



Observer report for French Riichi championship - Lyon (RCR, MERS 1)

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Place: Lyon, France

Website or other source(s) of information: All informations on the website of Tiin Azur Club : registration, program, list of participants,... <https://www.clubtiinazur.com/presentation-du-tournoi-du-24032018.html>

Participants: 28 players from 3 countries (France : 24 / Swizerland : 3 / Slovakia : 1)

Playing schedule: 1 day, 5 hanchan of 90 minutes

Location: "Salle Bayard" 34 Cours Bayard, Lyon 2^e
The room was bright and comfortable for 28 players and leave enough space between the tables. (However there was only one toilet, mixed and without trash).

Organization: Some schedule changes due to a room availability problem, but the club members did very well and everything was ready on time. Due to the 30 minutes gap, the breaks and meal time were a little short, but the organizers did ask if all the players were ready before starting each hanchan.

Equipment: We played with japanese mahjong sets and junkmats, all of adequate quality and all of same type. We used counting sticks. Just a little problem with the sheets to note the final scores, not ideally practical because it was missing a line.
(Suggestion of one of the players : why not create a common score sheet for all tournaments ?)

Refereeing: Yulong ZHAO was non-player referee. Arbitration was very satisfactory.

Complaints: None.

Information / communication during the tournament: Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. A gong clearly informs players at the start and after 75 minutes. Ranking up to date between each session, posted on the wall.

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

Catering: Lunch in the same place, much appreciated and in ample quantity, with varied sandwiches, and very good apple-pies for the dessert. (Fresh and cold drinks and others between each session).

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

Conclusion: Very nice tournament, the players are happy that a tournament was organized in Lyon, and hope that there will be more in the future.