

**EUROPEAN POKER TOUR ANNOUNCES FIRST-EVER
 MONACO CUP FOR GRAND FINAL FESTIVAL**
€1,100 buy-in event will have a €500,000 guarantee

ONCHAN, ISLE OF MAN – April 22, 2013 – The European Poker Tour announced today that there will be an inaugural €1,100 Monaco Cup (event 26) as part of the 50-strong event offering at the PokerStars and **Monte-Carlo**®Casino European Poker Tour Grand Final. It will have a guaranteed prize pool of €500,000.

The newly named event, which will take place from May 11-15, forms part of the spectacular 11-day festival at the PokerStars and **Monte-Carlo**®Casino European Poker Tour Grand Final, which runs from May 6 -15.

Neil Johnson, Head of Live Poker Operations for PokerStars, said: “This is the first time that we have included an event of this nature in the schedule for the EPT Grand Final. This event will feature three Day 1s and will give players the opportunity to re-enter on Day 1B and Day 1C. With a great structure and three different chances at the coveted first prize, everyone will get their shot at a piece of the first-ever €500,000 Monaco Cup.”

Seat only and full package satellites for the Monaco Cup are running now on PokerStars. The full package includes tournament buy-in, flights, accommodation and money for expenses worth €3,000

The announcement of the Monaco Cup in the EPT Grand Final event schedule follows a recent update from EPT President, Edgar Stuchly, who confirmed that the Season 9 EPT Grand Final will feature the largest festival of cash games in the tour’s history. The EPT will have full control of the cash games, which will run from 12pm to 6am every day, with a favourable rake (see chart) and enormous variety to choose from.

All Games		
Blinds	Rake for 5 or more players	Rake for 4 or less players
up to €2/€5	3% capped € 15	3% capped € 10
€5/€10	3% capped € 20	3% capped € 15
€10/€20	3% capped € 20	3% capped € 15
Higher	3% capped € 25	3% capped € 20
Time collection (Chinese)	€25 (+ €5*) per player every 30 minutes	

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* This is a tip for the dealer

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