



Observer Report Porto Riichi Open Championship 2024 (RIICHI, RERS 3.5)

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Date: 14-15th September 2024

Place: Porto, Portugal

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website:
<https://gamma.app/public/Riichi-Portugal-ats4qt1mdw969uv?mode=doc>

Results: http://mahjong-europe.org/ranking/Tournament/TR_RCR_346.html

Participants: 80 players from 12 countries:

FRA	GBR	UKR	POR	POL	ESP	BEL	DEN	AUT	NED	SWE	ROU	---
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16	13	10	9	7	7	6	4	3	2	1	1	1

Playing Schedule: 2 days, 8 Rounds.

1st Day (Saturday)	
08:30 - 09:15	Registration
09:30 - 11:00	1st Hanchan
11:15 - 12:45	2nd Hanchan
12:45 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	3rd Hanchan
15:45 - 17:15	4th Hanchan
17:30 - 19:00	5th Hanchan

2nd Day (Sunday)	
13:00 - 14:30	6th Hanchan
14:45 - 16:15	7th Hanchan
16:30 - 18:00	8th Hanchan
18:15 - 18:30	Ending Ceremony

Location: Hotel Cristal Porto, Travessa de Antero de Quental 360, 4000-087 Porto, Portugal. A wonderful and spacious game room with enough space for several more tables.



Equipment: We played with standard Riichi mahjong sets with mats. All in good condition.



Refereeing: Yulong Zhao and Sergio Matos Lima were referees and Szymon Lasota was referee-player.

Complaints:

- Some players complained that there were no breaks or drinks (only water), while the following was announced on the tournament website: "The registration fee is 50 Euro. Included in the registration fee are Saturday lunch and an assortment of non-alcoholic beverages and snacks at the venue."

- Some players advised that each player should be given a badge with name/country and that the tournament should end as soon as possible on Sunday (allowing players to return home on Sunday).

Information / communication during the tournament: A clock visible projected from a computer on the wall and also the ranking updated between each session. Individual information with the table number of each player.

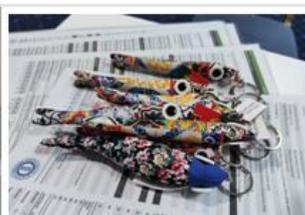
Sessions: Excellent playing atmosphere, FFF (Fair-play, Friendly and Fun).

Catering: A buffet lunch in the hotel restaurant on Saturday with drinks included.



Prizes: Prizes for individual ranking (8 first classified players). Prizes for the observer and referee.

Ranking	Country	ID	Player Name	Final Score
1		41	Alex LEUNG	173 100
2		31	Mateusz WOŹNIAK	170 300
3		36	Cécile BLANC	170 200
4		64	Miguel COSTA	148 700
5		17	Bogdan MATVEYEV	129 400
6		74	Tomás COSTA	101 800
7		60	Mark WU	91 300
8		65	Annie MANZO	90 200



Conclusion: Very nice and well organized tournament in a perfect place. Tournament at a very high level to be the First Riichi Tournament in Portugal. I hope it is the first of many more!