



Observer report for Aachen Riichi Open 2015 (RERS-1)

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Date: 2nd – 3rd May, 2015

Place: Aachen, Germany

Website or other source(s) of information: All the relevant information (in English) was on the website of the Mahjong club that hosted the tournament. Some information (in German) was also posted on the DMJL (Deutsche Mah-John Liga) website. It would have been nicer if EMA website had provided a link to the former rather than the latter page. The entrants were informed of the English website via emails, though.

Participants: 20

Germany: 11

The Netherlands: 7

France: 1

United Kingdom: 1

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

Location: The room is big enough to host 20 players and the venue is easily accessible from Aachen town center.

Equipment: Standard Japanese tiles.

Refereeing: Philipp Martin served as a non-player referee.

Complaints: None

Information / communication during the tournament:

There was a clock on the wall. A clear announcement was made after 75 minutes, after which one hand is played. Real-time ranking after each session was printed and posted on walls.

Sessions: Very friendly atmosphere.

Catering: Entry fees covered two lunches at a nearby restaurant. Coffee and refreshments were provided in the break room.

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

Conclusion: It was a very well organized tournament in a lovely city of Aachen. It was great that it attracted many players from abroad. I also enjoyed some open plays before and after the tournament.