



Media Alert



## **HARRAH'S CHEROKEE CASINO RESORT OPENS UP PRELIMINARY WSOP EVENT SCHEDULE**

**National Championship events begin July 29**

### **WHAT**

The largest poker tournament in the world is convening in Cherokee for the National Championship. The top players in the country have earned a seat in 21 tournaments during the 2014-15 season. Additionally, players in Cherokee can compete for 2 more seats in the ESPN-televised WSOP National Championship during qualifying events starting July 24-26.

### **WHEN**

Satellite and Cash events: July 23 - August 2.  
National Championship Qualifier events: July 24 - 26  
National Championship events: July 29 - 31

### **WHERE**

Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort Event Center  
777 Casino Dr  
Cherokee, NC 28719

Follow more information on the WSOP National Championship visit [www.wsop.com/2014/circuit/national-championship/](http://www.wsop.com/2014/circuit/national-championship/) or follow the tournament online at [blog.wsop.com](http://blog.wsop.com).

### **ABOUT THE WSOP CIRCUIT**

The World Series of Poker (WSOP) Circuit Events are a series of poker tournaments hosted throughout the United States beginning in early August each year, and culminating the following Spring/Summer with a \$1,000,000 National Championship televised on ESPN where the victor earns a WSOP gold bracelet as well.

WSOP Circuit Events are designed to give the recreational and amateur player an opportunity to participate in the WSOP experience at a more affordable price point and with less of a time commitment than the traditional WSOP in Las Vegas. Each stop features 12 official events in 12 days, including a \$1675 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em Main Event - the most expensive buy-in event on the 12-event schedule at each stop. Official WSOP Circuit events range in buy-in from \$365-\$1675 and award a prestigious WSOP gold ring to each victor. These poker tournaments are designed to reach a winner within two playing days, with some events even structured to complete in one day. In 2015-16, the WSOP Circuit season consists of 19 stops all tied together by a cumulative points system that awards points based on finish in individual events. A season-ending WSOP Global Casino Championship is held each Spring/Summer with the Top 100 qualifiers. The winner of each stop's Main Event (the only three-day structured event) gains automatic entry into the season-ending WSOP National Championship, as does each stop's Casino Champion - the person who accumulates the most points throughout the 12 official events at a stop. Two players at each stop earn automatic entries into the season-ending championship, with the remaining players being made up of at large qualifiers whom have accumulated the most points throughout the Circuit season. Players who finish within the top ten percent of the field are typically awarded prize money on an escalating scale until there is one player who has captured all the chips. That victor wins the largest share of the prize pool, a WSOP Circuit gold ring and points towards national championship qualification. The WSOP Circuit Events are a regional offshoot of the longest-running, largest, richest and most prestigious gaming event in the world, dating back 45 years to 1970 - the famous World Series of Poker. This marks the twelfth year the WSOP Circuit Events have been held. They were initially established by Caesars Entertainment (then Harrah's Entertainment) after its purchase of the WSOP brand in 2004 as a way to bring the WSOP experience to Caesars-owned properties throughout the U.S. In the inaugural season (2004-05), the WSOP Circuit featured five stops - Atlantic City, Lake Tahoe, Las Vegas, San Diego and New Orleans. Now, with 19 stops, the WSOP Circuit visits 12 U.S. states and cumulatively features more entrants than the Las Vegas version of the WSOP. Caesars Interactive Entertainment, Inc., (CIE) owns the WSOP and the WSOP Circuit Events. Visit us at [www.twitter.com/wsop](http://www.twitter.com/wsop)