

Observer report for Paris MCR OPEN 2016 – French Championship (MCR, MERS 2)

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Place: Paris, France

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website http://www.magicmahjong.fr: general information, registration, program, list of participants, map....

Participants: 100 players, from 9 countries: France (71 players), Italy (8), Spain (7), Netherlands (4), Switzerland (4), Austria (2), Belgium (2), Germany (1), Russia (1).

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

Location: Mairie du 9ème Arrondissement. The playing room is large enough to host all players and leave space between them. The room was cold. Easy access by car, bus and metro.

Equipment: We played with standard game sets (without numbers) on bordered tables.

Refereeing: Hubert Vignaud was non-player referee.

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. Individual and team ranking up to date between each session, projected on a big screen.

Sessions: Excellent playing atmosphere.

Catering: Lunches of Saturday and Sunday in the same Chinese restaurant near the Mairie du 9ème Arrondissement, coffee breaks (tea, drinks and cakes) between rounds, water bottles free.

Prizes: foodstuffs boxes with typical products and wine bottles for individual ranking (best ten players) and for the best three teams; special price for the most original name team.

Conclusion: Very nice tournament, well-organised and with many good players.