



Observer Report for Graz Open Riichi Tournament 2012

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Place: Graz, Austria

Website or other source(s) of information:

Very good website and friendly email contact.

Participants:

16 players total

12 from Austria

4 from Slovakia

Playing schedule:

8 rounds of 90 mins (gong rung at 75 mins), 4 rounds on each day

15 mins for coffee breaks, 90 mins for lunch break

Location:

TU Graz (old campus), Rechbauerstraße 12, 8010 Graz

On the first day, the room where we played was a little hard to find because there were many different entrances to the building and too little signposts.

The room itself was very comfortable and nice.

Equipment:

No problems. Mahjong tables, good mahjong sets and comfortable chairs were provided. Very clear and well structured scoring sheets. The use of the sheets was explained in advance.

Refereeing:

Referee: Alexander Wankmüller (non-playing)

There were some issues regarding furiten, counters after draw and etiquette/tournament rules. They could all be easily handled.

Complaints:

None received.

Information and communication during Tournament:

A projector displayed the time and the current standings as well as the players on each table for the current/next hanchan. Results were updated very quickly.

The gong was rung loud 15 minutes before the end of the hanchan and accompanied by a verbal instruction.

Catering:

Lunch at two very good restaurants near the venue, food had to be chosen in the course of the registration (menu options for vegetarians were provided). Drinks had to be paid by the participants.

Fruit, cake, water, tea and coffee were available during the coffee breaks.

Prizes:

Every player got a certificate. Callyographies by a viennese artist for the top three players.

Conclusion:

Very nice atmosphere, perfect organization. I hope that next year they'll get more participants.