



Observer report for 11th Austrian Mah Jong Open - SisiCup I (MCR, MERS 2)

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Date: July 9th – 10th 2016

Place: Baden, Austria

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

Participants: 60 players

Represented countries:

AUT: 16

BEL: 2

CHN: 8

FRA: 6

GER: 1

HUN: 11

ITA: 9

NED: 2

RUS: 2

SUI: 3

Playing schedule: 2 days, 7 rounds (4+3) of 120 minutes

Location: The “at the Park hotel” conference room is large enough to host players and leave enough space between them.

Equipment: We played with homogenous sets and tables.

Refereeing: Otto Myslivec was non-player referee. As a matter of fact, he was temporarily substitute player on the second day but it had no consequence on the good process of the games.

Complaints: None.

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 sessions. Printed and posted on walls, the seating charts of each player were displayed so that a player who'd lost his own seat paper could retrieve easily where he had to seat.

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

Catering: Lunch in the restaurant of the hotel (buffet), drinks and others available for free (coffee, juice) on site.

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (From the 7th to the 1st position with extra awards for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd). Mahjong cards for the best players of each session players and for the worst players as well.

Conclusion: Very nice tournament in Austria with many gifts. This tournament was a special tournament for the Austrian players as it was the 10th birthday of the Mahjong Club. It would be incomplete not to highlight that this tournament was a rare occasion to have the opportunity for European players to meet and play against 8 Chinese players. They did not travel that much for nothing as two of them ended up on the podium (3rd and 1st places).