



Observer report for Riichi Copenhagen Open 2024 (Riichi, MERS 2)

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Place: Copenhagen, Denmark

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

Participants: 44 players

Represented Countries: 18 Sweden, 15 Denmark, 3 Austria, 3 Germany, 1 Great Britain, 1 Hong Kong, 1 Poland, 1 Spain, 1 Ukraine

Playing schedule: 1 day with 5 rounds of 90 minutes (gong after 75 minutes, then players would finish the current hand and one more) A 1-day MCR tournament was held at the same venue the day after this tournament.

Location: At the Copenhagen Mahjong Club at Haraldsgade 69. Short walk from a metro station or bus stop. The venue had a gaming area and a break area and there was good space for everyone.

Equipment: We played with standard Riichi mahjong sets and on a variation of tables. All in good/acceptable condition.

Refereeing: Sebastian V. Elleholm was non-player referee.

Complaints: One player complained that the air at the venue could get a bit stale sometimes. "It would've been nice if they could've made sure the air conditioning was on more". The complaint was made after both the tournaments were already finished so the organisers had no chance to reply or accommodate for this ask during the tournament.

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, printed and posted on walls.

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

Catering: Lunch in the same place (sandwiches), drinks and snacks between the sessions.

Prizes: Trophies and Danish designer gifts for individual ranking, 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Conclusion: Very nice tournament in Copenhagen, as always.