



Observer report for Poteto Riichi Taikai 2022

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Date: 12.–13.11.2022

Place: Poznan, Poland

Website or other source(s) of information: Basic information (dates, place, timetable, player list) on website, details in separate email (entry fee, payment details). Both available in English and Polish.

Participants: 48 players from 7 countries.

Playing schedule: 2 days, 8 rounds (4+4) of 90 minutes, 15 minute break between each hanchan.

Location: Two conference rooms of hotel Don Prestige Residence in central Poznan.

Equipment: Junk mats and various types of tile sets. A smartphone application was used for scoring, so each table had only a single 1000p stick per player for riichi declaration.

Refereeing: Marta Bacic and Dmytro Sakhno as non-playing referees, one in each room.

Complaints: Some relevant information was available only in the app, esp. intermediate standings and detailed seating. Would've been nice to have the first on a screen and latter as a printout.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen and on scoring app UI. Gong sound and referee informing about hanchan end. Timetables and personal seating printed and handed to each player at the start of tournament.

Sessions: Relaxed and friendly playing atmosphere.

Catering: Tasty lunch in nearby restaurants, reserved by organizers and covered by entry fee. Coffee, tea and water available at the tournament place.

Prizes: Trophies for four best players, piece of cloth with a print for last place.

Conclusion: Nice tournament in Poznan centre, in accessible location. Here and there a bit too focused on the scoring app, but shortcomings relevant to that are easy to fix in later tournaments (i.e. printouts of table seating put on the wall, intermediate standings projected from computer between hanchans). Looking toward to participating again!