

Observer report for Yagi Riichi Taikai 2025 (Riichi, MERS 3)

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Date: Aug 16th - 17th 2025

Place: Poznan, Poland

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website of the event including

registration, program, list of participants and transportation

Participants: 52 players

Represented countries

POL	GER	UKR	ESP	BLR =	BEL III
35	11	3	1	1	1

Playing schedule: 2 days, 8 rounds (4+4) of 75 minutes + 1 hand

Location: The event room at IOR is large enough and is equipped with air conditioners, which was even cold for some participants.

Equipment: Junkmats and sets with different sizes were used.

Refereeing: Marta Bacic and Jakub Bacis were non-playing referee.

Complaints: None. There was a suggestion that it would be nice to have some fruits as snacks.

Information / communication during the tournament:

MahjongTracker was used as the pointing system, which enables everyone to check the ranking and score. A clock projected from a computer on a screen. A gong clearly informs players of the start and the end of sessions.

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

Catering: Lunch in the same place, drinks and snacks.

Prizes: Medals for individual ranking (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th), and one towel for the last place to wipe the tears. There were snacks drawing round for all participants giving back their name tag, which was a super way to recycle it.

Conclusion: Very nice tournament in Poznan. The organisers are experienced and the atmosphere are friendly. This is already my third tournament their and I would always recommend it.