



**Observer report for [RONmania 2024](#)** (Riichi, MERS 3)

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**Date:** May 25th – 26th 2024

**Place:** Bucharest, Romania

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information available on the tournament website (<https://ronmania2024.reki.wtf/ronmania-2024>): registration, agenda, list of participants, information about the venue, transportation and accommodation tips. The organizers also advertised the event at several other MERS tournaments.

**Participants:** 36 players from 11 countries: Romania (4 players), Germany (10), Sweden (6), Poland (5), Ukraine (3), Canada (2), the Netherlands (2), France (1), Hungary (1), Norway (1) and Spain (1).

**Playing schedule:** 2 days, 9 rounds (5+4) of 75 minutes + finish the current hand + play one more

**Location:** Foyer area of Labirint Boutique Hotel in Bucharest.

**Equipment:** Good quality and shape tile sets, brand new junk mats.

**Refereeing:** One playing and one non-playing referee, which was more than enough, as there were only a few calls for a referee during the entire tournament.

**Complaints:** None, even though the organizers encouraged players to report any.

**Information / communication during the tournament:** Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. A bell alarm clearly informed players of the end of the 75 minute limit. Ranking after each session printed and posted on walls.

**Sessions:** Seating determined by drawing lots during the on-site player registration, no player has played with the same player more than once. Competitive yet fun and friendly playing atmosphere.

**Catering:** Buffet lunch at the same place (selection of non-vegetarian and vegetarian dishes, all of very good quality). Water, tea, coffee and soft drinks available for free during the whole tournament.

**Prizes:** Medals for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place, free admission to the next edition for the last place.

**Conclusion:** A very nice and well organized tournament in Bucharest, can definitely recommend taking part in it next year.