



Observer report for French Vent de Ceüse 2026 (MCR, MERS 2)

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Date: June 13th – 14th 2026

Place: GAP France

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website of Vent de Ceüse : registration, program, list of participants,...

Participants: 84 players

France 68 players

Italy 10 players

Suisse 6 players

Playing schedule: 2 days, 7 rounds (4+3) of 115 minutes

- **Location:** The gaming room, called "Le Tempo," is a municipal performance hall designed to accommodate

Equipment: We played with identical games and tables with edges

Refereeing: Loïc De Kergommeaux was player referee and Erwan De Kergommeaux was player referee

Complaints:

- Not all communications were made in English, which caused misunderstandings for some participants.
- The two referees were also players and were part of the same family.
- During Saturday's lunch, no adapted starches were offered for people following a gluten-free diet.
- Saturday afternoon experienced delays because the meal took a long time to be served, and the exact start time for the new sessions was not clearly communicated.
- The noise from the chairs was very unpleasant and distracting.
- Scores were not displayed consistently between sessions.
- During the last session, scores were displayed during the game, which distracted several participants.
- No calculators or assistance sheets were provided to facilitate score calculations.
- Some experienced players did not speak verbally during their announcements, which made it difficult for others to follow.

- It was difficult to understand the speakers using the microphone due to poor sound conditions.
- During the awards ceremony, it was impossible to sit down, which caused some discomfort for the participants.

Information / communication during the tournament:

A visible clock is projected. A gong clearly signals the beginning and end of the sessions.

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

Catering: Breakfast was served with coffee, tea, and drinks during breaks; there was always enough for both meals. We were seated next to the dining room on a restaurant terrace.

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd),

Conclusion:

The tournament was very enjoyable and appreciated by everyone. Participants particularly liked playing in a spacious venue, which provided great comfort. The delicious bread and homemade jam were highly appreciated, and everyone felt that there was enough food for all.

A sufficient number of restrooms were available, which contributed to the smooth running of the event. The meal was served on time on Sunday, and the schedule was respected that day. The tournament was conducted in an excellent spirit of fair play, and the noise level was perfect, allowing everyone to play under the best conditions. Moreover, snacks and refreshments were always available during breaks, and the draw was conducted fairly.

In summary, this tournament was a success, providing an enjoyable and well-organized experience that left everyone with great memories