



## **Observer report for Austrian Open Mah Jong Open 2024 (MCR, MERS 2)**

**Observer:** Elisa Foschi

**Date:** September 21st – 22nd 2024

**Place:** Straßburg, Austria

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

**Participants:** 36 players

Represented Countries: Austria 17, Italy 13, Hungary 4 , Swiss 1, Germany 1

**Playing schedule:** 2 days, 7 rounds of 115 minutes, the last hand finished to the end.

**Location:** The Gasthof Restaurant Fleischerei SEISER room is large enough to host 36 players and leave enough space between them.

**Equipment:** We played with identical games and tables.

**Refereeing:** 2 playing referee: Timur Hahn and Norbert Tschinkel

**Complaints:** None.

At the end of the fifth round one player had to go away for health problems and a substitute player took his place until the end of the 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, posted on Facebook.

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

**Catering:** Lunch in the same place Austrian food. Every player have chosen from a list of available plates. On Saturday evening typical Carinthian Snack with a large choice of sliced, cheese and bread. Generous portions and excellent food.

**Prizes:** Baskets with typical local cured meats for the top three of individual ranking and for the top three in the Gourmet Cup combined race. Also a prize for the best and the worst of each games. The top 10 players of individual ranking and the top 3 in the combined race were awarded with a certificate.

**Conclusion:** Very nice tournament in Straßburg, with good weather and peaceful place.