



Observer Report Championnat de France 2025 - Toulouse **(MCR, MERS 3.5)**

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Date: 12-13th April 2025

Place: Toulouse (France)

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website:
<https://mahjongtoulouse.wordpress.com/2025/01/15/april-12th-and-13th-2025s-mers/>

Results: http://mahjong-europe.org/ranking/Tournament/TR_424.html

Participants: 88 players from 8 countries:

FRA	ESP	POL	ITA	---	SWE	SUI	RUS	POR
								
72	6	2	2	2	1	1	1	1

Playing Schedule: 2 days, 7 Rounds.

1ère journée (Samedi)

- 8h30 : accueil des participants et petits déjeuner
- 9h – 10h55 : Manche 1
- 11h15 – 13h10 : Manche 2
- 13h15-14h45 : Pause déjeuner
- 14h45-16h40: Manche 3
- 17h-18h55 : Manche 4

Optionnel :

- 19h30-20h30 : Visite de Toulouse
- 20h30 : Repas au Sakuraya

2ème journée (Dimanche)

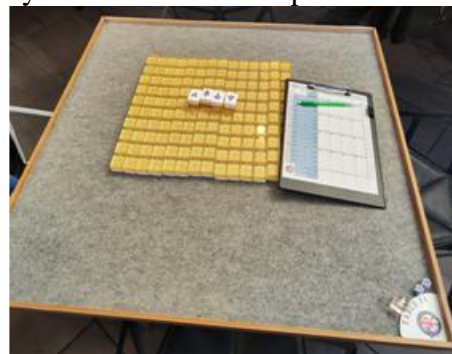
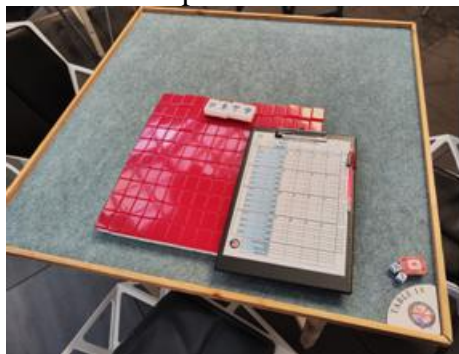
- 8h30 : accueil des participants et petits déjeuner
- 9h – 10h55 : Manche 5
- 11h15 – 13h10 : Manche 6
- 13h15-14h15 : Pause déjeuner
- 14h15-16h10: Manche 7
- 16h20 : Remise des prix et clôture

Location: Hôtel Novotel Toulouse Centre Wilson, 15 Pl. du Président Thomas Wilson, 31000 Toulouse.

A beautiful room in the hotel (well-located) dedicated exclusively to the tournament. Enough space for the 22 tables, with toilets inside and outside the room. Clearly, the organization made a great effort to find a perfect place to host the tournament and used the registration fees entirely on it.



Equipment: We played with good game sets (different types and colors) and bordered tables. All in good condition. Except for one set that had non-standard flowers and some players had some small problem.



Refereeing: Astrid Dubedout and Florent Descamps were non-player referees and they did a great job.

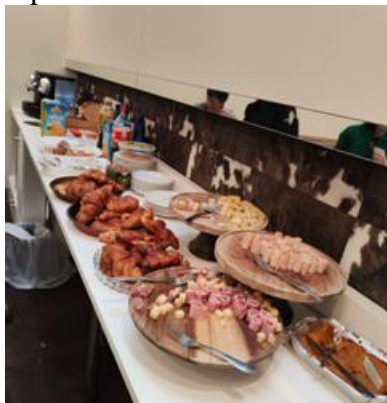
Complaints / Suggestions: The draw was not random at the time. Pencils were used instead of pens, when correcting score sheets, it was not possible to see the changes.

Several players reported excessive French conversations during the game and difficulty counting points and explaining hands in English. Not all of the organizers' speeches were in English.

Information / communication during the tournament: A clock very visible. Ranking up to date between each session projected on huge screen from a computer (Individual and team ranking). At the beginning of each round you could see on the screen which table each player was playing at.

Sessions: The rounds started on time. On the second day, two players were absent due to illness (on the last hand of the first day, a player had problems and a member of the organization trained in first aid helped her, this was spectacular). The organization solved the problem by adding two substitute players.

Catering: High-quality breakfast at the hotel, with breaks and bottled water. Two lunches at the hotel with the option to select the dishes when completing the registration form.



Prizes: Prizes for individual ranking (top5) and the three best teams. Prizes for the biggest hand, player who scored 31 points the most times, and a team prize encouraging participation from all players. Also for referees and observer.



Conclusion: Very nice and well organized tournament in a perfect place. In addition, the organization prepared a short tour of the city and an optional dinner at a good Japanese restaurant. See you next time!