Observer report for Manganneken Pis 2026

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Date: October 31th - November 1st 2026

Place: Brussels, Belgium

Website or other source(s) of information: All information available on the tournament website: Manganneken Pis 2026 – Brussels Mahjong Club

Participants: 60 players

Countries represented:

Belgium	United Kingdom	Netherlands	Austria	France	Germany	Poland	Italy	Switzerland	Finland
31	3	3	2	6	7	2	1	2	1

Playing schedule: 2 days, 9 rounds (5+4) of 75 minutes (90 minutes would be the total time to accommodate for finishing the current hand and playing one more).

Location: The Belgique-Chine Association building. The venue was just enough to host 60 players, no more.

Equipment: Standard Riichi Mahjong sets and tables.

Refereeing: Germeau Nathan, Phanpanich Piti, Beinstingel Pierre

Complaints:

- A player feels unfair substitutes don't remaining the same people during the competition.
- Some chairs weren't confortable at all, making noise when moving or having to sit on the edge to not sinking.
- A little bit narrow on the platform with three tables.
- A player feels unconfortable about one referee since this last one switched his call after a player notice on the same game table. He's not saying there was a kind of collusion.
- No notice about spicy food also no choice about that.
- Lunch food quantity inside the plate was not enough. No notice about any refill (even it was posssible).
- Vegan food poor quality.

Information / communication during the tournament: Clock projected on a computer. One referee announcing the start and end of session. No beep.

Sessions: Good wibes even if some players could be rude making some others unconfortable.

Catering: Lunch hold in the same spot, different room. Crossing tricky and norrowed downstairs to reach it. Not enough sieats for everyboy. Plenty of drinks (sodas, coffee, tea, water) and industrial sweets available. Maybe some handmade cakes but not sure. Some fruits.

Prizes: Individual trophies for ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd). Chocolates for achievements (last place, best hanchan scores, yakuman hands).

Conclusion: Comparing the others, it's standard. Good point for handmade lunches even it needs to be improved.