

Observer report for Dortmund Mahjong Open (MERS-1)

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Place: Dortmund, Auslandsgesellschaft NRW e.V next to the main railway station. Hotel within 5 minutes walk.

Website or other source(s) of information: All info on the website of the Deutsche Mah-Jongg Liga incl. subscription form and list of participants. E-mail a couple of days before the tournament, with useful info.

Participants: 44 (DE 24, BE 2, PT 1, NL 17)

Playing schedule: 4 rounds of 90 minutes

Location: Room on the 3rd floor, big enough to fit the 11 tables and podium for the organization. Lunch and snack were served downstairs.

Equipment: Mahjong tables and big tiles (without numericals I think).

Refereeing: Frauke Roos was the referee and she had nothing to do ☺

Complaints: None.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Small (on a laptop screen) but visible clock / timer, results were available before the next round started (printed copy). We started with some delay due to weather conditions, but this posed no real problem.

Sessions: -

Catering: Lunch was fine (sandwiches), every player received 2 tickets for drinks and could otherwise buy additional beverages, snacks between rounds (cake and hot snacks).

Prices: Certificate and trophies (engraved set of glasses) for 1 – 3, special price for ‘Big Four Winds’ was handed out to the player closest to zero, consolation price for nr. 44.

Conclusion: First time for ‘Dortmund’ and well organized, smooth tournament in a friendly atmosphere.