



Observer report for Poteto Riichi Taikai 2018 (Riichi, MERS 1)



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Place: Poznań, Poland

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website "poteto2018.riichi.pl": registration, program, list of participants, tips for accommodation, list of tables, afterparty, ...

Participants: 32 players (2 country)

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Playing schedule: 1 day, 4 hanchans of 90 minutes (the clock was set up for 75 minutes when after that players finished the round and played one more).

Location: Conference Center of the Poznań University of Technology, big enough for 32 players and with enough space between them.



Equipment: Japanese mahjong sets (the sets were not all the same but similar) and junkmats on all tables.

Refereeing: Marta Binkowska (was non-player referee), Szymon Lasota, Piotr Powałowski.

Complaints: None.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Short initial presentation through slides in which the way to use the app for the tournament, the referees, the ema observer and other useful information was communicated.

The seats at the tables were generated by an algorithm before the tournament, which also allowed each player to start for each hanchan with a different wind and not to play against the same player, during the registration each player took a card with the number and the tables where will he go to play.

For the recording of the score was used Mahjong Tracker app, with an appropriate option for the tournament that through a unique code allowed only one device at a time to change the results Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. An acoustic signal informs players of the start and the end of sessions. Ranking up to date between each session, and live information with Mahjong Tracker app.

There was a need to use a substitute, because a player showed up late.

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

Catering: Some snacks and drinks before the start of the tournament and after the first hanchan, after the second hanchan we moved to the restaurant area of the building for the meal (polish soup, chicken with potato, salad...depends on the choice of the menu).

Prizes: Medals and prizes for individual ranking (1st, 2nd,3rd ,4th) and a small towel for the last player.



Conclusion: Very nice and friendly tournament with a good atmosphere, great location and nice after the party. The organizers were very professional and available for any clarification.

It's a pity there were not any other foreign players but given the organization and the pleasure of the tournament I hope that will be there a bigger presence next year.