



POKERSTARS GUARANTEES \$5 MILLION AND ADDS 'MICROMILLIONS CHALLENGE' TO 8TH CHAMPIONSHIP

ONCHAN, Isle of Man – July 7, 2014 – PokerStars today announced the schedule for the eighth running of the world's most popular online poker championship, MicroMillions. It will take place over 11 days from July 17-27, and feature 100 events with \$5 million in guaranteed prize money.

The highlight will be the \$22 No Limit Hold'em Main Event tournament on the final day of the championship, which has a \$1 million guarantee. Incredibly, six of the seven previous Main Event winners have pocketed huge six-figure paydays, with a record first prize of just over \$160k – all from just a \$22 buy-in.

Portuguese Team PokerStars Pro, João Nunes, is looking forward to playing some of the events. He said: "MicroMillions 8 is undoubtedly the best online poker championship for recreational and low stakes players. The tournaments come thick and fast and the value is unreal. There's a \$2.20 buy-in tourney with a guaranteed prize pool of \$150,000 – how can you miss that? Even for higher stakes players, the huge fields and big prizes are a major draw."

For a full MicroMillions 8 championship schedule, check out <http://psta.rs/HwMQVF>.

MICROMILLIONS CHALLENGE

For this coming championship, PokerStars has for the first time introduced a 'MicroMillions Challenge', which will see players earn tickets to either a \$15,000 or \$30,000 All-in Shootout for competing in a certain number of events, as follows:

- Play 6-9 events* – get a ticket to a \$15k All-in Shootout (first prize of \$1,500)
- Play 10+ events* – get a ticket to a \$30k All-in Shootout (first prize of \$3,000)

* Satellites do not count towards the Challenge progress

It's a great opportunity for players to grab some extra value during MicroMillions. For

more information on how to register and win big cash prizes in the All-in Shootouts, go to: <http://psta.rs/1raMSat>. The All-in Shootouts take place on August 2 at 14.05 ET and 15.05 ET respectively. Players who have registered for them do not need to log-in in order to win. Every player will be moved all-in until there is a winner, with cash prizes awarded to the top finishers in the field.

DEPOSIT OFFER

MicroMillions is already the most affordable championship in poker, but PokerStars is making it even better value with a First Deposit Bonus for new players. Deposit \$20 or more and a new player will receive \$20 in free play, a ticket to the \$100,000 guaranteed Privilege Freerolls, and a free MicroMillions 8 tournament ticket bundle worth more than \$16 that can be used to win a share of the \$5 million guaranteed prize pool.

MICROMILLIONS 8 LEADER BOARD

There are fantastic rewards for consistent performers in MicroMillions. Here are the prizes up for grabs on the MicroMillions 8 Leader Board:

- 1st – Free Sunday Million tickets for six months (26 x \$215 tickets)
- 2nd-9th – 5 x \$215 Sunday Million tickets (\$1,075 in value for each player)
- 10th-100th – 1 x \$215 Sunday Million ticket

RECORD-BREAKER

When the series launched in March 2012, MicroMillions instantly became the most popular poker championship ever, with more than 1.2 million entries across the 100 events. Since then, it has continued to set new participation records with the peak being 1,572,760 entries, and a prize pool of \$9,588,892.60, for MicroMillions 4 in March 2013.

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

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