



## **Observer report for MCR Moscow Open 2018 - Foot Cup 2018 (MCR, MERS)**

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**Date:** June 23<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> 2018

**Place:** Moscow, Russia

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information was available at Russian Mahjong Federation website in Russian and English: registration, program, list of participants,...

**Participants:** 28 players

**Represented countries:** Russia 28 players

**Playing schedule:** 2 days, 8 rounds (4+4) of 120 minutes

**Location:** Teahouse “DAO”, the place where many mahjong tournaments in Moscow take place. There are available many rooms to host as many players as needed for particular tournament.

**Equipment:** Regular mahjong sets, foldable tables 95x95 cm.

**Refereeing:** Denis Lugannikov, Pavel Anokhin, both EMA-certified referees.

**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 the end of sessions. Ranking up to date between each session, shown at screen.

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

**Catering:** During coffee breaks not only tea and coffee but also some fruits were available (nice with hot weather). Numerous cafes and restaurants were in places nearby to have lunch.

**Prizes:** Valuable prize (smartphone) for the winner. Trophies for the winner and new champion of Moscow, many small prizes for smaller achievements.

**Conclusion:** Very nice tournament in Moscow. Four player made their first EMA tournament. It is a pity there were no foreign players despite no need for visa to enter country because of FIFA World Cup 2018. Tournament was also a selection trial for World Mahjong Mind Games (first two places).



