

POKERSTARS AND MONTE-CARLO®CASINO EPT GRAND FINAL SCHEDULE FEATURES CASH GAMES FOR THE FIRST TIME

ONCHAN, ISLE OF MAN – March 1, 2013 – PokerStars has announced the schedule for the PokerStars and **Monte-Carlo®Casino** EPT Grand Final in Monaco which will feature EPT-run cash games for the very first time.

The full schedule for the season 9 finale of the European Poker Tour will be a true poker extravaganza, featuring an awe-inspiring fifty events across ten days. The festival will run from May 6-15 and will for the first time feature a wide variety of cash games meaning that players can get involved in the world-class poker action even when they are not involved in a tournament.

EPT President Edgar Stuchly is excited about what it will mean for the players. “There will be a variety of cash games at the EPT Grand Final and we are sure this will appeal to players of all levels. We are particularly pleased that we will be able to offer these games with a very attractive rake level, and we are expecting this event to become the biggest cash game festival in Europe”, he said.

Gus Hansen, Full Tilt Professional, Monaco resident and regular at the EPT Grand Final said: “It’s great that the EPT will be running cash games for the first time this year. I’m looking forward to some exciting action at the tables.”

An exciting close to Season 9

The PokerStars and **Monte-Carlo®Casino** EPT Grand Final will close Season 9 in style, taking in one of Europe’s most glamorous and exciting destinations, and will feature a wide variety of events in buy-in levels to suit poker players of all kinds. Hundreds of players are expected to qualify for the Main Event by winning satellite tournaments online at PokerStars.com.

Last season, Mohsin Charania from the USA won €1,350,000 after taking down the prestigious €10,000 Main Event with four other players becoming instant millionaires. Main Event runner-up Lucille Cailly scooped €1,050,000, Justin Bonomo won the €100,000 Super High Roller for €1,640,000 and runner-up Tobias Reinkemeier took home €1,064,000, while Igor Kurganov won €1,080,000 in the €25,000 High Roller tournament.

Super High Roller and High Roller Events

Befitting its location in Monaco, the EPT Grand Final will host several high buy-in events designed to attract the world’s very best poker players. These include:

- €25,500 High Roller Event (starting May 10)
- €100,000 Super High Roller (starting May 13)
- €10,300 High Roller (Turbo, 6-Max) (starting May 15)

Other schedule highlights

The festival will kick off with the €10,600 EPT Grand Final Main Event, along with a host of side events including a €2,150 Open Face Chinese poker tournament. This event made its tournament debut at the 2013 PokerStars Caribbean Adventure where it attracted 59 entrants and was eventually won by Canadian player Peter Jetten. In addition, there will be a host of daily tournaments and Sit & Gos starting from €220, plus a €1,100 NLHE tournament with a €500,000 guarantee, which players can qualify for online. Live satellites to this and all side events will be running daily from 12:00.

EPTLive webcast

EPTLive will begin broadcasting from May 6 and will continue until May 15. It will feature live coverage of the EPT Grand Final Main Event from Day 1A (May 6) until the final table on May 12, when the €100,000 Super High Roller event will continue the coverage until the end of the festival. The coverage will be broadcast live, as it happens, with cards-down until both final tables, when it will switch to cards-up with a one-hour security delay.

In the early stages of the tournament, viewers will be invited to vote via Twitter on which table they would like to see featured on the show – an innovation pioneered at EPT Deauville. This will allow viewers to experience coverage not only of the Main Event, but also selected side events, including the €25k High Roller. As always, the webcasts will feature expert commentary provided by specialist commentators, including Team PokerStars Pros and other star players.

More information:

Tour: European Poker Tour (EPT).
<http://www.europeanpokertour.com/tournaments/grandfinal/>
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PokerStars and Monte-Carlo®Casino EPT Grand Final Schedule

TIME	#	EVENT	BUY IN
Daily			
12:00		Sit N Go's - Subject to Space Availability	€300 and Higher
12:00		One Table Satellites to Side Events - Subject to Space Availability	On Request
12:00		Cash Games	Various
6 May - Monday			
12:00	1A	Main Event Day 1A	€10,000 + €600
13:00	2	Chinese - Open Face - Unlimited Re-Entry - 30 Minute Levels	€2,000 + €150

