



Observer report MJS RIICHI Open - 14 novembre 2025

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Place: Ile de La Réunion (France), Saint-Denis - 43 rue du stade - Montgaillard - 97400

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

Participants: 28 players (28 frenchs)

Playing schedule: 5 by random draw, 1h30 for 1 round

Location: The Salle Polyvalente de La Bretagne is spacious enough to accommodate 28 players while still providing ample space between them.

Equipment: All the games and the scoring sticks were complete. A projector, a computer and a gong were available, and the prizes were on display. The only thing missing was a microphone, which would have made it easier to get everyone's attention.

Refereeing: Wilson JANAC and James MC DONALD were non-playing referees. They moved efficiently between all the tables and reminded players of the rules when disputes arose.

Complaints: There were very few complaints, and they were well handled by the referees.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Reminder of a few technical points for all players. 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: Good playing atmosphere, FFF (Fair-play, Friendly and Fun).

In almost all the sessions, everyone remained calm, so there were very few disruptions. The allotted time was respected.

Catering: Breakfast (viennoiseries, bread, butter, ham, cheese; fruit juice, coffee, tea, water) lunch (Chinese takeaway, lemonade, water, juice). evening snacks (crisps, bonbon piment, bouchons, olives, samosas, piment chinois, soy sauce; lemonade) in the same place

Prizes: Beautiful trophies and beautiful handcrafted gifts for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd)

Conclusion: The tournament was very well organized. The referees were excellent, and the catering was high-quality. It might be beneficial to provide a brief reminder at the beginning of the day about riichi etiquette to prevent potential disagreements.