

## **2014 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OF ONLINE POKER MAIN EVENT TO FEATURE \$10 MILLION GUARANTEED PRIZE POOL**

*Qualifiers are running now at PokerStars from just \$1*

ONCHAN, Isle of Man – June 4, 2014 – PokerStars announced today that satellites to the [2014 World Championship of Online Poker Main Event](#) – which will feature a \$10 million guaranteed prize pool – are now running, with buy-ins starting from just \$1. The \$5,200 Main Event is scheduled to take place September 28, 2014.

The \$10 million guaranteed prize pool will ensure that the World Championship of Online Poker Main Event is the biggest online poker tournament of the year and will continue to build on its reputation as one of the most sought-after titles in the poker world.

Past winners of the World Championship include J.C. ‘area23JC’ Tran, Carter ‘ckingusc’ King, Yevgeniy ‘Jovial Gent’ Timoshenko, and Tyson ‘POTTERPOKER’ Marks. The 2012 World Champion, Marat ‘maratik’ Sharafutdinov, even sparked an internet meme with his famous demand of “I WONT MILLION” during the final-table deal discussions. His story was illustrated in a [cartoon and Blog story](#).

Players wishing to emulate ‘maratik’s success and qualify for the World Championship of Online Poker Main Event using Frequent Player Points (FPP), can do so via the Mega-Path with Round 1 satellites starting from just 1 FPP. Log on to the PokerStars client and click ‘Events’ > ‘WCOOP’ > ‘FPP Satellites’ for more details.

For further information, please contact: [press@pokerstars.com](mailto:press@pokerstars.com).

### **About PokerStars**

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workplaces in the UK being awarded a top 25 position by the Great Place to Work Institute's Best Workplaces – Large category rankings. Rational Group entities in Costa Rica and Dublin also achieved the same accolade in their respective local rankings in 2014.