



Observer report for German Mahjong Open 2015 (MCR, MERS 2)

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Place: Verden, Germany

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website of Deutsche Mahjongg Liga (<http://dmjl.de/veranstaltungen/german-mahjong-open/gmo-2015en/>): location, registration, program, list of participants etc.

Participants: 36 players

Represented countries: Germany (24), Netherlands (8), France (1), Russia (1), Great Britain (1), Belgium (1)

Playing schedule: 2 days, 6 rounds (3+3) of 120 minutes

Location: The ballroom of Hotel Zur Linde is large enough to host 60 players, so there was lots of room left between the tables.

Equipment: Standard tables and tiles.

Refereeing: Uwe Pekau was the playing referee. He was not even once asked to make a decision.

Complaints: None. There was one incorrect score after round four, this was corrected before the next round started.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. A gong clearly informs players of the start and the end of the sessions. 105 minutes after the start of the session, the '15 minutes-call' was shouted. The ranking was up to date 5 minutes after each session, projected with a beamer and printed and posted on walls.

Sessions: Excellent playing atmosphere, fair-play. On request of some players, the sessions on the second day started 15 minutes to half an hour earlier than announced on the website. That was to none of the players any problem.

Catering: A light buffet-style meal was served in the adjoining room after the first session of each day. After the second session coffee and tea with cakes. Coffee, tea and bottled water was available all days. .

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd). Each player received a postcard with his individual ranking.

Conclusion: Very nice tournament in Verden. It is a pity the Danes didn't register for this tournament (Verden is a 3 hours drive from Kolding and a 5 hours drive from Kopenhagen).