

HPT Mini Series Coming to Ameristar St. Charles

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The Heartland Poker Tour (HPT) is hosting a mini series at Ameristar Casino Hotel & Spa in St. Charles, Mo . Slated to run from June 27 - July 1, the series will feature five events, including a \$350 NLH tournament, Event 4, which has a guaranteed prize pool of \$30,000.

An \$85 multi-table qualifier for Event 4 takes place Thursday, June 28. The qualifier will send at least five players to the \$350 competition.

The mini series gets underway with Event 1, a \$150 NLH deep stack tourney. Entrants start with 15,000 chips. Event 2, a \$250 tag-team NLH tournament is being held June 27. Players will begin play with 10,000 chips.

Event 3, a \$200 NLH seniors tournament, features 30-minute blinds. Participants start with 10,000 chips. Players must be 50 or older to enter.

The first flight for Event 4 takes place Friday, June 29, while the second flight will be held the next day. Players open with 15,000 chips. There will be 30-minute blinds.

Day 2 for Event 4 runs July 1.

The mini series closes with Event 5, a \$200 NLH bounty tournament. The blinds are 30 minutes. Participants receive 15,000 chips.

Ameristar Casino Hotel & Spa is located at 1 Ameristar Blvd in St. Charles. The poker room is open 24 hours each day, except Wednesdays, when it's closed from 5 a.m. to 6 a.m.

A U.S.-based poker tour created in 2005, the HPT airs 52 weeks per year. Although originally designed as a regional TV program to air in the Midwest, HPT is now shown on hundreds of stations in the U.S., Europe, the Caribbean, and the Middle East.

Fans in the U.S. can watch via DirecTV and DISH Network.

Following Ameristar St. Charles, the next stop for the HPT takes place from July 11-23 at Golden Gates Casino & Poker Parlour in Denver, Colo. The series includes an \$1,100 Main Event.

HPT will be at Ameristar Kansas City from July 19-30.