



Observer report for Réunion Tournament 2024 (Riichi, MERS)

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Place: Saint-Pierre, Réunion

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website (<https://frmj-reunion.webador.fr/saison-2024-2025/double-riichi-2024>) : registration, program, list of participants,...

Participants: 20 players

Represented countries: all players are French citizens members of clubs members of the FRMJ.

Playing schedule: 1 day, 5 rounds (2 in the morning +3 in the afternoon) of 75 minutes+ finish the game and the following one. Is associated with the previous Double Riichi tournament

Location: The Panthères room is large enough to host more than the 20 players and leave enough space between them.

Equipment: We played with old games and tables.

Refereeing: Jean-Michel Morisse was player referee and Cécile Barret was non-player assistant 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. Ranking up to date between each session projected from a computer on a screen.

Sessions: Reasonable playing atmosphere, FFF (Fair-play, Friendly and Fun). The assistant referee reminded the players of rules between each session including checking the score before handing it in, not disturbing the other tables, not looking at the table and not taking kokae (impossible chows).

Catering: Breakfast (bread etc), Lunch (Chinese takeaway) and evening snacks (crisps etc) in the same place, drinks and others.

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd), and for the overall rankings over the two days and best team.

Conclusion: Nice tournament in Saint-Pierre. Most players are more used to MCR.