



Observer report for 10th Furiten Ya Riichi 2023 (Riichi, MERS 2)

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Date: November 4th – 5th 2023

Place: Bordeaux, French

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website of Furiten Ya: presenting registration, program, list of participants,...

Participants: 32 players

Represented countries

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Playing schedule: 2 days, 9 rounds (5+4) of 75 minutes (plus finishing hand and one more).

Location: Hotel Mercure Meriadeck. A very large room enough to host the 32 players and leave enough space between them for the players to move and the referee and helper to go around. Lounge to relax between sessions.

Equipment: Games were in excellent condition. Bridge-tables and Riichi mats were used. Nice chairs.

Refereeing: Yulong ZHAO was non-player referee.

Complaints: None.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. Referee clearly informs players of the start of the sessions and a gong of the end of them.

Audible announcement of the 15 minutes and then the 5 minutes of play for each hanchan.

Ranking up to date between each session, projected from a computer on the screen.

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

Catering: Lunch in the same place (all-you-can-eat-buffet), on the hotel restaurant. The dishes offered were varied and different for both days.

Catering during the breaks: hot and cold beverages (juice, coffee, the...), each day fresh pastries for breakfast and local specialties.

The meals were highly appreciated by the players.

Prizes: Trophies for

- individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd),
- the first of each hanchan,
- the biggest hand.

Conclusion: Very nice tournament in Bordeaux, with catering considered excellent by the players (Rare enough to underline it).

The Domingos storm failed to spoil the tournament.