



Observer report for German Mahjong open 2023 Hannover (MCR, MERS 3)

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Date: 2 and 3 September 2023

Place: Hannover, Germany

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

Participants: 56 players

Represented countries

GER	FRA	NED	SWE	SUI	POL	ESP	AUT
							
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Playing schedule: 2 days, 7 rounds (4+3) of 110 minutes (with game finish after the gong).

Location: The "DJH Jugendherberge" is large enough to host 56 players and leave enough space between them. With multiple events at the same time, parking at the location is a challenge.

Equipment: The games and tables were of good quality.

Refereeing: There was a non-playing referee.

Complaints:

Several players have reported cases. I'll put things in random order:

- late announcement of change in tournament start time;
- not enough time to complete 16 games (I have seen players finish earlier);
- play against the same player multiple times;
- participation of a real beginner in a Mers 3 tournament.

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. Ranking up to date between each session.

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

Catering: Lunch was really fine. Choose from 2 options every day. Snacks were also very well arranged and the drinks were also well organised.

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd).

Conclusion: Very nice tournament in Hannover with a few points of interest for the next edition.