



Observer report for Tri Nitro Tournament 2019 - 7th Detonation (Riichi, MERS 4,5)

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Date: October 18th – 20th 2019

Place: Issy-Les-Moulineaux, France

Website or other source(s) of information: <https://tnt-rcr.com/tnt-tournaments/>

Participants: 56 players

Represented countries

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Playing schedule: 3 days, 2 draws

Qualificative draw: 8 rounds (3+5) of 90 minutes

Final / ranking draw: 2 semi-final and ranking rounds + 2 final rounds

Location: The venue is clean and comfortable, normal size, with good facilities and an elevator. There is a supermarket near for any further needs.

Equipment: We played with good quality sets and tables which all were in good condition, and 3D printed orasu sheets with accompanying pens. Sheets with score tables were provided at all tables.

Refereeing: Sylvain Malbec and Yulong Zhao were non-player referees.

Complaints:

- Final format: extremely short distance (2 rounds).
- Ranking draw format: the reason of fixed seating for 2 rounds remained misunderstood for most players.
- Sudden interference of judges in the process of mixing tiles.

Information / communication during the tournament: Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. Players were clearly informed of the start and the end of sessions. Ranking up to date between each session, projected on a screen. The schedule was printed and posted in the hall by my request (2nd and 3rd day).

Sessions: Excellent playing atmosphere, FFF (Fair-play, Friendly and Fun) and very welcoming for new players.

Catering: Lunch at Barock's (Saturday and Sunday), snacks and non-alcoholic drinks.

Prizes:

1st place: Qualification to play to WRC 2020 in Vienna, trophy, Corsica products, slicer

2nd place: Qualification to play to WRC 2020 in Vienna, trophy, Corsica products, French chocolate

3rd place: Trophy, Corsica products, French chocolate

Special rewards: Sushi set for referees, Slicer for EMA observer and non-playing substitutes, French crémant for JPML Japanese players

Conclusion: A well hosted tournament, second rated by MERS weight and amount of players in 2019 year (first rated - [5 European Riichi Championship 2019](#)). The French organization has been very welcoming and accommodating in the organizing of their tournament. Thanks to Yamawaki-pro and Sugawara-pro from JPML for coming. Special thanks to Karolina Trepinska for social games organization for players who did not go to the finals (during the final phase).