



2011-12 WSOP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

MAY, 2012 – RIO ALL-SUITE HOTEL & CASINO IN LAS VEGAS AS PART OF 43rd WSOP

100 WSOP CIRCUIT PLAYERS WILL QUALIFY TO COMPETE FOR WSOP BRACELET & \$1 MILLION

OVERVIEW

The WSOP Circuit tour in 2011-2012 is a full-fledged national tour with 17 stops throughout the U.S. and a *Cumulative Player Point System* that awards points for cashing in official gold ring events

The Top 100 qualifiers from the WSOP Circuit 2011-12 season will be awarded seats in the **WSOP National Championship**, to be held in Las Vegas in May, 2012 and televised nationally on ESPN.

The **WSOP National Championship** will award a WSOP Gold Bracelet.

In addition, the **WSOP National Championship** will be competing for a prize pool of at least \$1 million, with the potential for that prize pool to double**.

No Limit Hold'em will be the game format for the **WSOP National Championship** and there will be no buy-in required for any of the 100 players who qualify via the WSOP Circuit.

All WSOP tournament rules will be enforced during the WSOP National Championship.

Note: Players should ensure their Total Rewards card remains the same throughout the tour, because players will be tracked using their unique TR number. (Players must keep all contact and mailing information updated too).

QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

There are 4 different ways to qualify for the 2011-12 **WSOP National Championship**. They are:

1. Win the \$1,600 Main Event at any WSOP Circuit event. (1 per stop; 17 players total)
2. Be the "Casino Champion" accumulating the most points at any of the individual WSOP Circuit stops' 12 official open "ring" events. (1 per stop; 17 players total)
3. Accumulate enough points between all the WSOP Circuit stops to be positioned in the Top 66 cumulative point standings at the end of the 2011-12 WSOP Circuit tour.*
4. Be one of the top 100 players in the new "WSOP World Rankings" and have the chance to buy-into the event for \$10,000 a seat. The World Rankings will recognize cumulative performance in open events at the World Series of Poker and World Series of Poker Europe over a two-year period and be released in November, 2011, following the November Nine.

Notes:

*There will likely be several duplicate names who automatically qualified. Each player can only qualify once, therefore the duplicate names will be scrubbed and the next highest-point getters in the cumulative point rankings will qualify.

**The National Championship could feature as many as 200 players – who have proven their excellence at WSOP-sanctioned events. One-hundred players will for sure come from the WSOP Circuit, and the others will be made of a potential pool of 100 players who enjoyed success in the open bracelet events at the 2010 or 2011 WSOP and WSOPe.