



WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

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| Circuit Stop: | Bally's Las Vegas | Date: | 31 March 2019 |
| Event: | No-Limit Hold'em | Entries: | 132 |
| Buy-in: | \$400 | Prizepool: | \$43,560 |

Michael Fernandez Wins His Second WSOP Circuit Ring

Michael Fernandez has defeated a 132-player field in Event #14: \$400 No-Limit Hold'em Turbo at the Bally's Las Vegas [World Series of Poker](#) Circuit to earn \$12,205 and his second career WSOP Circuit ring.

"It was a grind, but it was a lot of fun," said Fernandez.

This is Fernandez's second time in the WSOP Circuit winner circle. He won his first Circuit ring in 2017 at the Harveys Lake Tahoe stop. Fernandez only has three career WSOP cashes, so he has more wins now than non-win in-the-money finishes

"The first final table I was super nervous," said Fernandez. "I thought at this final table I was a lot more calm."

Fernandez's calm state definitely paid as he found himself up against a tough heads up opponent in Kindah Sakkal. Sakkal has already won a WSOP Circuit ring this week at Bally's and is a tough elimination. Sakkal's runner-up finish earned her \$7,538 and put her in the lead for the Bally's Casino Championship with 90 points.

Fernandez works for the Federal Reserve bank in San Francisco, but still finds some time for poker [trips](#). He plans to return to Vegas this summer to play in the World Series of Poker at the Rio. He said that he plans on coming to Vegas for the opening weekend of the series to play in the inaugural "Big 50", which is \$5,000,000 guaranteed event with a \$500 buy-in. Also to note, everyone's first entry into the Big 50 is rake-free, adding additional value to Fernandez and all others playing in the tournament.

"Lot of fun, great venue," said Fernandez. "I've never played in tournament's here at Bally's. I really liked that they set this up in the event center here."

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Name: Michael Fernandez
Nationality: USA
Current Residence: Martinez, Cali.

WSOP Bracelets: 0
Previous WSOP Circuit Rings: 1

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