



## **POKERSTARS NEW JERSEY CHAMPIONSHIP OF ONLINE POKER PAYS OUT OVER \$1.4 MILLION**

*Pokerstars NJ celebrates most successful online poker series since return to U.S.*

ONCHAN, Isle of Man – November 2, 2016 – The PokerStars New Jersey Championship of Online Poker (NJCOOP) has completed its inaugural series paying out a record breaking \$1,405,276, the richest series since online poker became regulated in New Jersey. PokerStars, an Amaya Inc. (Nasdaq: AYA; TSX: AYA) brand, guaranteed \$1.2 million in prize money across 43 events, which ran from October 15-31, but that guarantee was smashed thanks to 1,273 unique players taking part.

“I really enjoyed playing and streaming NJCOOP,” said Team PokerStars Pro Chris Moneymaker, who made two NJCOOP final tables. “Towards the end of the Series, I got to mix playing NJCOOP with checking out the inaugural PokerStars Festival New Jersey. With one live win already at Resorts, New Jersey has been very good to me!”

The PokerStars Festival New Jersey is currently taking place at Resorts Casino Hotel and is running until November 6 with a schedule featuring more than 50 gaming events. For more information visit <http://www.pokerstarslive.net/festival/events/nj/>

### **NJCOOP HIGHLIGHTS**

NJCOOP’s bumper payout, which surpassed the \$1.3 million record set by NJSCOOP in May 2016, created some big winning moments.

- The NJCOOP \$500 Main Event concluded on Monday, October 31. The event was won by ‘ROU\$EY’ who beat a field of 425 players to take home \$38,380.
- Team PokerStars Pro Chris Moneymaker had a successful NJCOOP. The 2003 World Champion cashed in four events, which included second place in the Event #21: \$350 Sunday Special SE for \$15,942 (after chopping first and second place payouts) and third place in Event #33: \$50+R PL Omaha [6-Max, Rebuy].
- NJCOOP had four double winners: ‘AvaGray’, ‘ROU\$EY’ and ‘ShrimplyPibs’ who are all New Jersey residents, and New Jersey visitor ‘Ken Kratz’ from Florida.

## **PLAYER OF THE SERIES LEADER BOARD**

The top 15 players across the series were awarded a share of \$10,000's worth of tournament tickets. 'Ken Kratz' claimed the Player of the Series title in the top position, after making six final tables with two wins, taking the largest slice of the pie with \$2,000 in tournament tickets.

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### **About PokerStars New Jersey**

PokerStars NJ is the locally operated version of the world's most popular online poker site, PokerStars. At [PokerStarsNJ.com](http://PokerStarsNJ.com), players physically present in New Jersey can experience and enjoy the same world class gameplay, customer service, and game integrity that PokerStars has offered globally for almost 15 years.

PokerStars NJ operates in conjunction with its partner, Resorts Casino Hotel in Atlantic City, and offers both poker and casino games online at [PokerStarsNJ.com](http://PokerStarsNJ.com) to players who are physically located in the state.

PokerStars NJ uses globally established age and location verification protections, player fund protection through account segregation, and responsible gaming practices to oversee and control player activity.

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