



Observer report for 16th Austrian Mahjong Open (MCR)

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Date: September 23rd – 24th 2023

Place: Strassburg/Carinthia, Austria

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website of Mahjong Club Baden (: registration, program, list of participants...

Participants: 24 players, 5 represented countries (11 from Austria, 10 from Italy, 1 from Spain, 1 from Hungary and 1 from Poland)

Playing schedule: 2 days, 7 rounds (4+3) of 115 minutes (last round played)

Location: The “Gasthof Seiner” room is large enough to host 24 players and leave enough space between them.



Equipment: We played with good game sets and tables.

Refereeing: Martin Scheichenbauer and Otto Myslivec were referees players.

Complaints: None.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock from a computer screen. A gong clearly informs players of the start and a ringtone from the computer informs of the end of sessions. Ranking updated between each session, posted on facebook and visible on the computer screen.

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

Catering: Meals were served in the hotel's restaurant, during breaks snacks and drink were offered.

Prizes: Trophies (Austrian specialties) for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd), for the best and the worse players of each round, for referees (who also have organized the tournament) and observer.

Conclusion: Very nice and well organized tournament in Strassburg, as usual. One player signed up for mistake, he was convinced it was a Richii tournament so he was surprised/ confused when he realized that he didn't know MCR rules, but all the players were been helpful and understanding.