



Observer report for Swiss Mahjong Open 2022

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Date: September 3rd - 4th 2022

Place: Lausanne, Switzerland

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the tournament website (mahjongclublausanne.ch/swiss-open-2022), including registration, venue, schedule etc.

Participants: 48 players

SUI	FRA	GER	BEL	NED	POL	ESP
						
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Represented countries:

Playing schedule: 2 days, 7 rounds of 120+ minutes each. Gong after 120 minutes, then finishing the current hand.

Location: Maison du Quartier du Désert, Lausanne

Equipment: Standard-issue MCR sets and fold-out Mahjong tables.

Refereeing: Thibaut Arnold (non-playing) as head referee, Frédéric Chassot (non-playing) as referee on Sunday.

Complaints: One complaint about the referee interfering with the counting at a table.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected from a computer on a pull-down screen. A gong clearly informs players of the start and the end of sessions. Ranking up to date between each session on the same screen as the clock.

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

Catering: Lunch, snacks and drinks between rounds on both days at the playing venue. Breakfast on both days before the first round. Optional dinner on Saturday evening at the playing venue.

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (1st through 7th), a consolation prize for the player who came last, a “neutrality award” for the player closest to 0 minipoints in the final ranking, an award for the highest score in one round, as well as four small extra prizes given out by random draw among all participants.

Conclusion: As I heard several times over the weekend, it's good to be back. Well-organized tournament, with a surprising number of new players.

Bendorf, Germany, 20th September 2022