



## **Observer report for the San Gimignano tournament.**

**Observer:** Gerda van Oorschot

**Date:** June 15-16, 2024

**Place:** San Gimignano, Italy

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

**Participants:** 60 players

### **Represented countries:**

Italy 41, France 11, Netherlands 6, Portugal 1, Switzerland 1.

**Playing schedule:** 2 days, 7 rounds (4+3) of 1 h 55 minutes and the last hand finished to the end.

**Location:** Camping Boschetto di piemma.

**Equipment:** Identical mahjongsets on table decks.

**Refereeing:** 1 non playing referee: Alberto Rosi and 1 playing referee: Marco Montebelli.

**Complaints:** None.

At the end of the fourth round one player had to go away for health problems and a substitute player took his place until the end of the tournament.

### **Information / communication during the tournament:**

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. Alberto gave permission to start the sessions and a computersound for the end of the session. Ranking up to date between each session projected on a computerscreen.

### **Sessions:**

A typical Italian playing atmosphere: kids walking a round coming to the tables to ask something from their parents; a small dog sitting on a chair next to the owner; boisterous players. Overall it was: FFF (Fair-play, Friendly and Fun).

**Catering:** Lunch at the terrace was very good. A buffet of delicious Italian food. On Saturday a coffeekick with all kinds of cookies and cakes. Optioneel dinner on Saturday evening. Water ( natural and sparkling) during the whole tournament.

**Prizes:** A large bag with Toscane products for the 1-2-3 place. A smaller bag for 4-10 places and also for the best three teams. Also prizes were given to the highest score for each round.

A little gift was given to the EMA observer and the referees. In total a reward for 29 persons.

**Conclusion:** Excellent tournament on a beautiful location. Playing mahjong with open Windows and see the beautiful nature of Toscane!