

Austrian Pinball Open 2022 – APO22

1 Quick overview

The **Austrian Pinball Open 2022 (APO22)** will be hosted by the association "**Flippnic – Verein zur Förderung des Flippersports**", with the kind support of **the Union - Flipper Sportverein Austria**. Co-organizer is the company **Niegelhell GmbH**.

The event will take place from Friday 16th to Sunday 18th of September 2022 in the pinball hall "Hall of Pinball Fame". A total of 4 tournaments are planned.

Friday warm-up, Saturday main & side, Sunday another side. All tournaments are of course registered to IFPA!

Websites of the organizers:

www.flippnic.at www.flipper-sv.at www.niegelhell.com

COVID 19 RULES > The current Covid regulations apply.

2 Event details

2.1 Venue

The tournament will take place in the private pinball hall "Hall of Pinball-Fame (H.O.P.F.)" of the chairman of Flippnic s. This is located about 30 minutes south of Graz, near Wildon or Lebring.

Address:	Badendorf 12B, 8413 Badendorf, Austria
Coordinates:	Latitude: 46°51'11.49"N Length: 15°35'48.91"E

2.2 Catering

Food and drinks brought along are not permitted in the event venue! There is a bar with cheap Snacks and Drinks.

2.2.1 Breakfast

Breakfast is available directly at the motorway exit Lebring (opposite SPAR-Markt) only on Saturdays!

- **Cafe Genuss, Gewerbegebiet 103, 8403 Lebring.**
- **Cafe Bequem, Gewerbegebiet 110, 8403 Lebring.**

2.2.2 Lunch

Lunch will be offered in buffet form on both match days. Here you can choose between vegan and meat dishes. This must also be stated at the time of registration. The price of the lunch buffet is 13 € per day. This means for Saturday and Sunday the buffet costs a total of 26 €.



2.3 Participants

The number of tournament participants is limited to 80 people for all tournaments. If there are more registrations, a waiting list will be created based on the order of registrations.

2.4 Registration/Fees

2.4.1 Registration process

Registration is possible from 12th of June (from 8pm) to 14th of August 2022 via the following link: <https://www.pinballevents.de/flippnic/APO2022/> In the ordering process you can select your desired tournament tickets and can also choose the lunch buffet (for Saturday and/or Sunday, meat, vegetables or nothing). Only deposited entry fee into the Flippnic bank account or our PayPal account (prucherbernd@gmx.at) secures you a starting place!

If you pay with PayPal, please select "for friends/family", otherwise there will be fees!

After successful completion you will receive a confirmation by e-mail (please also check in SPAM/Junk-Mail folder) and you have 14 days to pay the amount. If payment has not been made after 14 days, your ticket will be validated. This moves someone from the waiting list. If someone on the waiting list receives an offer for a ticket, it must be accepted and paid for within 96 hours.

2.4.2 Fees

The registration fee includes participation at the tournaments as well as parking in front of the venue. The cost of meals are not included!

For Flippnic club members as well as normal bookers, the following prices apply:

Warm Up Tournament (FR)	20 €
Main Tournament (SA)	normal bookers 25 € (for Flippnic members only 15 €)
Side Tournament Round Robin (SA)	20 €
Sunday 4-Strike Knockout (SUN)	15 €



2.4.3 Details for your payment

Please tell us your full name and the tournament name (a short "APO22" is ok), that's enough (+ perhaps your IFPA No., if you know). It is not possible to deposit in groups or pairs!

All deposits that deviate from this standard will be considered invalid!

NEW > payment is now also possible via PayPal!

