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The Star Sydney Championships Returns to The Star Sydney this July

28 May 2018 – Sydney, Australia: Sydney's longest-running annual tournament series, The Star Sydney Championships, this year celebrates its 10th anniversary, bringing with it a jam-packed schedule of events and activities.

First held in 2009 and taking place this year between Tuesday 17 July and Monday 6 August, The Star Sydney Championships continues to go from strength to strength: in the last two years alone, it has broken records for main event runners, and this year is expected to be no different.

Chief Operating Officer Gaming at The Star, Damian Quayle, says The Star is building on the momentum from previous years as it gears up for a new year of The Star Sydney Championships.

“This year's Star Sydney Championships boasts a packed 15-event schedule, highlighted by the \$3,000 main event starting on Friday, 3 August 2018.

“For the very first time we're anticipating more than 500 players for the main event, once again expecting to break another record this year.

“Like previous years, the main event will feature a Repechage format, with players that bust out of Flight 1 being free to buy back in for Flight 2. Run over three days, the final table will be held on Monday 6 August.

“Meanwhile, the return of the \$20,000 buy-in High Roller is also sure to attract plenty of attention. This is a re-entry event commencing 1 August with 50,000 starting stacks and 45-minute levels.

“Last year's High Roller proved a huge success with the field of 26 runners including the likes of Joe Hachem, Jason Gray, Jonathan Karamalikis and Daniel Neilson, although it was

Warwick Mirzikian that emerged victorious to claim the \$247,000 top prize. Expect an even bigger event this time around!” commented Quayle.

The Star Sydney Championships boasts plenty of big names on show for the highly popular \$1,100 6-max event, last year awarded to Mirzikian in 2017, while a large field is anticipated for another \$1,100 event, the Monster Stack, which begins on Friday 27 July.

The Star Sydney Championships commences Tuesday 17 July with five guaranteed events for this series, starting with the \$500 Opening Event. With a field of over 1,000 expected, the Opening Event features four flights in a Repechage format, providing the opportunity for players to turn a small investment into a hefty payday.

Other notable events include the \$5k Challenge, a Ladies Event, Bounty and Omaha in what promises to be a thrilling 20-day schedule.

For more information on The Sydney Championships, please visit <https://www.starpoker.com.au/SC18>

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1. The Star Sydney Championships 2017 Main Event winner: Henry Tran



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