



Observer report for UPPSALA Open 2023 (MCR, MERS 2)

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Date: 17-18 June 2023

Place: Uppsala, Sweden

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website of Mahjong Uppsala registration, program, list of participants

Participants: 36 players

Countries represented: 7

- Sweden (16)--> plus 2 extra Swedish players to replace the absent French ones
- Belgium (7)
- France (5) --> of which 2 didn't show up
- The Netherlands (3)
- Switzerland (3)
- Portugal (1)
- Denmark (1)

Playing schedule: 2 days, 7 rounds (4+3) of 1 hour 55 minutes per round

Location: The tournament was held in the Studieförbundet in Uppsala. It is the place where the mahjong club of Uppsala plays each Monday. Three of the tables were located in one room, the other six tables were put in adjacent room. There was sufficient space between the tables. In the smaller room it got very hot on the first day of the tournament. A room with airco would have been nice.

Equipment: Two of the playing sets had to be replaced right before the tournament started. Apparently, there were some scratches on some of the tiles. This was not a problem since there were some extra sets of stones available.

Refereeing: Normally there was a non-playing referee foreseen, Annika. However, since two of the French players did not show up, Annika had to participate together with Christof. Following the general rules, the affected tables did wait for 15 minutes for the players to show up. Meanwhile, the other tables started to play. After 15 minutes Annika and Kristof took place at the tables and these tables could start the tournament as well. The first round two playing referees were appointed in both of the rooms. For the other rounds it was less clear who was the referee. However, when there was a discussion, players who followed a referee course, gave advice. All discussions were settled in a friendly way.

Complaints: None

Information / communication during the tournament:

In both of the playing rooms there was a screen showing when the round started and how much time there was left. Fifteen minutes before the end of each round, this was also extra announced by Annika in both of the rooms. The ranking was put up to date in between the sessions and posted on the walls.

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

Catering: Lunch in the same place (Indian take away), drinks and others.

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd), extra prizes for best Swede, highest mahjong hand, highest number of mahjongs made by a single player in one round and highest round score.

Conclusion: Very nice tournament, very good organized.