Synopsis EMA Referee Seminar Strasbourg, France, 2-3 July 2014



Purpose

There are two main purposes:

- To certify EMA referees
- In the longer term to create a common European standard for refereeing at official EMA certified competitions

Content

The content is split into 3 major parts:

- Rules and regulations, clarification and motivation of the rules and regulations used by EMA
- Behaviour, how to act as referee in a different situations, and how to interact with the players
- Certification, an individual written test to examine if the participant has grasped the key points, a certain score is needed for the certification to be granted

The content is focused on MCR, but much is equally relevant for Riichi. There will be some cooperation with WMO to ensure alignment between EMA and WMO in the rules and regulations area.

Expectations

The participants are expected to show interest for:

- Understanding and exercising the rules and fair play
- Being a referee and help players with clarifications and guidance
- Making sure EMA certified tournaments are refereed in a proper and orderly manner

Preparation

The participants are expected to read carefully within the last couple of weeks before the seminar:

- Mahjong Competition Rules, The Green Book
- EMA regulations, 'MERS Tournament Regulations Mahjong Competition Rules' vs1.1
- Penalty overview
- EMA referee manual, 'Referee Manual' vs1.0

The material can be found from the EMA homepage (<u>http://mahjong-</u> europe.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=50:rulesmcr&catid=61:overview&Itemid=135).

Referee manual: http://mahjong-europe.org/docs/referee_manual.pdf

Practical info

All information is available on OEMC 2014 website about place, date and time. This seminar will be organized in two sessions:

- Wednesday, July 2 from 14:00 to 17:30
- Thursday, July 3 from 9:00 to 12:30

The seminar and test will be in English.

The registration will be about 15 euros, with some refreshments, coffee and tea (lunch is not included). The maximum number of participants is 45.

Presenters

The material for the referee seminar has been produced and will be presented by:

- Tina Christensen, Certified WMO referee, Arbitrator WMC 2007, Head referee OEMC 2009
- Morten Andersen, Certified WMO referee, Head referee European Riichi Championship 2008
- Henrik Leth, Certified WMO referee, Referee WMC 2012

The material will be distributed latest at the seminar. For questions about the purpose and content of the seminar, please contact Henrik Leth (<u>hleth@mail.dk</u>).