



## **Observer report for Warsaw Mahjong Taikai 2022**

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**Date:** December 10th, 2022

**Place:** Warsaw, Poland

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information (date, place, timetable, player list) on website, basic information on Facebook. A reminder to all participants was sent a few days before the start via email.

**Participants:** 36 players

**Playing schedule:** 1 day, 4 rounds of 90 minutes, 15 minute break between each hanchan.

**Location:** Large room of Dzielnicowy Ośrodek Kultury Ursynów

**Equipment:** Various types of mats as well as 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:** Dominik Kolenda was non-player referee. Marta Bacic and Paweł Polański were playing referees.

**Complaints:** None.

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

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen and on scoring app UI. A gong clearly informs players of the start and the end of sessions. Timetables and personal seating were printed on badges and handed to each player at the start of tournament.

**Sessions:** Relaxed and friendly playing atmosphere.

**Catering:** Each player received a bottle of water and a candy bar. Nice lunch on the bottom floor of the same venue, reserved by organizers and covered by entry fee. Coffee, tea and water available at the tournament place.

**Prizes:** Medals with board games for four best players, piece of cloth with a print for the last place.

**Conclusion:** Pretty good tournament in Warsaw. Despite the fact that the location is quite far from the city centre, it isn't difficult to get there. It seems that there were more people willing to participate than the seating limit, so it makes sense to reserve two rooms or find a larger place for next year. Looking toward to participating again!