



## **Observer report for Pregarten Riichi open 2024**

**Observer:** Cécile Barret

**Date:** April 13th to April 14th

**Place:** Pregarten, Austria

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information on the website of [riichimahjong.at](http://riichimahjong.at) : registration, program, list of participants,...

**Participants:** 36 players

### **Represented countries :**

- France : 5
- Ukraine : 3
- Germany : 5
- Spain : 1
- Slovakia : 2
- Poland : 6
- Austria : 13
- Hungary : 1

**Playing schedule:** 2 days, 8 rounds (4+4) of ~ 90 minutes (session of 75min, then finish the hand + 1 more)

**Location:** The room is large enough to host 36 players (or maybe 16 more) and leave enough space between them.

The place was great.

As Pregarten is on the countryside, the organisation volunteered to pick up players at their place of accommodation.

**Equipment:** We played with some new games, and some or games were not new but in excellent condition

**Refereeing:** Playing Referees were Lena Weinguny and Michael Gürtl-Dusleag

**Complaints:** no complaints. Just an observation :

The mark was electronic, and there was a little bug at a table because of a double Ron (maybe 10 min before the end of session)). But the table continued the game by writing down the scores on paper, so the game was not disrupted. The bug was fixed right After the session.

**Information / communication during the tournament:**

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. The organisation clearly announce the beginning of session, but not the end. Maybe a gong would have been nice.

Nevertheless, as the mark was electronic, a phone was on every table, and every players had Access to the time on the app. As time was up, the app clearly indicated how much hand was left.

The app was so great : every player had to create an account first (link was sent by the organisation weeks Before the tournament).

And then only one player at the table enter the scores.

Every players had Access to their statistics, other players', and the ranking between sessions.

If the app were to crash, the organisation provided a backup plan, we reported our scores in writing at the end of each session.

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

**Catering:** Lunch in the same place (hots meals very generous) during the first day

Bottles of water for every players.

Local restaurant on the sunday lunch not far by foot.

**Prizes:** Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd), and a certificate for each player for their ranking, wich was nice.

**Conclusion:** Very nice tournament in Pregarten, with a very good weather (25°C !!!).  
For their first tournament, the organisation was great.