

World Cup of Poker

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It begins online at PokerStars.com, where players compete first to represent their national or regional team in a series of freerolls. Once the team members have been decided, the teams then battle it out in a series of Divisional and National play-offs to claim their spots at the live finals.

The eight finalists receive all-expenses-paid trips to play live in Barcelona, Spain. There, the teams compete in a televised tournament to determine the PokerStars World Cup of Poker Champion.

The inaugural event took place in 2004 with the final 4 teams competing on the PokerStars Caribbean Adventure Cruise in January of that year. At WCP IV in 2007, for the first time in the history of the World Cup of Poker, an American team took the championship home to North America. Team USA faced Teams Canada, Iceland, and Romania in the final four of the World Cup of Poker IV and emerged with the victory. Players Tyler Netter, Randy Principe, Greg Raymer, John Kenlan, and Shaun Deeb represented their country with a combination of aggressive play and national pride. The result was the World Cup of Poker trophy. Congratulations to Team USA for its victory.

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