



Observer report for Verden Open 2016 (MCR, MERS 1)

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Place: Verden, Germany

Website or other source(s) of information: All necessary information could be found on the website <http://dmjl.de/veranstaltungen/aktuelle-turniere/verden-open-2016/>

Participants: 20 players representing two countries

Represented countries: Germany – 19, Netherlands - 1

Playing schedule: 1 day, 4 rounds of 90 minutes

Location: The hall rented at Landhotel zur Linde was large enough to move freely

Equipment: The normally used tables and game sets at MCR tournaments were deployed.

Refereeing: Uwe Pekau was non-playing referee.

Complaints: None.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. A gong clearly informed players when to start and finish their sessions. Ranking up to date between each session and shown on screen.

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

Catering: A warm meal was served during lunch break. Bottled water, coffee and cake/cookies were available throughout the entire tournament.

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd), and some more prizes for most mahjong points per round, most mahjong points overall and finishing closest to 0 mahjong points.

Conclusion: A very well organised event that deserves more than this year's 20 competitors. A reason could be the late announcement of this tournament.