

POKERSTARS CELEBRATES FESTIVE SEASON WITH \$27 MILLION TO BE WON IN DECEMBER

First ever \$10m WCOOP Challenge Series rounds off December Festival

ONCHAN, Isle of Man – November 26, 2013 – PokerStars today announced the launch of the [December Festival](#), which will see more than \$27 million won by players across 22 days of special tournament and ring game promotions.

The festival will take place from December 1-22 and include a host of popular promotions, including Double Vision Sundays, Million Dollar Sundays, Golden Sit & Go's, a special \$700k Milestone Hand giveaway, and a December Mission Week.

The festival will then culminate on the weekend of December 20-22 with the first ever [\\$10 million WCOOP Challenge Series](#), which is a special spin-off series of the World Championship of Online Poker, featuring eight WCOOP tournaments, a \$10 million guaranteed prize pool, and 2014 World Championship Main Event tickets in additional prizes for the event winners.

Team PokerStars Pro Lex Veldhuis said: "The festive season is usually a great time to play online poker and this year it's going to be unmissable. I'll play all the big Sunday tourneys, hope to win a milestone hand bonus in the ring games, and be going after a WCOOP Challenge Series title – it would be so cool to book my World Championship of Online Poker 2014 Main Event seat now."

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

- December 1 – Double Vision Sunday (2 x Sunday Kick-off, 2 x Sunday Warm-Up, 2 x Sunday Storm, 2 x Sunday Million)
- December 2-8 – \$500,000 to be given away in [Golden Sit & Go's](#)
- December 8 – Million Dollar Sunday 1 (\$1m GTD Sunday Warm-Up, \$5m GTD Sunday Million)
- December 9-15 – \$500,000 to be won in December Mission Week (see <http://psta.rs/18DGO0E> for more details on how to take part)
- December 15 – Million Dollar Sunday 2 (\$1m GTD Sunday Storm, \$1m GTD Sunday 500)
- December 16-22 – [\\$700,000 Milestone Hand](#) giveaway (300 milestone hands with bonuses every one million hands on hand IDs that end in six zeroes)
- December 20-22 – \$10m WCOOP Challenge Series (8 Challenge Series events – each champion wins a WCOOP 2014 Main Event ticket + cash prize)

WCOOP CHALLENGE SERIES SCHEDULE

These are the eight WCOOP Challenge Series events that will take place from December 20-22:

Friday, December 20

13.00 ET – WCOOP Challenge 01: \$109 NLHE (\$500k GTD)

17.00 ET – WCOOP Challenge 02: \$215+R NLHE Turbo (\$1m GTD)

Saturday, December 21

11.00 ET – WCOOP Challenge 03: \$700 NLHE Progressive Super KO (\$1m GTD)

15.00 ET – WCOOP Challenge 04: \$1,050 NLHE [8-Max] (\$1m GTD)

Sunday, December 22

11.00 ET – WCOOP Challenge 05: \$215 NLHE (\$1m GTD)

13.00 ET – WCOOP Challenge 06: \$1,050+R PLO (\$500k GTD)

14.30 ET – WCOOP Challenge 07: \$215 NLHE (\$2m GTD)

15.30 ET – WCOOP Challenge Main Event: \$2,100 NLHE (\$3m GTD)

For further information, please contact: press@pokerstars.com

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