

TWO PLAYERS IN RACE TO BECOME FIRST POKERSTARS 'TRIPLE COOP' WINNER DURING SCOOP 2013

ONCHAN, ISLE OF MAN – May 9 – The [PokerStars Spring Championship of Online Poker 2013](#) festival gets under way on May 12 with two players on the brink of a poker first. Alex 'AlexKP' Petersen and Jonathan 'MONSTER_DONG' Karamalakis both have WCOOP (World Championship of Online Poker) and TCOOP (Turbo Championship of Online Poker) titles to their names, but will be gunning to become the first player to win the PokerStars 'Triple COOP' by taking down a SCOOP event in May.

SCOOP 2013 takes place from May 12-26 and features a total of 44 events (132 tournaments) across Low, Medium and High stakes levels, making it the largest poker festival ever held. It will also give the two players a massive 132 different chances to write their name in the poker history books.

Petersen said: "It would be an amazing achievement for me to become the first 'Triple COOP' winner. The fields in PokerStars' TCOOP, WCOOP and SCOOP events are so large and tough – it's hard enough to win one, never mind three! But I'll definitely be going for it once the festival starts."

Player of the Series

While the 'Triple COOP' can only be won by two players in SCOOP 2013, everyone can compete to win big prizes in the Player of the Series leaderboards. For winners of the Low, Medium and High leaderboards, a trophy and PokerStars Caribbean Adventure package is up for grabs, with more than 75 WCOOP 2013 tickets and over 200 MicroMillions tickets available to other high-placing players. The overall SCOOP leaderboard champion will also receive a trophy and EPT Grand Final 2014 package. In total, more than \$100,000 in additional tournament entries is being awarded by PokerStars.

SCOOP schedule

For a full listing of all the SCOOP tournaments, go to <http://www.pokerstars.com/scoop/>. Here are some standout events from the schedule:

- Event 1 – NL Hold'em [6-Max] – \$27, \$215, \$2,100 buy-ins
- Event 20 – NL Hold'em [Turbo, Zoom] – \$27, \$215, \$2,100 buy-ins
- Event 32 – PL Omaha [Turbo, Zoom] – \$27, \$215, \$2,100 buy-ins
- Event 39 – PL Omaha [6-Max] – \$55, \$530, \$5,200 buy-ins
- Event 40 – NL Hold'em [Heads-Up, High-Roller] – \$215, \$2,100, \$21,000 buy-ins
- Event 43 – NL Hold'em Main Event - \$109, \$1,050, \$10,300 buy-ins

Online satellites

Along with the three-tier buy-in system of SCOOP, there will be a huge array of qualifiers, with satellites starting from as low as \$0.11 or even just 1 FPP, enabling players to enter a tournament for a fraction of the cost. To find upcoming satellites, players can log into the client and go to Events > SCOOP > All.

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