

The Las Vegas Summer Poker Cheat Sheet

The highest-signal tournament guide for serious recreational players: WSOP bracelet targets, daily deepstack rankings, satellite leverage, and the best scored side-series pivots across Wynn Summer Classic, Aria Poker Classic, Venetian DeepStack Championship, MGM Grand Summer Poker Festival, Golden Nugget Grand Poker Series, Orleans Summer Open, South Point Summer Series.

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SCORED EVENTS	BRACELET SCORES	SATELLITES	SIDE SERIES

HOW TO READ THIS

One score is not enough. Use the split.

Edge Score

The default recommendation score for serious recreational players. For regular events: 55% Structure + 45% Playability.

Structure

How well the event protects poker skill and equity: depth, level duration, blind progression, rake, re-entry policy, late registration, and table format.

Playability

How practical and attractive the event is for the player choosing it: buy-in fit, field accessibility, format familiarity, schedule, and experience value.

Watchouts

The caveat that should change your decision: high rake, re-entry pressure, turbo pace, elite field, specialist format, or low satellite leverage.

A 85-100 B 70-84 C 55-69 D 40-54 F under 40

Coverage note: Scored coverage includes 99 WSOP bracelet templates, WSOP dailies, WSOP satellites, and 7 side series: Wynn Summer Classic, Aria Poker Classic, Venetian DeepStack Championship, MGM Grand Summer Poker Festival, Golden Nugget Grand Poker Series, Orleans Summer Open, South Point Summer Series. The WSOP heads-up bracket and Chainsaw's Mixed Series are live in the broader calendar but are not included in the scored tables.

Best WSOP target

- 79.9

#59 Salute to Warriors

Best score in the bracelet file: accessible, soft, one re-entry, and no major watchout.
- 77.5

#72 Mini Main Event

The clean \$1K target: 300BB, freezeout, multi-flight convenience.
- 76.4

#18 Monster Stack

The classic serious-rec pick: 60-minute levels and a real multi-day structure.

Best pure structure

- 79.1

#82 WSOP Main Event

The best tournament structure in the package: A+ Structure, 120-minute levels, freezeout.
- 75.6

#2 8-Handed NLHE

A- Structure at a \$5K buy-in; expensive, but the poker quality is excellent.
- 75.3

#49 \$2,500 Freezeout

Best mid-tier structure-per-dollar among the WSOP picks.

Best non-WSOP pivots

- 70.5

Wynn \$2.2K Mystery Bounty

Premium room, strong playability, better if you can handle tougher fields.
- 72.0

Aria \$2.2K Mystery Bounty

Strong side-series pivot with high playability and re-entry pressure.
- 70.0

Venetian \$1.1K NLH

Best WSOP-adjacent \$1,100 cluster in the scored side-series data.

Satellite lane

- 80.9

\$1,100 Main Event Landmark

Top satellite score: best blend of leverage, target quality, and availability.
- 74.0

\$585 WSOP credit

Useful flexible-credit path if you want a lower buy-in shot.
- 69.6

\$260 Main Event Mega

Cheap Main Event lane, but the turbo pace matters.

Bracelet events: where the score says to start

WSOP gets the most space because it is still the main attraction. The best default targets are not always the most prestigious events; they are the events where structure, buy-in, field accessibility, and schedule practicality line up.

Micro tier - \$600 and under Good for access; watch rake and re-entry pressure.						
EDGE	#	EVENT	BUY-IN	STRUCTURE	PLAY	WATCHOUT
79.9	#59	Salute to Warriors NLHE - 250BB - 40 min - 3 days - 1 Re-entry	\$500	B	A	Clean
71.8	#86	Ultra Stack NLHE NLHE - 300BB - 40 min - 4 days - 2 Re-entries per Flight - multi-flight	\$600	C+	A-	high rake
71.7	#78	Deepstack Championship NLHE - 300BB - 40 min - 4 days - 1 Re-entry	\$600	C+	A-	high rake
70.5	#3	Industry Employees NLHE - 250BB - 40 min - 2 days - 1 Re-entry	\$500	C	A	high rake
69.6	#10	Deepstack No-Limit Hold'em NLHE - 300BB - 30 min - 2 days - 1 Re-entry	\$600	C	A	high rake
69.2	#34	The Colossus NLHE - 250BB - 40 min - 4 days - 1 Re-entry per Flight - multi-flight	\$500	C	A-	high rake
68.8	#88	Gladiators of Poker NLHE - 300BB - 30 min - 3 days - Freezeout	\$300	C-	A	high rake
67.7	#25	NLHE Freezeout NLHE - 250BB - 30 min - 2 days - Freezeout	\$500	C-	A-	high rake

