



**Observer report for: PARIS RIICHI 2019 – FRENCH OPEN**

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**Date:** June 8th – 9th 2019

**Place:** Paris. France

**Website or other source(s) of information:** All information on the website, [www.magicmahjong.fr](http://www.magicmahjong.fr), registration, program, list of participants. Plus, additional information a few weeks prior to the tournament via emails.

Participants: 48 players plus substitutes

**Represented countries**

FRA	BEL	SUI	POR	JPN	FIN	ESP
						
36	7	1	1	1	1	1

**Playing schedule:** 2 days, 9 rounds (5+4) of 120 minutes

**Location:** 33 Rue Blanche, 75009, Paris. Two spacious rooms available and a terrace. One room for playing and one for breaks.

**Equipment:** mah-jong tiles, junk mats and square tables. Sheets for recoding results.

**Refereeing:** Yulong ZHAO was non-player referee.

**Complaints:** None.

**Information / communication during the tournament:**

Visible clock projected on a computer screen. A gong clearly informing players of the start and the ending of sessions. Ranking updated between each session, available for viewing on computer.

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

**Catering:** soft drinks, tea, coffee plus snacks available throughout the two days. Lunch for both days was offered at a nearby Indian restaurant located within a few minutes walking distance from the tournament. Breakfast was available on Sunday.

**Prizes:** Trophies for individual ranking (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>), Best French player and additional special prizes.

**Conclusion:** Good tournament location, very central, easy access from the metro. Well organised, great host. Everything well taken care of and a fun and exciting concluding ceremony with additional special prizes.