



Observer report for the Austrian Baden open 2024(MCR, MERS 2)

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Date: November 9h – 10th 2024

Place: Hainburg Austria

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website of mahjong-baden.at registration, program, list of participants and the results.

Participants: 16 players

Austrian and Hungarian nationalities

Playing schedule: 2 days, 7 rounds (4+3) of 115 minutes

Location: The Hotel Altes Kloster, the players room is large enough to host the tables, the players players and leave enough space between them.

Equipment: The chairs were comfortable and the tables were good size, the sets are comply with the rules.

Refereeing: Norbert Tschinkel acted as a playing referee. He wasn't needed.

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. Ranking up to date between each session on the screen.

Sessions: Excellent playing atmosphere, FFF (Fair-play, Friendly and Fun). We had some small delays according one player's health but it was handled smoothly.

Catering: Lunch in the hotel's restaurant, very nice and more than enough. We went to a vineyard restaurant Saturday evening.

Prizes: This small tournament had to handle 3 different results, as it was The last tournament in Austria this year, they celebrated the Austrian Champions, also it was part two of the Hungarian-Austrian Sisi Cup, and the Baden Open championship. Prizes were generous and nice.

Conclusion: Very nice tournament in Austria in a historical village. The tournament was well organised but it is a pity there were not more players registered from the hosting country and other countries. Johanna Bernkopf and Norbert Tschinkel worked hard to make it happened. Thanks for them!