14:00	3	PLO - "6 Handed" - Turbo	€5,000 + €200
17:00	4	NL - One Rebuy One Addon Super Satellite to Main Event	€1,000 + €75
22:00	5	NL - Last Chance Turbo! - One Rebuy Super Satellite to Main Event	€1,000 + €75
7 May - Tuesday			
12:00	1B	Main Event Day 1B	€10,000 + €600
14:00	6	NL - "8 Handed" - Turbo	€5,000 + €200
19:00	7	NL - Turbo - Bounty - "8 Handed"	€1,000 + €1,000 + €100
21:00	8	NL - Crazy Pineapple - "8 Handed" - Turbo	€300 + €30
8 May - Wednesday			
12:00	1	Main Event Day 2	CLOSED
12:00	9	NL - Holdem - "8 Handed" - Day 1	€5,000 + €300
13:00	10	NL - Holdem	€500 + €50
17:00	11	PL Big "O" (5 card O8) - One Rebuy or Addon (R or A = double chips) - "8 Handed" - 30 Min Levels	€1,000 + €100
19:00	12	NL - Turbo	€1,000 + €100
21:00	13	NL - Turbo - "Win the Button!"	€300 + €30
22:00	14	PL - 7 Stud High Low - Turbo	€200 + €20
9 May - Thursday			
12:00	1	Main Event Day 3	CLOSED
12:00	15	NL - Holdem - Day 1	€2,000 + €150
13:00	9	NL - Holdem - "8 Handed" - Final Day	CLOSED
13:00	16	PLO - "8 Handed" - Day 1	€5,000 + €300
17:00	17	8 Game - 30 Minute Levels	€1,000 + €100
19:00	18	NL - One Rebuy Super Satellite to €25K High Roller (#21)	€2,800 + €200
20:00	19	NL - Turbo	€500 + €50
22:00	20	NL - 2-7 Single Draw - "6 Handed" - Turbo	€200 + €20
10 May - Friday			
12:00	1	Main Event Day 4	CLOSED
12:00	21	NL - Holdem - High Roller - "8 Handed" - Single Re-Entry - Day 1	€25,000 + €500
13:00	15	NL - Holdem - Final Day	CLOSED
13:00	16	PLO - Final Day	CLOSED
13:00	22	NL - Holdem - "6 Handed"	€1,000 + €100
18:00	23	PLO - One Rebuy or Addon (R or A = double chips) - "8 Handed" - Day 1	€1,000 + €100
21:00	24	NL - Turbo	€300 + €30
22:00	25	NL - Five Card Single Draw - "6 Handed" - Turbo	€200 + €20
11 May - Saturday			
12:00	1	Main Event Day 5	CLOSED
12:00	21	NL - Holdem - High Roller - "8 Handed" - Single Re-Entry - Day 2	€25,000 + €500
12:00	26A	NL - Holdem - Re-Entry to 1B/1C - 30 Minute Levels - €500,000 Guaranteed - Day 1A	€1,000 + €100
13:00	23	PLO - Final Day	CLOSED
14:00	27	NL - Heads Up - 32 Cap - Day 1	€5,000 + €300
16:00	28	NL - Holdem - Women's Event - Day 1	€1,000 + €100
18:00	29	8 Game - Day 1	€5,000 + €300
19:00	30	NL - Turbo - Bounty - "8 Handed"	€1,000 + €1,000 + €100

21:00	31	NL - Turbo	€300 + €30
22:00	32	NL - Omaha High - Turbo	€200 + €20
12 May – Sunday			
12:00	1	Main Event - Final Table	CLOSED
12:00	21	NL - Holdem - High Roller - "8 Handed" - Single Re-Entry - Final Day	CLOSED
12:00	26B	NL - Holdem - Re-Entry to 1C - 30 Minute Levels - €500,000 Guaranteed - Day 1B	€1,000 + €100
12:00	27	NL - Heads Up - 32 Cap - Final Day	CLOSED
12:00	28	NL - Holdem - Women's Event - Final Day	CLOSED
12:00	29	8 Game - Final Day	CLOSED
13:00	33	NL - Turbo - "6 Handed"	€10,000 + €300
15:00	34	NL - Turbo Edition of EPT Main Event - 30K Stack and 15 Min Levels	€300 + €30
16:00	35	NL - Omaha High - One Rebuy or Addon (R or A = double chips) - "8 Handed" - 30 Min Levels	€1,000 + €100
18:00	36	NL - Turbo - "8 Handed"	€2,000 + €100
21:00		Pokerstars EPT Player of the Year Awards	Invitation
21:30		Pokerstars EPT Season 9 Wrap Party	Invitation
13 May – Monday			
12:00	37	NL - Holdem - Super High Roller - "8 Max" - Reload - Day 1	€98,000 + €2,000
12:00	26C	NL - Holdem - 30 Minute Levels - €500,000 Guaranteed - Day 1C	€1,000 + €100
16:00	38	NLH / NLO / NLO8 - One Rebuy or Addon (R or A = double chips) - "6 Handed" - 30 Minute Levels	€1,000 + €100
19:00	39	H-O-R-S-E - 30 Minute Levels	€1,000 + €100
20:00	40	NL - Turbo	€1,000 + €100
21:00	41	NL - Turbo	€300 + €30
22:00	42	NL - Omaha 8 or Better - Turbo	€200 + €20
14 May – Tuesday			
12:00	37	NL - Holdem - Super High Roller - "8 Max" - Reload - Day 2	€98,000 + €2,000
12:00	26	NL - Holdem - 30 Minute Levels - €500,000 Guaranteed - Day 2	CLOSED
12:00	43	NL - Holdem - "8 Handed" - Day 1	€1,000 + €100
14:00	44	EPT Team Challenge - Day 1 - €5,150 buyin per Team Member	€5,000 + €150 per member
18:00	45	NL - Holdem - "Win the Button!" - 30 Minute Levels - "6 Handed"	€1,000 + €100
21:00	46	NL - Crazy Pineapple - "8 Handed" - Turbo	€300 + €30
15 May – Wednesday			
12:00	37	NL - Holdem - Super High Roller - "8 Max" - Reload - Final Day	CLOSED
12:00	26	NL - Holdem - 30 Minute Levels - €500,000 Guaranteed - Final Day	CLOSED
12:00	43	NL - Holdem - "8 Handed" - 30 Minute Levels - Final Day	CLOSED
12:00	44	EPT Team Challenge - Final Day	CLOSED
12:00	47	NL - Turbo Edition of EPT Main Event - 30K Stack and 15 Min Levels	€300 + €30
13:00	48	NL - Turbo - "6 Handed"	€10,000 + €300
17:00	49	NL - Hyper Turbo - 10K Stack - 10 Minute Levels	€100 + €20
18:00	50	NL - Turbo - "8 Handed"	€2,000 + €100

***All tournaments may have a day added or subtracted at Tournament Director discretion.

***All tournaments will have 3% of the tournament prize pool withheld to cover the costs of floor staff and dealers with the exception of Events 1, 21, 33, 37 and 48. Event 1 (€200) has the staff % as part of the fee (exact amount in parentheses). Event 21, 33 and 48 have 2%, Event 37 has 1% withholding.

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