

## POKERSTARS' AMERICAS CUP OF POKER COMES TO RESORTS CASINO HOTEL FOR LIVE FINAL JUNE 23-27

Players from across North and South America will battle it out online to represent their countries in a live continental clash

ONCHAN, Isle of Man– May 9, 2016 – The live final of The Americas Cup of Poker (ACP) will be held at Resorts Casino Hotel, Atlantic City from June 23-27, 2016, PokerStars, an Amaya Inc. (Nasdaq: AYA; TSX: AYA) brand, revealed today. This year, the Grand Final will coincide with the big soccer event taking place in New Jersey. Teams representing countries from North and South America will each be composed of five players, who will each qualify online at PokerStars.

The eighth edition of the popular team poker competition will take place on PokerStars from May 9 to June 6 and encompass 12 regions from Canada to Argentina. Team USA will be made up of a combination of the best players from PokerStars' NJ Spring Championship of Online Poker, and the Americas Cup of Poker Freeroll held on Sunday May 29, both played out on <u>PokerStarsNJ.com</u>. This year the USA will play host to the live final, to be held at Resorts Casino Hotel in New Jersey. As the host of the Americas Cup of Poker, the USA team automatically qualify for the final. This year also sees Team Canada return to the competition after a five-year absence.

As in previous years, the Americas Cup of Poker will gather the best poker players from across the Americas to represent their countries in a unique competition. Twelve teams will compete in three groups over four weeks with the top 5 players from each qualified country winning one of the five available seats to represent their country in the Grand Final and play for their share of the \$100,000 total prize pool.

Outside of Team USA the remaining online qualifiers will all be determined through an Americas Cup of Poker leader board.

Each group will include four countries. Group 1 will include Argentina, Chile, Peru and Uruguay; Group 2 will include Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador and Other Latam, and Group 3 will include Canada, Costa Rica, Mexico and Venezuela. PokerStars will run online qualifiers for four weeks with buy-ins as low as \$0.11 and freerolls also taking place daily at 18.00, 19.00 and 20.00 EST.

"The Americas Cup of Poker has been growing for the last seven years and this year will not be an exception. This year not only sees an improved structure and more tournaments, but also a great live final in New Jersey to wrap up all the action. The question is will Brazil beat Argentina this time around or will it be the USA's time to shine?" said Andre Akkari, Team PokerStars Pro.

Place	Country	Amount
1st	Argentina	\$32,500; \$6,500 per player
2nd	Brazil	\$25,000; \$5,000 per player
3rd	Venezuela	\$17,500; \$3,500 per player
4th	Uruguay	\$12,500; \$2,500 per player
5th	Mexico	\$7,500; \$1,500 per player
6th	Chile	\$5,000; \$1,000 per player)

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Workplaces – Large category rankings. Rational Group entities in Costa Rica and Dublin also achieved the same accolade in their respective local rankings in 2014. PokerStars is owned by Amaya Inc. (Nasdaq: AYA; TSX: AYA).

