



## Observer report for Dutch Open 2023 (MCR, MERS 2)

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**Date:** May 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> 2023

**Place:** Berghem, Netherlands

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information on the website of the hosting club, Schoon Spel : registration, program, list of participants, ...  
On the 17<sup>th</sup> of May an email with important informations (e.g. emergency phone number, parking situation) was sent to all participants.

**Participants:** 68 players

### Represented countries

NED	FRA	GER	BEL	ITA	SWE	POR	ESP
							
44	9	6	4	2	1	1	1

**Playing schedule:** 2 days, 7 rounds (4+3) of 110 minutes

**Location:** The venue "De Berchplaets" has a big room that fits the required number of tables and separate areas for registration, meals and breaks between the rounds, and tournament management.

**Equipment:** We played with games in a very good state and special mahjong tables.

**Refereeing:** Gert van der Vegt was non playing referee.

**Complaints:** No water included (except for lunch) (since it was a venue with catering business) - this should be communicated better in advance next time.

### Information / communication during the tournament:

Two visible clocks projected from a computer on screens. 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:** Excellent playing atmosphere, FFF (Fair-play, Friendly and Fun).

**Catering:** Coffee & Tea, lunch and snacks in the same place. Special food for vegetarians or people with diets. A bar hosted by the venue with drinks. Saturday evening possibility to join a diner at a local Chinese restaurant.

**Prizes:** Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup>), and chocolate for volunteers (referee, manager, EMA-observer)

**Conclusion:** Very nice tournament in the Netherlands!