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JONATHAN TAMAYO WINS POKER'S BIGGEST PRIZE, TAKES HOME 2024 WORLD SERIES OF POKER® MAIN EVENT® TITLE

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Tamayo joins longtime friend and 2015 WSOP Main Event champion, Joe McKeehen in the Gallery of Champions

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LAS VEGAS (July 17, 2024) – Poker history unfolded inside the Horseshoe Las Vegas Events Center today, as Jonathan Tamayo was crowned the 2024 World Series of Poker (WSOP®) Main Event Champion. Tamayo outlasted the record field of 10,112 from around the world to cash in on the \$10 million first-place prize from the largest live poker tournament prize pool ever of \$94,041,600. 2015 WSOP Main Event winner Joe McKeehen was on hand to help award Tamayo, his longtime friend, the highly-coveted 2024 Main Event bracelet.

Tamayo's win marks the second year in a row that an American has won the WSOP Main Event after Daniel Weinman from Atlanta, Georgia, took home the undisputed world championship of poker title in 2023 to break a streak of four-straight international winners. Tamayo, from Humble, Texas, is a graduate of Cornell University ('08) with a degree in hotel management. Tamayo's previous best WSOP Main Event finish came in 2009, when he finished in 21st, earning \$352,000.

"The WSOP is about history, and this was another historic summer," said World Series of Poker Senior Vice President and Executive Director, Ty Stewart. "We thank every Team Member, business partner, and most of all, the

participants who came together for the biggest World Series of Poker of all time. We'll get to work on the banners, bracelets and improvements to make sure these records only last one year."

Niklas Astedt started the final day as the chip leader, with 223,000,000 chips, but was quickly ousted by Jordan Griff, who came into the day in third place with 187,000,000 chips. After several hands in back-and-forth heads-up play, Griff went all-in with a 9-6, while Tamayo held an 8-3. After the flop produced an 8-3-9, the turn resulted in an Ace and the river a 5, giving Tamayo the winning hand and the championship bracelet.

The WSOP Main Event bracelet, considered to be the richest trophy in sports, now goes home with Tamayo. Hand-crafted by Jostens exclusively for the WSOP, the 2024 Main Event bracelet features approximately 445 grams of 10-karat yellow gold with 2,253 various precious gemstones, including 1,948 round genuine diamonds, 230 black onyx stones, and 75 genuine red rubies to accentuate the suits. Unique to this year's design is a removable golden face plate in the bracelet's center that serves as a card protector.

Earlier today, the WSOP announced the second edition of WSOP Paradise, in partnership with GGPoker. The winter series will take place from Dec. 6 to Dec. 19, 2024, at Atlantis Paradise Island in the Bahamas and feature a "Super" Main Event with a whopping \$50 million guarantee – the largest guarantee in live poker tournament history. The reimaged WSOP Paradise festival will feature the most comprehensive set of high roller and super high roller tournaments ever offered.

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Part of Caesars Entertainment's Caesars Digital operations, the World Series of Poker® is the largest, richest and most prestigious gaming event in the world, having awarded more than \$4 billion in prize money and the prestigious gold bracelet, globally recognized as the sport's top prize. Featuring a comprehensive slate of tournaments in every major poker variation, the WSOP is poker's longest-running tournament in the world, dating back to 1970. In 2023, the event attracted 214,641 entrants from more than 114 different countries to the Paris Las Vegas and Horseshoe Las Vegas and awarded more than \$403 million in prize money. In addition, the WSOP has formed groundbreaking alliances in broadcasting, digital media and corporate sponsorships, while successfully expanding the brand internationally with the advent of WSOP Europe in 2007, WSOP Asia-Pacific in 2013, WSOP International Circuit Series in 2015 and WSOP Paradise at Atlantis Paradise Island in 2023. All WSOP events are subject to the then-current and applicable WSOP tournament rules. For more information, please visit www.wsop.com.

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