



Observer report for Austrian-Italian Gourmet Cup 2018

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Date: April 14th – 15th 2018

Place: Gemona del Friuli, Italy

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

Participants: 72 players

Represented Countries: 7 (BEL 1, AUT 14, ITA 38, FRA 14, GER 1, NED 2, RUS 2)

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

Location: Hotel Willy

Equipment: We played with good gamesets and on square tables covered by a play mat. The chairs were comfortable and there was enough room.

Refereeing: 3 playing referees: Norbert Tschinkel (AUT), Marco Montebelli (ITA) and Cedric Aguerre (FRA).

Complaints: Players should really learn to turn off their cell-phones.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. Ranking up to date between each session, also projected on the screen. Presentation in Italian/English, but too much noise to understand well.

Sessions: Good playing atmosphere, but the referees had to intervene regularly. A bit off schedule.

Catering: Lunch in the same place (3 courses) provided by the hosting hotel (a bit difficult to serve so many people in such little time), free water bottles available. Bar and gelateria were also open during breaks. Excellent pastry for dessert.

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd, 3rd, last and minipoints closest to 0) and also for the best teams (1st, 2nd, 3rd) and consolation prize for the last team. Trophies for Gourmet Cup (1st, 2nd, 3rd).

Conclusion: Very nice tournament in Gemona del Friuli, a beautiful location. The hotel is very suited for such occasions. Due to a medical emergency, we had to stop playing during the 6th

round and wait for enough substitute players. But the organisation was flexible enough and lunch was served earlier to be able to end the tournament just in time.