



Observer report for German Mahjong Open 2025 (MCR)

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Date: 27.09. – 28.09.25

Place: Freizeithaus Ricklingen, 30459 Hannover, Germany

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

Participants: 36 (35 + 1 substitute) competition-players from 6 countries:

Netherland	(1)
Germany	(16+1 Substitute)
Poland	(2)
France	(8)
Sweden	(6)
Switzerland	(2)

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

Location: The tournament will take place in Freizeithaus Ricklingen - district cultural center with its own restaurant and good public transport.

Equipment: We played with standard mahjong sets.

Refereeing: 1 non-playing referee was available: Axel Eschenburg

Complaints: The round lasted 110 minutes. For experienced players, this is sufficient time, but since there are usually less experienced and slower- playing players in the tournament, it is better to have a round time of 115 or 120 minutes

Information / communication during the tournament: Visible clock projected from a laptop on a screen. A gong clearly informs players of the start and the end of sessions. Ranking up to date between each session, projected from a computer on the screen.

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

Catering: Buffet lunch served in the restaurant in the same place, drinks and others.

Prizes: Trophies were hand over for following result:

- **Ranking 1-3:** Each of the top three winners received a medal as well as a board game as a prize
- **German Champion :** He got a MCR Mahjong set
- In reference to the year, each 25th place winner of the 7 rounds received a small mechanical puzzle
- The youngest player got a puzzle, too.
- Beside that, organizers, referees, EMA observer and supporters were honoured.

Conclusion: Very nice and well organized tournament!