



**Observer report for Riichi Dutch Open (MERS II)**

**Observer:** Chris De Roock

**Date:** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**Place:** Berghem, Netherlands

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All needed information provided on the tournament website (<https://anpai.nl/rdo-2019/>): registration, program, list of participants, sessions. Website was constantly kept up-dated and was available in Dutch and English.

**Participants:** 44 players  
(Italy 1, Netherlands 32, Polen 1, Germany 8, Belgium 2,)

**Playing schedule:** 2 days, 9 hanchans 75 minutes.  
15 minutes breaks between the rounds, 60 min breaks for lunch.

**Location:** Sportcentrum Berghem, Osseweg 38A, 5351 AE Berghem  
Additional room could be used during the breaks.

**Equipment:** Mahjong/Riichi sets in good shape.

**Referees:** Two playing referees: Anneke Keyl (Ned) and Ans Hoogland (Ned)

**Complaints:** None

**Information / communication during the tournament:**

Greeting/announcements done in English, short and informative. There was a visible clock. A gong clearly informed players of the start and end of rounds. Ranking up to date between each round was printed out.

**Sessions:** Excellent playing atmosphere.

**Catering:** Two self service buffet. A delicious buffet lunch, also vegetarian lunch. During the breaks also snacks.

**Prizes:** Prizes for individual ranking (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>). Also presents for the referees, the EMA-observer, the last player in the ranking and the player with the highest score.

## **Conclusion:**

This tournament was well prepared. There were no problems. Perfect organization.

**Congratulations to all volunteers** and the sporting spirit of the participants so that this tournament has taken place in a friendly atmosphere.

Thanks.

Chris De Roock

EMA observer.