Mid tier - \$601 to \$2,500 The strongest default band for most serious recreational players.						
EDGE	#	EVENT	BUY-IN	STRUCTURE	PLAY	WATCHOUT
77.5	#72	Mini Main Event NLHE - 300BB - 30 min - 3 days - Freezeout - multi-flight	\$1,000	B	A	Clean
76.4	#18	Monster Stack NLHE NLHE - 250BB - 60 min - 5 days - 1 Re-entry per Flight - multi-flight	\$1,500	B	B+	Clean
76.4	#66	Tag Team NLHE Tag Team NLHE - 200BB - 60 min - 3 days - Freezeout	\$1,000	B-	A	Clean
75.3	#49	\$2,500 NLHE Freezeout NLHE - 350BB - 40 min - 3 days - Freezeout	\$2,500	B+	B+	Clean
75.2	#50	Millionaire Maker NLHE - 250BB - 60 min - 5 days - 1 Re-entry per Flight - multi-flight	\$1,500	B	A-	Clean
74.4	#61	Super Seniors NLHE NLHE - 200BB - 60 min - 4 days - 1 Re-entry	\$1,000	B-	A-	Clean
73.2	#26	No-Limit Hold'em NLHE - 300BB - 40 min - 3 days - 1 Re-entry	\$2,000	B	B+	Clean
73.0	#65	NLHE Freezeout NLHE - 250BB - 40 min - 3 days - Freezeout	\$1,500	B-	A-	Clean
72.8	#46	Seniors NLHE Championship NLHE - 200BB - 60 min - 3 days - 1 Re-entry per Flight	\$1,000	C+	A-	Clean
72.5	#43	8-Handed Deepstack NLHE - 8-handed - 400BB - 30 min - 2 days - 1 Re-entry	\$800	C+	A-	Clean
71.6	#98	Deepstack No-Limit Hold'em NLHE - 400BB - 30 min - 2 days - 1 Re-entry	\$800	C+	A-	Clean

EDGE	#	EVENT	BUY-IN	STRUCTURE	PLAY	WATCHOUT
71.3	#13	6-Handed No-Limit Hold'em NLHE - 6-handed - 250BB - 40 min - 3 days - 1 Re-entry	\$1,500	B-	B+	Clean

High tier - \$2,501 to \$10,000
 Best structures, bigger bankroll requirements, tougher fields.

EDGE	#	EVENT	BUY-IN	STRUCTURE	PLAY	WATCHOUT
79.1	#82	WSOP Main Event NLHE - 300BB - 120 min - 12 days - Freezeout	\$10,000	A+	C+	Clean
75.7	#51	\$10K Mystery Bounty NLHE NLHE - 8-handed - 300BB - 40 min - 3 days - 2 Re-entries	\$10,000	B+	B	Clean
75.6	#2	8-Handed NLHE NLHE - 8-handed - 250BB - 60 min - 4 days - 1 Re-entry	\$5,000	A-	B-	Clean
75.1	#94	6-Handed Championship NLHE - 6-handed - 300BB - 60 min - 3 days - Freezeout	\$10,000	A	C	Clean
75.0	#39	Seniors High Roller NLHE - 8-handed - 250BB - 60 min - 4 days - 1 Re-entry	\$5,000	A-	B-	Clean
74.2	#73	6-Handed NLHE NLHE - 6-handed - 250BB - 60 min - 4 days - 1 Re-entry	\$5,000	A-	B-	Clean
73.7	#68	Ladies NLHE Championship NLHE - 200BB - 60 min - 4 days - 1 Re-entry	\$10,000	B-	A-	Clean
70.3	#99	8-Handed NLHE NLHE - 8-handed - 250BB - 30 min - 2 days - 1 Re-entry	\$5,000	B	B	Clean
70.1	#79	\$3,000 NLHE Freezeout NLHE - 200BB - 40 min - 3 days - Freezeout	\$3,000	B-	B	Clean
69.3	#32	No-Limit Hold'em NLHE - 200BB - 60 min - 4 days - 1 Re-entry	\$3,000	B	B-	Clean
67.2	#84	Super Turbo Bounty (8-Handed) NLHE - 8-handed - 250BB - 20 min - 1 Re-entry	\$5,000	C+	B	turbo pace

Nosebleed tier - above \$10,000
 Often beautiful structures, but poor default fit unless this is your bankroll lane.

