



Observer report for Swiss Open 2018 (MCR)

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Place: La Tour-de-Peilz, Switzerland

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website of Swiss Mahjong (www.swissmahjong.ch): registration, program, list of participants.

Participants: 48 players from 5 different countries: France 25, Switzerland 16, Belgium 3, Germany 2, Sweden 2.

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

Location: Musée Suisse du Jeu. (Visiting the museum was free for the participants of the tournament. Highly recommended.)

Equipment: We played with sets of high quality and same layout, on tables with borders.

Refereeing: Luc Humbert was non-player referee.

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. The referee informed when 15 minutes remaining. Ranking up to date on the screen between each session.

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

Catering: Lunch in the same place. Coffee, tea, soft drinks, croissants, fruit and snacks before and between the sessions.

Prizes: Top 5 and best Swiss player. To celebrate the 5th Swiss open, there were also bonus prizes for the player having closest to 5 mini-points in each session.

Conclusion: Very nice tournament in La Tour-de-Peilz. The venue in the castle by Lake Geneva with the view over the Alps might be the most spectacular in Europe.