



## **POKERSTARS TO HOST THE BIGGEST DAY IN ONLINE POKER HISTORY WITH \$28 MILLION IN GUARANTEED PRIZES**

*Guaranteed \$1 million first-prize in two events*

ONCHAN, Isle of Man – May 19, 2017 – [PokerStars](#), an Amaya, Inc (Nasdaq: AYA; TSX: AYA) brand, is hosting what is expected to be the biggest day in online tournament poker history with 1,275 tournaments and a total guaranteed prize pool of more than \$28 million making it a must-play day for poker fans across the globe.

The precedent-setting day will be Sunday May 21, coinciding with the [PokerStars Spring Championship of Online Poker \(SCOOP\) Main Event](#). At least two players will become millionaires as a result of two tournaments with guaranteed first-prize of at least \$1 million. The 15 SCOOP events on Sunday guarantee \$18 million alone and with SCOOP buy-ins from \$5.50 to \$10,300, there's a tournament for everyone, including special \$25 Spin & Go's that are awarding players a \$10,300 seat into the high-stakes Main Event.

"This is a really special day for us and our players, which will go down in online poker history as a record breaking moment." said Severin Rasset, Director of Poker Innovations and Operations at PokerStars. "The huge prizepools on offer further cement our position as the biggest and the best and on Sunday when players compete for \$28 million we will be delivering millions of winning moments too."

Highlights of Sunday's schedule include:

SCOOP Main Event, May 21, 14:00 ET

- Low-stakes: \$109 buy-in; \$1.5 million guaranteed; \$100,000 to first place
- Mid-stakes: \$1,050 buy-in; \$3 million guaranteed; \$300,000 to first place
- High-stakes: \$10,300 buy-in; \$5 million guaranteed; \$1 million to first place

SCOOP Event-01 Phase 2, May 21, 12:30 ET

- Low-stakes: \$11 buy-in; \$1 million guaranteed; \$100,000 to first place
- Mid-stakes: \$109 buy-in; \$1.5 million guaranteed; \$150,000 to first place
- High-stakes: \$1,050 buy-in; \$5 million guaranteed; \$1 million to first place

Event-01 Phase 2 (Medium) has already exceeded its guarantee and the prize pool stands at more than \$2 million. [The Sunday Storm](#) also runs with a \$250,000 guaranteed

prize pool. Satellites and smaller tournaments run with buy-ins from \$0.01.

What could \$28 million buy you?

- One thousand bottles of 100-year old French champagne from a sunken ship
- A renaissance villa in Florence
- A private island in Key Largo, Florida
- A “Princess” mega yacht
- 60,000 years worth of ice cream

SCOOP has already awarded \$59 million across the series so far. The biggest SCOOP 2017 winner so far is ‘Black88’ who [won \\$702,658.75 in Event 15-H](#) the 8-max High Roller NLHE, while [‘fityfmi’ scooped \\$141,972.57](#) from a buy-in of \$215 in the low-stakes edition of Event 15.

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