



## **Observer report for Sakura Taikai 2017 (RERS 1)**

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**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2017

**Place:** Oss, Netherlands

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All needed information provided on the tournament website (<http://www.schoonspel.nl/sakura>): registration, program, list of participants, later also results. Website was constantly kept up-to-date and was available in Dutch and English.

**Participants:** 40 players from Netherlands (33), Poland (3), Germany (1), Luxembourg (1), Belgium( 2)

**Playing schedule:** 1 days, 5 hanchan of 90 minutes. 15 minutes breaks between the hanchans, 30 min breaks for lunch.

**Location:** In the Wijkcentrum Schadewijk. Very convenient location to play.

**Equipment:** Mahjong sets in good shape, tables equipped with junkmats and counting sticks (30.000 per player), additional credit sticks available from the referees.

**Refereeing:** Two referees in total; Anneke Keyl and Ans Hoogland as head referee, as playing referees.

**Complaints:** None.

### **Information / communication during the tournament:**

A visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. A gong clearly informed players of the start and the end of sessions. The results were available on time, printed and posted on walls.

**Catering:** Lots of food provided, starting with snacks for breakfast during the registration. Lunch was served in a buffet style in a separate room (bread, rolls, different kinds of cheese, meats, fish, spreads). Later on snacks were handed out (fruits, sweets). Food was very good. Drinks vouchers included in the registration fee could be used for drinks from the bar (coffee, tea, soft drinks, beer and wine). Bottled water was provided.  
Catering was well organised.

**Prizes:** Trophies for individual ranking ( 1<sup>st</sup> , 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>), and give-aways for referees and an EMA observer

**Conclusion:** The tournament was well organised. We played in an excellent atmosphere (FFF). It was a very nice tournament , there were many contented participants from various countries!