EDGE	#	EVENT	BUY-IN	STRUCTURE	PLAY	WATCHOUT
68.0	#41	\$250K Super High Roller NLHE - 8-handed - 300BB - 60 min - 3 days - 1 Re-entry	\$250,000	A+	D	elite buy-in/field
68.0	#64	\$25K High Roller NLHE - 8-handed - 300BB - 60 min - 3 days - 2 Re-entries	\$25,000	A	D+	elite buy-in/field
67.4	#97	\$25K HORSE HORSE - 8-handed - 750BB - 60 min - 3 days - 1 Re-entry	\$25,000	A	D	elite buy-in/field specialist format provisional structure parsing
67.4	#36	High Roller No-Limit Hold'em (8-Handed) NLHE - 8-handed - 300BB - 60 min - 3 days - 1 Re-entry	\$100,000	A	D	elite buy-in/field
66.5	#60	Poker Players Championship 9-Game Mix - 7-handed - 1500BB - 100 min - 5 days - Freezeout	\$50,000	A+	F	elite buy-in/field specialist format provisional structure parsing
62.0	#19	\$25K High Roller NLHE NLHE - 8-handed - 150BB - 60 min - 3 days - 1 Re-entry per Flight	\$25,000	B-	C-	elite buy-in/field

Use dailies as schedule fillers, not your main plan

Daily deepstack scores use a playability-weighted formula because they solve a different problem: what to do when you bust early, have a gap day, or want a lower-stress session. Every daily carries structural compromises.

RANK	EDGE	DAILY	STRUCTURE	PLAY	WATCHOUT	
#1	67.8	Seniors Deepstack NLHE \$250 - NLHE	D	A	high rake	unlimited re-entry variance
#2	65.0	\$250 NLHE Daily \$250 - NLHE	D	A-	high rake	unlimited re-entry variance
#3	64.5	\$400 NLHE Daily Deepstack \$400 - NLHE	F	A-	fast levels	unlimited re-entry variance
#4	61.1	\$250 PLO Daily \$250 - PLO	D	B+	high rake	unlimited re-entry variance
#5	57.5	\$250 HORSE Daily \$250 - HORSE	F	B	high rake	fast levels unlimited re-entry variance
#6	57.3	\$200 NLHE Daily \$200 - NLHE	F	B+	high rake	fast levels unlimited re-entry variance
#7	53.0	Ladies Daily Deepstack \$150 - NLHE	F	B	high rake	fast levels unlimited re-entry variance

Daily formula: 45% Structure + 55% Playability. The score rewards convenience and access more than a bracelet-event score does.

Satellite leverage map

Satellite scores are separate from regular-event scores. They combine conversion value and satellite playability, then punish low leverage, weak targets, and fast formats. Since unlimited re-entry is standard across these WSOP satellites, the watchout column only flags the non-standard caveats.

Shortcut: The best WSOP satellite lane is still the \$1,100 Main Event Landmark template. Step satellites can be useful, but they add extra rake and extra failure points; treat them as convenience tools, not hidden value.

SAT EDGE	BUY-IN	TARGET	CONVERSION	PLAY	LEVERAGE	LEVELS	WATCHOUT
80.9	\$1,100	\$10K Main Event 10x chip target - Landmark	B	A+	8.06x	20 min	-
77.8	\$1,100	\$10K Main Event (Turbo) Turbo - 10x chip target - Landmark	B	A	8.06x	20 min	-
75.6	\$1,100	GG MILLIONS\$ 10x chip target	B-	A-	8.06x	20 min	-
75.5	\$1,100	\$10K 6-Handed NLHE 6-handed - 10x chip target - Landmark	B-	A-	8.06x	20 min	-
75.0	\$1,100	\$10K Mystery Bounty 10x chip target	B-	A-	8.06x	20 min	-
74.0	\$585	\$5K WSOP Credit 20x chip target - Landmark	C+	A	7.31x	20 min	-
73.7	\$1,100	\$10K PLO 10x chip target - Landmark	B	B+	8.06x	30 min	-
73.5	\$585	\$5K WSOP Credit 10x chip target - Landmark	C+	A	7.25x	20 min	-
72.0	\$7,500	\$100K HR NLHE 15x chip target - Landmark	A+	C	12.71x	30 min	high-roller target
72.0	\$7,500	\$100K HR PLO 15x chip target - Landmark	A+	C-	12.71x	30 min	high-roller target
72.0	\$1,100	\$10K Main Event (Turbo) Turbo - 10x chip target - Landmark	B-	A	8.06x	10 min	very fast levels
70.9	\$585	\$5K WSOP Credit Super turbo - 10x chip target - Landmark	C+	A-	7.31x	20 min	-
70.9	\$585	\$5K WSOP Credit 6-handed - 10x chip target - Landmark	C+	A-	7.31x	20 min	-
70.6	\$585	\$5K WSOP Credit 10x chip target - Landmark	C+	A-	7.25x	20 min	-
70.4	\$585	\$5K WSOP Credit 10x chip target - Landmark	C+	A-	7.25x	20 min	-
69.6	\$2,750	\$25K HR PLO/NLHE 10x chip target	B	B-	8.26x	30 min	high-roller target

