



Event Observer Report

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Observer Name: Kinyan Lui

Observer State/Country of Residence: Washington, USA

Event Name: Berkeley Riichi Mahjong Open 2024

Event Location (City/State): Berkeley, California

Event Date(s): April 20-21, 2024

Number of Participating Players: 52

Event Sources of Information

(Website, Facebook Page, Flyer, etc.)

Website, Discord

Event Schedule Summary

(Summarize days played, number of rounds, finalist rounds, time allowed each round, etc.)

Five games were played on Saturday and one game was played on Sunday. After that top 8 advanced to semi-final. Same four players played two games and the top two at each table advance to final. Finalists played two games to determine winner. Each game was allowed 90 minutes.

Names of Officials / Referees

and if they were playing / not playing.

Kaden (not playing), Stanley D. (Referee, not playing)

Communication to Players

(How was round time, standings, pairings, etc. communicated to players during the event?)

Mostly through the PML tournament web site. Round time was communicated through verbal announcements.

Prizes (if any): Trophies for top 4 and medals for 6-8.

Catering (if any): None other than water

Tournament Atmosphere

(Fun, Fair, Tense, Hostile, Disorganized, etc.): Fun, fair, organized.

Complaints or Issues Observed

Observer received one complaint via Discord ten days after the tournament:

"So at first I had one relatively minor problem in the semi final game 2 where I got tenpai for a hand just as the time was about to end but importantly we were in south 3 so I was in an awkward position if I wasn't sure if I actually wanted to win the hand or passing rons until the time was up. I was paying attention to the judge telling the other table that their time was up but that did not mean our tables time was up necessarily, and I had to specifically be paying attention to the judge since that announcement of their time up was not particularly loud among the background noise.

Then there was a problem I didn't even realize I had until the second game of the finals, that it was not clear to me that our placement in the first game of each series would directly lead to our wind assignments in the second game of the series. This was apparently announced before the first semi final game but I likely did not hear it because people were loudly chatting about the side event since that was after hanchan 6 and before lunch and I dont have the greatest hearing at times.

From looking around the website for signups and discord, this rule was not noted anywhere on there. This would have been a factor in my push fold decisions if I realized this rule was present throughout these series. When I relayed the above point in particular about the wind assignments to the head judge, they were oddly hostile and unreceptive to my feedback to an extent that was very off putting."

Observers Personal Summary of Event (Use back/additional sheet if necessary)

It was a pretty well run tournament. If I had to nitpick, it was that the venue did not have air condition. Towards the afternoons of each day temperature was raising and people were showing signs of dehydration. Also, the semi-finals and finals were conducted in the same room where the side event was happening. Some people might find that distracting.