



Observer report for Great Dragons Riichi Open 2023

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Place: Baden, Austria

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website of Mahjong Austria : registration, program, list of participants, venue etc. Final confirmation and info via email.

Participants: 28 players from 8 countries: Austria – 11, Poland – 6, Ukraine – 5, Belgium – 2, Germany – 1, Portugal – 1, Slovakia – 1, Sweden – 1.

Entry Fee: €70

Playing schedule: 2 days, 8 rounds (4+4) of 75 minutes.

Location: Heuriger Gehrler, Leesdorfer Hauptstraße 43, Baden (8 min walk from Baden train station)

Equipment: Mahjong tables with junkmat-like covering and with trays and drawers for sticks. They were quite old and a little unstable. 6 of 7 sets had tiles smaller than classic size.

Refereeing: Lena Weinguny and Michael Guertl-Dusleag as playing referees

Complaints: none

Information / communication during the tournament: Tournament scoring was done on Pantheon tournament system. The remaining time was visible on Pantheon website on each table. Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen as well. Ranking updates was projected on a screen after each session. Also ranking and statistics were available on Pantheon website. Seatings for each day were printed and posted on walls.

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

Catering: Lunch in the same place (first and second course), drinks and sweets, covered by entry fee.

Prizes: Prizes for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd), ranking certificate for each player, special prizes for best hanchan results, special prize for last place. All prizes were dragon-themed.

Conclusion: Well-organized and lovely tournament in quiet cosy town Baden. It has direct train connection with Vienna, and there is also a motel not far from the venue. The atmosphere was friendly and competitive as usual. Looking forward to participate again!