

## Observer report for the German Mah-Jongg Open 2017 (MCR, MERS 2)

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Date: 26-27 / 08 /2017

Place: Bad Zwischenahn, Germany

Participants: 43 players (1 substitut)

Represented countries: GER: 23, NED: 14, BEL: 3, FRA: 2, ESP: 1

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

Location: hall of the church community on the side of a beautiful lake

Information/communication during the tournament:

- Explanation only in German, but this was not a problem
- Visible clock projected on the wall
- Gong at the start and the end of each session
- Verbal instruction 15 minutes before the end of each session
- Ranking projected on the wall after each session

Equipment: Very good (nice tiles, tables OK, comfortable chairs)

Complaints: none

Catering:

- 2x Asian Buffet in the same building
- Tea, coffee, cake, .... during the breaks
- Water available during playing

Prizes:

- Trophies (and mugs) for the top 3 players
- Trophy for the best German player

Conclusion: nice location, good atmosphere, excellent organization