



Observer report for Riichi Open Bratislava 2015 (MERS 2)

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Place: Bratislava, Slovakia

Website or other source(s) of information:

Information on the website of Mahjong Slovakia: registration, schedule, Location, travel information. Stream on twitch.tv.

Participants: 24 players

Representing country's:

Slovakia: 8 Players

Austria: 9 Players

Poland: 2 Players

Russia: 2 Players

Czech Republic: 2 Players

France: 1 Player

Playing schedule: 2 days, 8 rounds (4+4) of 90 minutes

Location: Big room in the technical university. The room is big enough for 40+ people. Quiet environment.

Equipment: 1 wooden "Mahjongtable" with engraved logos of the 4 winds (table in stream), other table's with the mat riichi sets.

Refereeing: Daniel Siron was non-player referee.

Complaints: you can't choose your food (it was one day meat and the other fish, so vegetarian had no food)

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected from a computer on two screen. Sometimes no dong, sometimes played from a phone. After each session was the ranking on the screen. Switching places between players with animations.

Sessions: Excellent playing atmosphere, FFF (Fair-play, Friendly and Fun). Table 1 was streamed on twitch.tv but no effects on play.

Catering: First day meat, second day fish. No choice.

Prizes: Wooden trophies for the first 4 places. (4 winds) and one small cup for the best Hanchan. No certificate!

Conclusion: Nice and lovely tournament. Some little issues with the whole organisation. (Table plan and other on paper things printed on the tournament, little preparation) No certificate for the players.