

## **Observer report for: French MCR Championship 2013**

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**Date:** 18-19 May 2013

**Place:** Toulouse, France

**Website or other source(s) of information:**

<http://toulouse-mahjong-mers2013.e-monsite.com/>

**Participants:**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Number of players</b>
France	59
China	13
Italy	12
Netherlands	7
Germany	6
Denmark	6
Spain	3
Russia	1
Austria	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>

**Playing schedule:** 6 rounds of 120 minutes (3 on Saturday, 3 on Sunday)

### **Equipment**

Very good lipped tables with convenient leg space due to placement of table legs. Good tile sets.

**Referee:** Sébastien Palmade. Not announced in advance. I did not personally hear many referee calls, so it seemed very smooth and in general the level of players was high.

Only one referee case was brought to my attention. A player goes out on Seven Pairs and counts the hand to 25 points, announcing this clearly, but making a mistake with the tiles, displaying only 15 points with the tiles. The notetaker does not confirm orally the score, and notes 15 points. The notetaker does not show the score sheet to the players after this hand, even though he was asked to. A little later the player who won the hand realises there is a mistake. The scoretaker refuses to correct the score. The referee was not called to the table. When the referee hears of the incident, the session is over, and all players signed the score sheet. The referee correctly decides, that since he was not called to the table, and since all players have signed the score sheet, he cannot take any further action, except informing the

notetaker that he did not act correctly. The notetaker should have confirmed orally the score he was noting, and he should have shown the score sheet to the other players.

### **Complaints**

No complaints received.

### **Information / communication during the tournament**

Results only on beamer display after very round and digital time display on beamer.

Some time delay of some sessions occurred on day 2. Organisers made an effort to communicate this.

Announcements during the tournament were given in English, French and Chinese.

### **Catering**

Breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday. Very good catering. Coffee/tea and cold water available throughout.

Dinner on Saturday was optional with separate payment. Delicious food and entertainment with cabaret and conjuring tricks. Before dinner was a canal boat trip with drinks, snacks and music. During dinner before the cabaret was a display of photos from the tournament.

Friday was organised a self-paid dinner. It is nice for players to have this opportunity for a social gathering. Only 12 players had answered to the organiser that they wanted to participate, but more than 30 showed up. This was handled well by the organisers and the restaurant.

### **Prizes**

Prizes for individual players nr 1, 2 and 3. No trophies. A huge glas or porcelain frog for the winner, wine for the second place, and perfume or similar for third place.

Prize for best team, trophies

Prize for French champion (available only to a French player), traveling trophy presented by defending French champion

### **Conclusion**

Very well-organised tournament. The hosts did a great job of making everybody feel welcome.