



## **Observer report for RMP Riichi Open 2025 (Riichi, MERS 2)**

**Observer:** Justin KOH

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Mai 2025

**Place:** Perg, Upper Austria, Austria

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information on the website of Österreichischer mahjong verband (registration, program, list of participants, location, etc.). Link as below.

<https://www.riichimahjong.at/neuigkeiten-termine/rmp-open-2025/>

**Participants:** 16 players

**Represented Countries:**

Austria	Germany	Slovakia	United Kingdom
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**Playing schedule:** 2 days, 8 hanchans of 90 minutes (4+4)

**Location:** The classroom that was used was more than enough to host all players and organizers with ample spacing between the tables. The room could quite likely accommodate another 2-4 tables (8 to 16 players) comfortably.

**Equipment:** Sets & Junk Mats were provided by members of “Österreichischer mahjong verband”.

**Refereeing:** Lena Weinguny and Michael Gürtl-Dusleag where playing referees.

**Complaints:** None.

**Information / communication during the tournament:**

Scoring, timing and seats were determined and tracked via Pantheon and were projected from a computer onto a screen. A gong clearly informed players of the start and the end of sessions. Ranking was updated between sessions and projected via computer onto the screen. Other information as necessary was given verbally.

**Sessions:** Playing atmosphere was fantastic, with players showing good levels of etiquette throughout. Fair play was observed, and players were friendly and fun.

**Catering:** Lunch on the 17<sup>th</sup> was catered on the lower floor of the tournament building and lunch on the 18<sup>th</sup> was at a local restaurant about 5 mins walk away. Both were delicious and very local! Snacks and drinks were also provided just outside the tournament room.

**Prizes:** Trophies for individual ranking (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places) and certificates indicating players' final rank in the tournament were given.

**Conclusion:** Very nice and friendly tournament with really good organization in Perg! Unfortunately, the weather was quite gloomy and very rainy on the 18<sup>th</sup>, but this did not at all dampen the atmosphere at the tournament. While it is understandable that there are not more players from outside Austria participating due to Perg being slightly away from major airports in Austria, I would still highly recommend participation in future editions of this tournament for a more interesting experience in a small town.