

Observer report for West Castle Tournament (MCR)

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Date: May 19th – 20th 2018 **Place:** Pontchâteau, France

Website or other source(s) of information: All information are available on the website of West Castle: (http://west-castle.blogspot.com/) registration, program, list of participants,...

Participants: 40 players

Represented countries: Fran 36, Bel 2, Sui 2

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

Location: Salle des loisirs Coët-Roz

Equipment: We played with good mahjong sets on folding Mahjong tables.

Refereeing: Astrid Dubedout was the non-player referee.

Complaints: None.

Information / communication during the tournament:

A visible clock projected the timer from a computer onto a screen. A gong clearly informed players of the start and end of each sessions. An up to date ranking was available between each session.

The tournament was filmed: one game per round was filmed and uploaded to the web (www.twich.tv/west-castlemahjong). The award ceremony was also filmed. This was done with the player's consent.

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

Catering: Between sessions: snacks, coffee and water were available

Saturday's noon meal: at the same location, a satisfying hot dish and salad buffet.

Sunday's lunch: Sandwiches were served.

Prizes: Trophies were given to the 1st, 2^{nd} and 3^{rd} of the individual ranking and to the best team. Prices were also given to the player with the highest table point score out of all rounds, as well as small prices for the players that made the very first mahjong in each round.

Conclusion: It was a very nice tournament in France. We had very good weather. The organization by the West Castle Club was good. The referee did a good job in managing small disagreements and taking position according to rules.