Variant 1 (classic bank transfer):

Account holder:	Sandra and Bernd Prucher
IBAN:	AT513800000005019567
BIC:	RZSTAT2G

Variant 2 (PayPal deposit):

PayPal account:	prucherbernd@gmx.at >> be sure to select "for friends/family" here, otherwise there will be fees!
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2.5 Prizes

2.5.1 Tournament Prizes

- 1st - 3rd Place Main: Trophy, Certificate & Shopping Cart
- 4th - 8th place Main: Certificate
- 1. - 3. Place Main Ladies: Trophy, Certificate & Flowers
- 1st - 3rd place Main Children: Certificate & Sweets
- 1st - 3rd place Side: Trophy, Certificate
- 1st - 3rd place Sunday Side: Certificate
- 1st - 3rd place Warm-Up: Certificate



3 Tournament procedures, Formats

3.1 Devices

The tournament equipment is spread over 2 floors in the Hall of Pinball Fame building:

- On the ground floor there are about 85 devices in the Hall of Pinball Fame
- On the 2nd floor there are about 20 devices in the showroom of Niegelhell GmbH

3.2 Eve Tournament (Friday 2022-09-16) > Warm-Up

On Friday evening, a warm-up tournament is planned for all those who travel from far away and are already close to the "Hall of Pinball Fame" and want to prepare for the APO22. Start from approx. 6:00 p.m. (entrance/registration from 5:00 p.m.).

3.3 1st Tournament Day (Saturday 2022-09-17) > Main & Side Tournament

9am – 10am	Verification of attendance and registration Announcement, introduction tournament system and general infos
10am	Start main tournament (qualification Swiss system, 15 rounds)
1pm – 2pm	Lunch break
Afternoon	Continuation main tournament, start qualification side tournament (round robin, in groups of 8-12 people each, main tournament paused during this time)
following	Continuation of the main tournament (Swiss system until all 15 rounds are played, side tournament paused during this time)
following	Continued Round-Robin Side Tournament until the Final (3-Strike Knockout)
following	Final Round-Robin Side Tournament (duration approx. 1,5h)
following	PARTY and free play (OPEN END)

3.4 2nd Tournament Day (Sunday 2022-09-18) > Main Finals + another Side Tournament

9am – 9:30am	Verification of attendance and registration Introduction to the tournament system 2nd day
9:30am	Main Tournament Final (duration approx. 1.5h)
following	Start 4-Strike Knockout Side-Turnier
12:30pm – 13:30pm	Lunch break
Afternoon	Continuation of 4-Strike Knockout Side Tournament (+ following final)
approx. 6pm	Award ceremony, end of the event

>> **IMPORTANT** >> Punctual tournament start !!

From this year we start the tournaments on time! If you are late you lose rounds that have already been played. However, you can get involved in the tournament at any time (except round-robin side tournament).



3.5 Tournament Formats

- Warm-Up Tournament: 5-Strike-Knockout via Matchplay. Further details on following rounds will be announced.
- Main tournament (Main): All persons compete against each other in the strict swiss System. The best 32 are then qualified for the following head-to-head best-of-3.
Final Main Tournament: 4 people in the final, 3 Devices will be played with points 4-2-1-0.
- Side Tournament (Round-Robin): Groups of about 8-12 people (depending on registrations), the best 32 are qualified for the following 3-strike knockout system.
Final Round Robin: 4 people in the final, 3 Devices will be played with points 4-2-1-0.
- Side tournament (Sunday): 4-Strike-Knockout via Matchplay. Further details on following rounds will be announced.

3.6 Tournament Software

Since we will hold/manage all tournaments primarily via match-play events, we recommend that you register (in advance) at <https://matchplay.events/> User registration: first & last name, e-mail address, NOT MORE. After receiving an e-mail then click on the link in it to confirm, DONE. (Please also check in SPAM/Junk-Mail folders).

This would provide various advantages (such as on smartphone insight into who plays or has played against who, on which device and when). Of course, the whole thing can also be used at other/future tournaments, where the matchplay software is used.

4 Rules and possible errors

All rules and errors are based on the IFPA rules. You can find them [HERE](https://www.ifpabinball.com/menu/ranking-info-2/#overview)
<https://www.ifpabinball.com/menu/ranking-info-2/#overview>

4.1 Tournament management and tournament commissioners

The tournament management and tournament commissioners (judges) will be announced by the chairman of the Flippnics, before the tournament starts.

Decisions on device failures and other situations will be made by a referee. A Judge decision is final and not subject to appeal. Disregarding will be counted with the loss of this one game.

4.2 Contact details for questions

If you have any questions, please contact the APO22 organization team at the e-mail address office@flippnic.at.

4.3 Changes

The tournament management reserves the right to make any changes before or during the tournament.

