

Observer report for German MCR Open 2024 (MCR, MERS 2,5)

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Place: Bad Zwischenahn in Germany

Website or other source(s) of information:

All information was available before the tournament on the website (<u>https://dmjl.de/turniere/gmo-2024/</u>) : registration, program, list of participants, location, name of the referee, ...

Participants: 44 players

FRA	8
GER	24
NED	11
SWE	1

Playing schedule: 2 days, 7 rounds (4+3) of 110 minutes

Location: The tournament was in the house "Feldhus" Am Brink 6, 26160 Bad Zwischenahn.

Easy to find it. Also they put a banner outside. The room who played was large (enough for 44 players). Enough space between all the table.

Equipment: We played with standard mahjong sets. Everything was good.

Refereeing: Nadine Koenig (non-player referee)

with Timur Hahn (playing Referee), Anton Kösters (playing Referee) and Loic De Kergommeaux (playing Referee)

Complaints / remarks :

The time limit to complete one round: was set to 110 minutes plus extra time to finish the current hand.

Few players prefer when the game time is 115 minutes. They can be finished the session (many of them played 12 or 13 hands).

The organization team made other courses draw the Saturday morning because we went 44 players and not 48 players.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. Fifteen minutes before the end of each round, we heard an extra announced by Nadine. The ranking was put up to date in between the sessions (screen)

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

Catering: Snacks and drinks (coffee, tea, sparkles water, still water) between rounds on both days at the playing venue. Lunch in the same place and in different rooms (Chinese food, fruits).

Prizes:

- Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd)
- Trophy for best German player (Germany championship)
- Extra prizes for:
 - \circ the referees;
 - \circ the observer;
 - the last player on the tournament.

Conclusion: Very nice tournament with a very good weather (sunny days). People enjoyed doing the break time outside. Good vibes during the tournament.