



## **Observer report for Red Fives Tournament 2014 (RCR, MERS 2)**

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**Date:** November 1 – 2 /2014

**Place:** Toldijk, The Netherlands

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information on the website of Roode Vijven, registration, program, list of participants etc. Just before start of the tournament last information through email.

**Participants:** 52 players. There were several substitute players, who only played one day. They get 500.000 minus points at the end of the tournament, so that they end at the bottom of the ranking.

### **Represented countries :**

The Netherlands: 46 players

Germany: 3 players

France: 2 players

Japan: 1 player

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

**Location:** The playing room at Toldijk (Café Restaurant den Bremer) is large enough to host 52 players and leave enough space between them.

**Equipment:** We played with good games and tables.

**Refereeing:** Ans Hoogland was a non-player referee.

**Complaints:** None

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

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. A gong clearly informs players of the start and 15 minutes before the end of sessions.

Ranking up to date between each session visible at paper on the walls.

**Sessions:** Excellent playing atmosphere, FFF (Fair play, Friendly and Fun)

**Catering:** Lunch in same room. Between the session little snacks.

**Prizes:** Nice prizes for individual ranking (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) and also for the 4<sup>th</sup> place. There were also nice prizes for the one, who get mah-jong with the three red fives in the set.

**Conclusion:** It was a very well organized tournament with a very friendly atmosphere.