rd</sup>), and for best Danish player

**Conclusion:** Very nice tournament in Copenhagen and as a bonus we had sunny weather during the whole weekend.