



## IT'S OFFICIAL – AUSSIE MILLIONS MAIN EVENT BREAKS ENTRY RECORD

*The Aussie Millions Main Event has officially reached 800 entries.*



**Melbourne. Thursday 1 February.** It's official; the 2018 Aussie Millions Main Event field is the largest ever with 785 entries, smashing last year's entries of 725 and the previous record set in 2008 of 781.

Aussie Millions Tournament Director, Joel Williams says "We knew we would get close to breaking the record but to actually do it is so exciting. The team has worked hard to make this year's tournament the biggest and best yet and this proves that we are well on our way to achieving that goal."

With an estimated total prize pool of over AUD\$8 million, the Main Event competition is going to be fierce with some of the world's best poker players hitting the felts in their quest to take out the first prize of an estimated AUD\$1.6 million and the diamond encrusted championship bracelet.

Jason Somerville's Twitch.tv account will be the exclusive broadcast partner for the 2018 Aussie Millions Poker Championship Main Event with the live stream commencing for Day Three on Thursday 1 February at 12:30pm AEST. The stream will continue through to Day Four on Friday 2 February, break for Saturday 3 February and then recommence for the Final Table on Sunday 4 February.

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<b>Event:</b>	Crown's 2018 Aussie Millions Poker Championship Main Event live stream
<b>Twitch.tv:</b>	Thursday 1 February: 12:30 EST - 'Main Event' - Day Three Friday 2 February: 12:30 EST – 'Main Event' - Day Four Sunday 4 February: 12:30 EST - 'Main Event' - Final Table
<b>Twitch.tv Link:</b>	<a href="http://www.runitup.com/">http://www.runitup.com/</a> <a href="https://www.twitch.tv/jcarverpoker">https://www.twitch.tv/jcarverpoker</a>
<b>Location:</b>	The Crown Poker Room (Level B2, Crown Entertainment Complex)
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.aussiemillions.com">www.aussiemillions.com</a>   <a href="http://www.crownpoker.com.au">www.crownpoker.com.au</a>
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#### **ABOUT AUSSIE MILLIONS POKER CHAMPIONSHIP**

Hosted by Crown Melbourne, one of the world's leading integrated entertainment resorts, the Aussie Millions transforms Crown into a mecca of the poker world during the peak of the Australian Summer.

With a reputation that ranks it alongside the highly acclaimed World Series of Poker, the Aussie Millions is the marquee event on the Asian-Pacific poker calendar. Since its inception in 1998, the tournament has grown into a major stop on the international poker circuit for the world's greatest poker players

Crown Melbourne's Tournament Director, Joel Williams, said "Crown Melbourne's Aussie Millions continues to be seen as a 'must-attend' on the global poker tour among both recreational players and seasoned pros alike. With a schedule featuring 26 official championship events, 2018 looms as one of the biggest events yet".

There are few tournaments in the world that offer the kinds of prize pools that the Aussie Millions delivers each year, and in 2018 the schedule will comprise of 26 separate poker events with buy-ins ranging from AUD\$1,150 to AUD\$50,000. The comprehensive slate of the game's most popular variations will be on offer and a total of 26 coveted Aussie Millions ANTON Jewellery 'Championship Rings' will be awarded to each event winner.

The prize pools provide a substantial incentive to travel and, in addition, each winner will receive a 'Championship Ring' for their victory. While the entry fees may sit outside the budget of some players, everyone can qualify via the countless satellite tournaments held during the year and during the event itself, offering players the chance to win a place in the coveted Aussie Millions 'Main Event' for a fraction of the AUD\$10,600 entry fee.

Nearly 100 poker tables will be set up across the award-winning complex to accommodate the thousands of players from around the world who attend Asia-Pacific's largest poker event. In terms of prize money, the prestigious Aussie Millions 'Main Event' shares the limelight with some of Australia's other major events including the Melbourne Cup, Australian Open and the AFL Grand Final.