

OBSERVER REPORT for Mahjong Spirit RICHII CHALLENGE RCR MERS

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DATE : 30th of June 2024

PLACE : Saint Denis REUNION Island

WEB SITE : frmj-reunion.webador.fr and Facebook Fédération Réunionnaise de Mah Jong

PARTICIPANTS : 20 players

REPRESENTED COUNTRY : France Réunion 20 Players

PLAYING SCHEDULE : 1 day ; 5 rounds by random draw, 1h30 for 1 round

LOCATION : Salle polyvalente de Montgaillard (municipal hall)

EQUIPMENT : 5 Mahjong tables with mahjong set and counting scoring sticks and score sheet.

REFEREEING : Jean Michel MORISSE was non player referee.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION DURING THE TOURNEMENT :

Gong for start playing. Visible clock on computer. Staff announced when there were 15 minutes remaining as well as the end of the timer.

Ranking and seating were displayed on the screen between games.

SESSIONS : Great playing atmosphere. The room was clear and the ambient temperature of 25°.

The game took place calmly in a spirit of fair play.

The referee was very responsive, educational and provided support in the application and clarification of the rules of the game.

CATERING : Breakfast : pastries, cheese, cold meats, coffee, tea, fruit juice.

Each player had an individual bottle of mineral water.

At each break, hot and cold drinks as well as sweets were available and appreciated by participants.

The meal was served in the same room : traditional asian dish shop suey chicken served with bean, white rice and chili sauce.

For dessert iced cone and tangerines.

PRIZES : 3 luminous plexiglass trophies in the shape of Reunion Island personalized with images of mahjong dragons tiles of 3 sizes for the winner the second and third players.

As well as boxes of chocolates, jams and macaroons.

CONCLUSION : Very enjoyable tournament in Saint Denis de la Réunion.

The Mahjong Spirit Club has set up multiple Mahjong Riichi initiation sessions for 3 years with 4 clubs in Réunion. These efforts are starting to pay off and more and more MCR players are starting to practice Riichi. Hopefully more players will participate in the next competition.