



## Observer report for GRAZ RIICHI OPEN 2019 (RCR, MERS 2)

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**Date:** May 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 2019

**Place:** Graz, Austria

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information on the tournament website(<https://riichimahjong.at/neuigkeiten-termine/graz-riichi-open-2019/>): registration, program, list of participants, venue etc.

**Participants:** 16 players

### Represented countries

| AUT<br> | FRA<br> | ESP<br> | POL<br> |
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**Playing schedule:** 2 days, 8 rounds (4+4) of 75 minutes

**Location:** One room in Graz technology university which is large enough to host 16 players and leave enough space between them.

**Equipment:** We played with Riichi tiles, junkmats and tenbos.

**Refereeing:** Michael Gürtl-Dusleag was non-player referee.

**Complaints:** None.

**Information / communication during the tournament:** Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen, in between every round the ranking will be projected on the screen. There's a gong that clearly informs players the start and the end of each round.

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

**Catering:** There are fruits, cupcakes and snakes outside the room, as for drinks, there are coffee, tea, juice and sparkling water. Lunch in a Chinese restaurant the first day and in a bar the second day with many options.

**Prizes:** Trophies for individual ranking (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>).

**Conclusion:** Very well-organized tournament in Graz with a very good atmosphere during the tournament, all information was clearly provided and the place is quite nice for 16 players to compete.