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A new poker league will open soon for the game's top players.

[Annie Duke](#) , professional poker player and poker celebrity will govern the new league as commissioner. The league was created by Federated Sports & Gaming (FS+G) and will consist of around 200 members.

The new league, which has yet to be named, will hold four tournaments hosted by the [Palms Casino Resort](#) and a championship event in Las Vegas. One of the league's purposes is to hold tournaments which are "rake free" for the players – which means the house won't earn any money wagered – and in addition will feature big cash prizes. The championship will be free for qualifiers, with a prize around one million dollars.

[World Series of Poker](#) Commissioner Jeffrey Pollack founded the FS+G only last year, along with Michael Brodsky, David Goldberg and Jeffrey Grosman, who were senior managers at a popular online betting site before was acquired last November by an [online casino](#)

. Commissioner Annie Duke is also a WSOP champion and a 2009 runner-up in the popular television show

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Poker tournaments such as WSOP and [World Poker Tour](#) are popular on television and often feature poker celebrities. There are no qualifications for anyone to participate, as long as they can afford the entry fee buy-in of \$10K. The new league will rank player qualification with a mathematical calculation of previous winnings and events in a way similar to how professional tennis and golf players are ranked worldwide.

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