



THREE PLAYERS IN THE HUNT FOR FIRST POKERSTARS 'GRAND SLAM' TITLE DURING TCOOP 2015

Turbo Championship starts today featuring 50 events and \$15m guaranteed

ONCHAN, Isle of Man – January 22, 2015 – The 2015 Turbo Championship of Online Poker starts today with three players in with a chance of becoming the first PokerStars Grand Slam winner (TCOOP, SCOOP, WCOOP and Sunday Million titles).

The trio – David 'Gunslinger3' Bach, Paul 'paulgees81' Volpe and Andrey 'Kroko-dill' Zaichenko – each need just a TCOOP title to scoop both the 'Triple COOP' and 'Grand Slam' titles at the same time. With 50 events to take a shot at, they have a great chance to make online poker history.

Two other players – Shawn 'buck21' Buchanan and James 'Andy McLEOD' Obst – have already taken Triple COOP honours, but face the much more difficult task of winning a Sunday Million (6,000+ runners once a week) to clinch the Grand Slam.

A further 39 PokerStars players can become a 'Triple COOP' champion during TCOOP if they manage to win one of the events.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The focal point of TCOOP is the \$700 No Limit Hold'em Main Event, which takes place on February 1 at 15.30 ET, and has a \$2 million guarantee, with a minimum of \$300,000 for first place. The full schedule of 50 events can be viewed online – <http://psta.rs/1vmed6t> – but below is a list of some of the highlights, including one or two new tournament additions:

- TCOOP 01: \$27 NL Hold'em [6-Max, Re-Entry] – \$500k GTD
- TCOOP 03: \$215 NL Hold'em [Progressive Super-Knockout] – \$800k GTD
- TCOOP 09: \$215 NL Hold'em [Turbo, Zoom, Re-Entry] – \$400k GTD
- TCOOP 11: \$215 NL Hold'em [Heads-Up] – \$250k GTD
- TCOOP 29: \$215 NL Hold'em [6-Max, Shootout, Progressive SKO] – \$150k GTD
- TCOOP 32: \$7.50+R NL Hold'em [3x-Turbo] – \$300k GTD

- TCOOP 35: \$82 PL Omaha [4-Max] – \$100k GTD
- TCOOP 46: \$215 NL Hold'em [Ultra Deep, 50,000-chip stacks!] – \$500k GTD
- TCOOP 47: \$2,100 NL Hold'em [High Roller] – \$1.25m GTD
- TCOOP 48: \$320 8-Game – \$100k GTD

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Additional prizes are available for players who make it on to the Player of the Series Leader Board through consistently high finishes, with the following up for grabs:

1st: Champion's Trophy & 2015 SCOOP [H] Main Event Ticket worth \$10,300

2nd: 2015 SCOOP \$5,200 Ticket

3rd-5th: 2015 SCOOP \$2,100 Ticket

6th-10th: 2015 SCOOP [M] Main Event Ticket worth \$1,050

11th-100th: 2015 SCOOP [L] Main Event Ticket worth \$109

ONLINE SATELLITES

PokerStars is running online qualifiers to every event in the TCOOP series, with cash buy-ins starting from just \$0.11 and Frequent Player Point buy-ins from 1 FPP. Log in to the PokerStars client and click on 'Online Events' > 'TCOOP' > 'All' to find the qualifiers.

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