



Observer report for Doppelturnier Deutschland Riichi

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Date: Oktober 29

Place: Edeweicht

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website of DMJL : registration, program, list of participants,...

Participants: 20 players

Germany:9

Netherlands: 10

Polen: 1

Playing schedule: 1 day, 5 hanchans

Location:

Equipment: We played on mahjongtables, the mahjongsets had a white dragon which was a blanco tile on both sides, that was confusing in some games when it was the dora.

Refereeing: Nicole Haasbroek was playing referee.

Complaints:

There were some issues at one table where the referee was playing, she used her authority wrongly. There was a complain about the referee interfering at a table when a scoring hand. As a playing referee you should not interfere because you are a player.

[Comment from EMA President: A referee should act the same whether a playing referee or a non-playing referee. A riichi referee should always interfere when witnessing scoring mistakes. It is highly recommended to avoided playing referees, but in some instances it is the only last-minute option. In this case due to illness on the part of the originally appointed referee.]

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, printed and posted on walls.

Sessions: Good playing atmosphere.

Catering: Lunch in the same place, drinks and home-made cakes and pastry.

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd) and a wildcart for next year for the player who ended last.

Conclusion: A nice riichi day , it would be nicer if there were more players.