



Observer report for MCR Dutch Open (MCR, MERS 3,5)

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Date: May 18th – 19th 2019

Place: Oss, the Netherlands

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website of Mahjong SchoonSpel (www.schoonspel.nl): registration, program, list of participants,...

Participants: 88 players

Represented countries: the Netherlands (50), Belgium (7), France (20), Germany (9) and Italy (2)

Playing schedule: 2 days, 7 rounds (4+3) of 120 minutes

Location: The gym room is large enough to host around 100 players and leave enough space between them. Nice terrace to relax in between rounds.

Equipment: We played with regular games and tables in good condition. Score sheets had the names and numbers already written on them.

Refereeing: Bert Claessen was non-player referee. Fenne and Kees helped with counting.

Complaints: No complaints about the organisation.

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: Overall an excellent playing atmosphere, FFF (Fair-play, Friendly and Fun). One player complained about the impatience and rudeness at one table.

Catering: Lunch in the same building (sandwiches, soup and croquettes), snacks and fruit in between rounds. 6 vouchers for drinks, free water bottles. Optional BBQ at Saturday evening, with an original and cosy 'bake your own meat'-formula.

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd), and a voucher for the last player.

Conclusion: Very nice tournament in Oss, the weekend the Netherlands won Eurovision. 😊
The organisation is a well-oiled machine. Thank you Olav, Bert, Kees, Fenne... !
Mother and son shared the podium. 😊