



Observer report for RONmania 2025 (Riichi, MERS 2.5)

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Date: May 10th – 11th 2025

Place: Bucharest, Romania

Website or other source(s) of information: All information available here
<https://ronmania.reki.wtf/ronmania-2025/>

Participants: 20 players

Playing schedule: 2 days, 9 rounds (5+4) of 90 minutes

Location: Private room in central-Bucharest restaurant Ahmad Cuisine. Bright, spacious and comfortable playing room which also doubled as lunch space.

Equipment: Tiles, tenbo and junk mats

Refereeing: Tournament host Michael van der Sluijs was non-player referee.

Complaints: No complaints

Information / communication during the tournament:

Tournament hosts provided great verbal communication around schedule, social events and other tournament information. Clock displayed on computer screen each round. Rankings and schedules posted on walls between rounds.

The hosts were approachable and courteous, making themselves always available to answer player queries and generally ensure the smooth-running of the tournament.

Sessions: Fun games in a friendly atmosphere.

Catering: Lunch provided both days by the restaurant hosting tournament. Very tasty both days. Options provided for those with dietary restrictions (e.g. vegan) pointed out by hosts. Water, hot drinks and soft drinks were all provided free on request.

Prizes: Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place plus a trophy for highest-ranked Romanian player.

Conclusion: A well-run tournament provided by friendly hosts. Excellent choice of venue that was a pleasant space to play in, easily accessible and treated us to delicious food. Proximity to airport a huge bonus.

Social events both days of the tournament with a chance to meet the people behind the tiles were a lot of fun. The hosts' attentiveness continued into these events with advice provided on directions, ordering and payment.