



## **POKERSTARS ANNOUNCES SCHEDULE FOR THIRD TURBO CHAMPIONSHIP OF ONLINE POKER**

ONCHAN, Isle of Man – January 8, 2014 – PokerStars today announced the schedule for the third annual [Turbo Championship of Online Poker \(TCOOP\)](#), which will take place from January 23 to February 2 and guarantee \$15 million across 50 events.

The headline tournament is a \$700 NL Hold'em Main Event on February 2, which features a \$2 million guaranteed prize pool and at least \$300,000 for first place. Other highlights of the festival include a \$2,100 NL Hold'em High Roller event (also Feb 2) with a \$1 million guaranteed prize pool, and two opening day events – \$27 NL Hold'em [6-Max], \$215 NL Hold'em [Knockout] – that both feature \$750,000 guarantee prize pools. For a full schedule, go to <http://psta.rs/1ehNp0s>.

Team PokerStars Pro, Lex Veldhuis, is looking forward to the series: "TCOOP has become an unmissable online festival for me, because the speed of the tournaments means you can win five- and even six-figure sums in just a few hours. Plus, the wide range of games and tournament formats means there's always something different to play each day."

### **FAST CASH**

For recreational players who have less time to play, and professional players looking to improve their hourly rate, TCOOP offers one major advantage over other online festivals – the pace of the action. During the previous two TCOOP festivals, the average time it took for a player to 'cash' was just 2 hours 10 minutes, while the quickest tournament ever was in a hyper-turbo that took just 1 hour 37 minutes.

### **PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

As with every major PokerStars festival, there are additional prizes available for players who do consistently well during the series, with a Player of the Series Leader Board awarding the following:

1st: Champion's Trophy + 2015 PCA prize package worth \$16,500

2nd: 2014 SCOOP event ticket worth \$5,200

3rd-4th: 2014 SCOOP event ticket worth \$2,100

5th-10th: 2014 SCOOP Main Event (Medium) ticket worth \$1,050

11th-50th: 2014 SCOOP Main Event (Low) ticket worth \$109

## **ONLINE SATELLITES**

PokerStars is running online qualifiers to every event in the TCOOP series, with cash buy-ins starting from just \$0.22 and Frequent Player Point buy-ins from 5 FPP. Log in to the PokerStars client and click on 'Events' > 'TCOOP' > 'All' to find the qualifiers. It's also possible for players to buy in to the majority of TCOOP events with Step tickets 1-6.

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

## **About PokerStars**

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