



Observer report for Riichi Open Danish Championship 2024

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Place: Copenhagen, Denmark

Website or other source(s) of information: All the informations were on the website of Mahjong.dk (registration, fee, schedule, address to venue and list of participants).

Participants: 48 players

Countries represented: Denmark (9) , Austria (2), Sweden (18), Poland (10), Belgium (1), Germany (4), Norway (2), France (1), Canada (1)

Playing schedule: 2 days, 8 rounds (5+3) of 90 minutes

Location: Changed for Nørre Voldgade 106, 6th floor in central Copenhagen, near the Metro and Bus station Norreport. It was located here for the first time and it was a success. Wonderful place with bay windows, a bit small for the 12 tables but with a large terrace usefull for the breaks.

Equipment: We played with standard Riichi mahjong sets and on a variation of tables. All in good/acceptable condition. No problems.

Refereeing: Eskild Middelboe, non-playing referee.

Complaints: one, the comings and goings of the referee during the games were a bit disturbing due of the narrowness between the tables. But overall it was okay.

Information / communication during the tournament: Visible clock projected on a big screen. A gong sound and a clear announcement were made when each round started/ended. Scores was printed and shown at two locations in the venue. The referee announced to be respectfull to the still playing tables and to go on the terrace instead of chatting around the other players.

Sessions: Really nice playing atmosphere, FFF (Fair-play, Friendly and Fun).

Catering: Snacks, drinks and coffee at the venue. The lunch was sandwiches taken mostly on the terrace but there was a lounge area inside where people could sit down.

Prizes: Trophies and gifts for individual ranking (1st, 2nd, and 3rd), and for best Danish player a trophy.

Conclusion: Very nice tournament in Copenhagen, great organization as always. One table was canceled because of an absent player but the danish organizers reacted very well, with a new schedule and a positive energy. A Present was gifted at each player (a universal charger). Loved the view from the terrace and the sunny weather.

PS: The MIL helped for the sponsoring of the tournament mostly for the new location that had changed because of some issues. Tina Christensen (the president of the hosting club) reminded everyone that if they need sponsoring for some event (tournaments or other) they can contact the MIL.