



Observer report for Lyon Open 2015 (MCR, MERS 1)

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Date: June 13th – 14th 2015

Place: Lyon, France

Website or other source(s) of information:

All information on the website of the Mahjong Club Du Rhone : registration, program, list of participants,...

Participants: 56 players

Represented countries: France, Italy, Switzerland, The Netherlands

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

Location: The “bridge center” room is large enough to host the players and leave enough space between them.

Equipment: We used well equipped materials (tables, tiles etc).

Refereeing: Quentin Porcherot was the non-player referee.

Complaints: None.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected on a 2 computer screens. A gong clearly informs players of the start and the end of sessions. Ranking up to date between each session, printed and posted on walls. Beside this the scoring was taken during the games and was therefore visible through the internet for people that were interested **and** the scoring was available (including stats etc) through a newly created app for tablets. Highly recommended!!!!

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

Catering: Very nice lunches in the same place (sandwiches, pizza, quiche, etc), drinks and others. Italian restaurant on Saturday evening.

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd), and one more for the best team.

Conclusion: Very nice tournament in Lyon. Well organized, friendly and competitive. A recommendation for European players in 2016.