

Observer report for Riichi Copenhagen Open 2019

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Place: Copenhagen, Denmark

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website of Mahjong Denmark (http://uk.mahjong.dk/activities/cphopenuk/2019/): registration, program, list of participants.

Participants: 16 players from 2 different countries: Denmark 14, Sweden 2.

Playing schedule: 1 day, 5 hanchans of approximately 90 minutes (the clock was set up for 75 minutes, and after that the current hand and one more hand was played).

Location: Sigynsgade 48-50, Copenhagen. The venue was well suited for a tournament of this size, but there would not have been a problem to fit in more people.

Equipment: We played with sets of high quality and same layout, on tables with borders. Besides tenbo sticks, orasu sheets at the middle of the tables were used to keep track of the scores at the end of the games.

Refereeing: Freddy Christiansen was non-player referee.

Complaints: None.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. The referee clearly informed players of the start and after 75 minutes. Ranking up to date on printed sheets between each session.

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

Catering: Lunch in the same place, in a "Do it yourself" style, where bread and various spreads were provided as well as soft drinks. Very priceworthy regarding that the entry fee was only 100 DKK. Coffee, tea, fruit and snacks were available before and between the sessions.

Prizes: Top 3.

Conclusion: Very nice tournament in Copenhagen. A low budget arrangement with nice atmosphere and high competitive level of the game.