



Observer report for UK Riichi open 2023 (RCR)

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Date: August 12th – 13h 2023

Place: Godalming, England

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on [the website of the tournament](#)

Participants: 60 players

UK: 42

France: 6

Spain: 3

Switzerland: 2

Belgium: 2

Netherlands: 1

Germany: 1

Hong Kong: 1

Czech Republic: 1

Poland: 1

Playing schedule: 2 days, 8 rounds (5+3) of 75 minutes

Location: Godalming masonic hall, a venue with a playing room distinct from the eating space

Equipment: We all played on riichi sets and junk mats of good quality. The players had marked 500 points sticks for convenience and specific renchan markers to be used if needed.

Refereeing: 4 playing referees were present

Complaints: It was noted that some people used their phones during play, this issue was addressed by a public announcement and a friendly reminder that this is not a correct practice. No complaints were made after.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. A gong clearly informs players of the start and the end of sessions. Ranking up to date between each session, displayed on a wall.

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

Catering: Lunch in the same place, very good quality food with good quantity, drinks, and bananas 😊.

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd) and prizes for various achievement, such as the best second day, achieved yakumans, and so on.

Conclusion: Very well organized tournament, the ambience was very friendly and everything was there to give the players the best playing conditions.