

POKERSTARS ANNOUNCES ALL-STAR SHOWDOWN

LONDON, UK – October 24 – PokerStars today announced the first annual All-Star Showdown, bringing together eight of poker's biggest stars battling it out to earn bragging rights as the best heads-up No-Limit Hold'em player in the world.

From October 27 until November 4, eight players will put \$100,000 on the line to play in an 8-player, heads-up single elimination tournament. The winner will pocket more than \$500,000 and the first All-Star Showdown trophy.

Recent PokerStars Team Online signing Isaac Haxton said "I'm excited to start my tenure with Team PokerStars with the chance to win a big title and a lot of money in my favourite form of poker. There are no titles or champions in heads-up cash games, just winners and losers. This tournament will change that by crowning the first All-Star Showdown champion."

All-Star Showdown Format

- Prior to the first match, tournament seeding will be determined by a random draw. After the initial draw players will progress through a single-elimination tournament.
- The matches will take place at 18:00 CET from October 27 - November 4, with a break in play on October 29 and November 1. The final will be on November 4.
- Matches will be played simultaneously over four heads-up tables.
- Each \$100,000 buy-in is spread evenly over four tables with blinds starting at \$50/100.
- Blinds will double after every 3,000 hands played.
- The match ends when a player busts on all four tables.

All-Star Showdown Registration

Players who wish to participate in the challenge should email highstakes@pokerstars.com for more information on how to enter. A full list of registered players will be published online before the tournament begins.

Players currently registered for the All-Star Showdown include, Isaac 'Ike Haxton' Haxton, Alexander 'Kanu7' Millar, Alexander 'Sussie Smith' Roumeliotis, Benjamin 'Sauce123' Sulsky, Phil 'mrSweets28' Galfond and 'KTPOKP'.

For more information visit: <http://www.pokerstars.com/poker/promotions/all-star-showdown/>

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