

Observer report for Rennes (RCR, MERS1)

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Place: Rennes, France

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website of Breizh Mah-jong:

registration, program, list of participants,...

Participants: 32 players all of them from France

Playing schedule: 1 day, 5 rounds of 90 minutes

Location: Institute Confucius de Bretagne, 17 rue de Brest à Rennes, Ille-et-Vilaine, big enough for 32 players, other rooms where left to disposition of players during the breaks.

Equipment: we played on the MCR tables with riichi mats, one table did not had a mat but no one complain about it.

Refereeing: Yulong ZHAO was non-player referee, very present and helpful.

Complaints: No complains.

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

Sessions: Excellent playing atmosphere.

Catering: Lunch in the same place (prepared by catering company), drinks and others.

Restaurant with traditional food from Bretagne on the Saturday evening.

Prizes: Trophies for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd).

Conclusion: Very nice tournament in Rennes, just lack of the players from others countries. The atmosphere good, despite comments about some of the players playing quite slow, and others having problems with counting their yaku. Some new French players which I hope to see more often on the tournaments.

Competition finish little bit later than prevue as we spend more time talking at the table during lunch.