



## Observer report for ChowTime 2023 (MCR, MERS 4)

**Observer:** Sabine Manten

**Date:** July 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> 2023

**Place:** Villejuif, France

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information on the website of the tournament: registration, program, list of participants, ...  
On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July additionally an email with important informations was sent to all participants.

**Participants:** 80 players

**Represented countries:**

FRA	ITA	BEL	SUI	NED	GER	POR	ESP
							
57	8	5	3	3	2	1	1

**Playing schedule:** 3 days, 10 rounds (3+4+3) of 110 minutes and the last hand finished to the end.

**Location:** The venue has two rooms and a patio. The playing room fits the required number of tables and tournament management, and the other room and the patio spent enough space for stays during the breaks.

**Equipment:** We played with games in a very good state and tables that were backed by rugs.

**Refereeing:** Caroline Arnaud, Marco Montebelli, and Thomas Boutonnet were playing referees.

**Complaints:** Three participants made complaints to me, in detail:

- drawing the seats at the start of the tournament was not public
- no non playing referee
- time of the rounds too short
- just one monitor for the ranking results (should be at least two or results available online as the year before)

**Information / communication during the tournament:**

A visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. A gong clearly informed players of the start and the end of sessions. Time announcements, e.g. "15 minutes left" were made. Ranking up to date between each session, posted on a computer monitor, and on the social media account of the hosting club at the end of each day. During the rounds helpers available for bringing drinks or checking mistakes on the scoring sheets, if needed.

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

**Catering:** Coffee/tea, water, soft drinks, beer, wine, lunch, fruits, and snacks were included in the registration fee. Special food for vegetarians or people with diets was available.

**Prizes:** Trophies for individual ranking (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>), prizes for the top ten players and members of the best team, and gifts for volunteers (referees, organization team, catering, EMA observer).

**Conclusion:** Beautiful and excellent tournament with lots of players on a very high level!