Front-pack side series: Wynn, Aria, Venetian

Side-series scores should be read within each series context. A 66 at Orleans means something different from a 66 at Wynn: the room, field, buy-in range, and structure package are different.

Wynn Summer Classic

May 20-Jul 13 - 45 scored open-event templates

AVG EDGE60.2

Wynn's best scores come from premium structures and bigger buy-ins. It is the strongest non-WSOP option for players who value room quality, but the field is less forgiving than the budget rooms.

EDGE	EVENT	BUY-IN	DATES	STRUCTURE	PLAY	WATCHOUT
71.0	\$5,000 Seniors NLH High Roller 50+ (3 Day) NLHE - 8-handed - 250BB - 60 min - 3 days - Unlimited re-entry	\$5,000	Jun 8	B+	C+	-
70.5	\$2,200 NLH Mystery Bounty NLHE - 200BB - 40 min - 2 days - Unlimited re-entry	\$2,200	Jun 15-17	C+	A-	-
69.8	\$1,600 NLH Mystery Bounty NLHE - 200BB - 40 min - 2 days - Unlimited re-entry	\$1,600	Jul 4-6	C	A-	-
68.5	\$10,400 Wynn Summer Championship NLHE - 250BB - 60 min - 4 days - 1 Re-entry per Flight	\$10,400	Jun 21-24	A-	C-	-
68.2	\$1,100 Seniors NLH 50+ NLHE - 200BB - 40 min - 2 days - Unlimited re-entry per Flight	\$1,100	May 27-Jun 18	C	A-	-

Aria Poker Classic

May 27-Jul 12 - 32 scored open-event templates

AVG EDGE58.5

Aria is a central Strip side-series option with strong player experience and accessible fields. The best scores come from Mystery Bounty and BetMGM Championship spots; re-entry pressure and middling structures are the main tradeoffs.

EDGE	EVENT	BUY-IN	DATES	STRUCTURE	PLAY	WATCHOUT
72.0	\$2,200 NLH Mystery Bounty (2-Day) NLHE - 200BB - 40 min - 2 days - Unlimited re-entry	\$2,200	Jun 18	C+	A-	-
71.3	\$3,500 BetMGM Championship NLHE - 250BB - 50 min - 3 days - 1 Re-entry per Flight	\$3,500	Jul 1-2	B+	B-	-
65.0	\$800 Ladies NLH Mystery Bounty NLHE - 150BB - 30 min - Unlimited re-entry	\$800	Jun 23	D+	A-	-
64.8	\$1,100 BetMGM NLH Mystery Bounty NLHE - 150BB - 30 min - Unlimited re-entry	\$1,100	Jun 14-29	D+	A-	-
64.8	\$1,100 Mystery Bounty NLHE - 150BB - 30 min - Unlimited re-entry	\$1,100	May 27	D+	A-	-

Venetian DeepStack Championship

May 18-Aug 2 - 33 scored open-event templates

AVG EDGE61.6

Venetian has the deepest scored side-series coverage and the best cluster of \$1,100 alternatives near the WSOP. Watch field quality and event-by-event structure tradeoffs.

EDGE	EVENT	BUY-IN	DATES	STRUCTURE	PLAY	WATCHOUT
72.3	\$2,500 No Limit Hold'em LIPS Ladies High Roller NLHE - 250BB - 50 min - 3 days - