



WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT #2 REPORT

Circuit Stop: Rio Las Vegas
Event: No-Limit Hold'em
Buy-in: \$365

Date: 19 February 2018
Entries: 187
Prizepool: \$56,100

HOWARD CHEN TURNS FREEROLL INTO FIRST CIRCUIT RING

Howard Chen scores \$14,586 after winning his seat for free from the Rio.

Howard Chen has just won the second event at the Rio Las Vegas Circuit series. He defeated a 187-player field to earn \$14,586 and his first career WSOP Circuit gold ring. This was not only Chen's first ring, but it was also his first-ever WSOP cash.

Chen earned his seat into this event through a Rio freeroll tournament. He qualified for the freeroll by playing 40 hours of live cash game over a two-week qualifying period leading up to the series. It was easy for Chen to qualify and get 40 hours of play since he plays cash [games](#) at the Rio on regular basis. After he won his seat, he scanned the series schedule and landed on this event as the one he would take a shot in. According to Chen, he picked this event because it was single re-entry tournament and he preferred that over some of the other unlimited re-entry events.

Chen is a professional poker player, but he rarely plays tournaments. Chen said that this was the first real tournament that he has played in a few years.

"I play cash mostly, but I recently got into software development. I will be working with a company that will be designing a poker game for the casinos," said Chen.

Chen starts his new job next month. Until then, Chen plans on continuing to play lots of poker, including taking another shot in a tournament. Chen plans to play this week's \$365 Monster Stack tournament and hopes to not only score a second career WSOP cash, but also another [World Series of Poker](#) Circuit ring.

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Name:	Howard Chen	Age:	48
Nationality:	USA	Profession:	Poker/Software Developer
Birthplace:	Seattle, Wash.	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Las Vegas, Nev.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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