



Observer report for Aru Hi Riichi Open 2023

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Place: Göteborg, Sweden

Website or other source(s) of information: Available on “Mahjong Riichi Göteborg” website <https://mahjongriichigoteborg.com/tournaments/>

Participants: 24 players

Countries represented: Sweden 21, Norway 1, Ukraine 1, Canada 1

Playing schedule: 1 day, 5 rounds (3+2) of 90 minutes

Location: At the educational center “Falken” at Falkgatan 7. Short walk from a tram or bus stop. The venue had a big enough gaming area plus a separate area for a break, taking coffee/tea, etc.

Equipment: We played with standard Riichi mahjong sets with mats. No complaints, all in good condition.

Refereeing: Niklas Johansson, non-playing referee

Complaints: None

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected on a big screen, clear gong sound and clear announcements. During breaks, scores were projected to a screen. Additionally, seating positions and current score were available on the website.

Spectating of ongoing games was allowed, but of course without making distractions for players. There was an issue with showing the final scores, but the score for the top 10 players was visible, so it didn't affect the awards ceremony. The final score was available on the website shortly after the end of the tournament and, in addition, it was sent via email later.

Sessions: Nice playing atmosphere, where more experienced players helped the less experienced. Some of the players participated in a Riichi tournament for the first time.

Catering: Lunch was not included in the tournament fee, which was clear from the tournament description. Optionally, there was an option to have lunch at a very nice Indian restaurant nearby.

The original lunch time (1h) was prolonged by 15 minutes, which was a great decision. There was no rush, lunch itself took around 1 hour, so players had an extra 15 minutes for resting and preparing for the next game.

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd, and 3rd)

Conclusion: Well organized, nice 1 day tournament in Göteborg. It was a pleasure participating in it.