



## **Observer report for Paris Riichi Tournament (Riichi, MERS 1)**

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**Date:** December 7~8, 2013

**Place:** Paris, France

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information on the website of [Mahjong Magic Social Pong](#): registration, program, list of participants, final results

**Participants:** 28 players (27 inscriptions, 1 substitute). *Remark:* The organizers must have had a tough time. Various players cancelled their subscriptions; three of which during the last three days before the event. One player who had to undergo surgery the night before the tournament announced he would be late, so his subscription was cancelled since no more substitutes were available.

### **Represented countries**

France (22+1subst) – Great-Britain (3) – the Netherlands (1) – Sweden (1)

**Playing schedule:** 2 days, 7 rounds (4+3) of 90 minutes

**Location:** The 'bridge Adèle center' in the Rue Blanche room is a compact room for some 32 players, so no problems

**Equipment:** Different mah-jong sets were used. Most of them large Chinese tiles with stickers to indicate aka doras. Most tables had mah-jong desktops, a few a Japanese mah-jong mat, some only a cloth

**Refereeing:** Quentin Porcherot playing referee.

**Complaints:** See below under information/communication.

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

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. A gong clearly informed players of the start and the end of the hanchans. Ranking between sessions on a flatscreen. But during the tournament, computer problems came up. The time until the end of the session was still displayed properly, but after the first hanchans, no rankings could be displayed anymore. Also the final ranking was not available during or after the award ceremony.

**Sessions:** Excellent playing atmosphere. See remark 'cheating' below

**Catering:** Lunch in the adjacent room: excellent baguettes for everyone. Also free soft drinks, coffee, tea, sweets, chips a.s.o.

**Prizes:** Coffee machines and various appliances for the top-three players, some small 'surprises' for the winners of the tables, highest hanchan, last position.

**Cheating:** Unfortunately, a cheating player dropped a shadow on the fine atmosphere of the tournament. The player was caught in the act and his/her score was set back to zero. Because there was no extra substitute player, the cheater still had to play the last hanchan to fill the open space. The referee will send you a separate report about this.

**Conclusion:** Nice tournament in Paris on a good location within walking distance of the international Gare du Nord. The tournament was closed at a convenient time so also the players from abroad could return home in time.