



Observer report for TRI NITRO TOURNAMENT 2024 - 10 years WRC (Riichi, MERS 5

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Date: 10-13 Oct 2024

Place: Paris, France

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website of <http://tnt-rcr.com/tournois-tnt/>: registration, schedule, list of participants, fee cost, competitors number, deadline for registration, the adres of the venue

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Participants: 104 players

Playing schedule: 3 days, 12 hanchans (5+5+2) and the finals for top 4 (+2hanchans) of 75 minutes + finish current hand and one more

Location: Town hall of the 8th arrondissement of Paris, very large room + smaller break room.

Equipment: Standard riichi mahjong sets and mats

Refereeing: Sylvain Malbec, Yulong Zhao, Manuel Tertre, Pierre Valat were all non-playing referees

Complaints:

The venue had few toilets for the amount of players, which created queues. However big kudos to the players as despite that, we managed to start every hanchan on time.

Some players complained that the lunch should not be only Asian. On the first day there was self service with picking food, which made the queue move slow, but on the second day and forward it was fixed with a helper distributing the food, which made it much faster. Some complained that there were not enough space to eat, but I personally did not have that trouble.

On the first day, the lunch choices from the form were put with the visible emails of all players, it was fixed on the other days. I advice to check out send a copy to the fillers on the form, so everyone knows what lunch they have, or have it on their name tags.

I personally missed the name tags to recognise people I don't know easier. It might be a good idea to bring it back next time.

There were disagreement between the organiser as to what rules should be used for the final (whether they are allowed to win a hand on orasu that does not give them a 1st place).

Some players complained that the last day was not very appealing for them, as they did nothing to do after 2 hanchans. However the rules were stated from the very start of the registration.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen, with AI voice saying 15 minutes 5 minutes and this hand and one more announcements.

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

Catering: Wine, baguette, bread and chocolate, croissants, juices, water and cake for the finish as snacks. Very large portions of asian food for lunches.

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd), and chocolates for the rest of the top 10

Conclusion: It was an excellent tournament organised by TNT, it is very hard to organise a tournament that takes longer time and with so many players. I had a lot of fun playing in such a large venue with a lot of players from so many countries and getting an opportunity once again to play against Japanese pros. Also the food was really nice. So despite the complains and hardships, I personally think TNT, managed to host a great and memorable tournament.

Additional note from the WRC team:

"WRC would like to thank the whole TNT club of Paris for pulling of an enjoyable and very smoothly run event. It was an absolute pleasure to bring guests from the Japan Professional Mahjong League over to France so they could see how much the European Riichi Mahjong community had grown in the last ten years. WRC congratulates TNT and looks forward to future fruitful cooperation - Gemma Sakamoto"