



## Observer report for Vienna Riichi Open 2019 (RCR, MERS 3.5)


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**Date:** March 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> 2019

**Place:** Vienna, Austria

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information on the website of Mahjong Austria (<https://riichimahjong.at/neuigkeiten-terminen/vienna-riichi-open-2019/>): registration, agenda, list of participants, fee.

**Participants:** 48 players

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**Playing schedule:** 2 days, 8 hanchans (4+4) of 90 minutes

**Location:** GO7 club apartment which can hold maximum of 48 players. The place has a kitchen, 2 toilets and 2 separate smaller rooms for players to hang out after their finished their games.

**Equipment:** Junkmats and quality mahjong sets on each table, sticks including green ones for 500p, red sticks for players in debt.

**Refereeing:** Peter Hamilton was non-player referee.

**Complaints:** None.

### **Information / communication during the tournament:**

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. Referee or tournament staff informing players of gong. Ranking up to date between each session projected onto screen.

**Sessions:** High level of gameplay with inclusion of many top ranked European players. Problems with manners and attitude of few players. Few cases of too fast tenpai declarations before living-wall ended, due to not separating living from dead wall resulting in punishments.

**Catering:** Asian buffet on Saturday, traditional Austrian food on Sunday. Saturday after-party at pancakes place. Snacks, coffee and tea available for no charge

**Prizes:** Trophies and bags of sweets for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup>) and snacks for few players who scored the most in one hanchan.

**Conclusion:** As always excellent quality tournament in Vienna with lots of very experienced players from top places in Europe. I would like that players could separate dead from living wall when it is close to end to avoid further punishments.