

## Observer report for Haku Taikai 2013 (RCR, MERS 2)

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**Date:** December 14th – 15th 2013

Place: Warsaw, Poland

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website of Polska Liga Mahjonga.

Registration, program, list of participants.

Participants: 40 players

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31	3	2	2	1	1

Playing schedule: 2 days, 7 rounds (4+3) of 90 minutes

**Location:** Faculty of Chemistry of Warsaw University, Pasteura 1 st., Warsaw. Playing room was large enough to host about 50 players and leave enough space between them.

**Equipment:** Good mats and quality games.

**Refereeing:** There was 4 playing referees. Szymon Lasota, Krzysztof Sasinowski, Dominik Kolenda and Jakub Tomaszewski.

Complaints: None.

## 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, posted on the screen in between rounds.

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

**Catering:** Lunch in the same place (two-course) on the Saturday with drinks. Water and snacks for all players both days

**Prizes:** Trophies for individual ranking (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and a small gift for last place).

**Conclusion:** Very nice first official EMA tournament in Warsaw with great international support. Really well organised and run.