



Observer report for Paris MCR 2020 – Excellence à la française (MCR, MERS 3)

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Date: february, 22th – 23th 2020

Place: Paris, France

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website <http://www.magicmahjong.fr>: general information, registration, program, list of participants, map....

Participants: 80 players, from 9 countries: France (55 players), Italy (11), Switzerland (4), Belgium (3), Netherlands (3), Germany (1), Russia (1), Spain (1), Japan (1).

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

Location: France Bridge, Rue du Commandant Schloesing. The playing room was large enough to host all players and leave space between them. Easy access by car, bus and metro.

Equipment: We played with standard game sets (without numbers) on bordered tables.

Refereeing: Romain Herdier was non-player referee.

Complaints: No real complaints, but some players pointed out the absence of snacks in the coffee-breaks.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. A gong clearly informs players of the start and the end of sessions. Individual and team ranking up to date between each session, projected on a big screen.

Sessions: Excellent playing atmosphere.

Catering: Lunches of Saturday and Sunday in a very large room next to the playing room with a warm generous buffet, coffee breaks (tea and drinks) between rounds, water bottles free.

Prizes: foodstuffs with typical products for individual ranking (best three players) and for the best team; special awards for the most original team name, for the flower challenge, for referee, ema observer and staff members.

Conclusion: Very nice tournament, well-organised and with many good players.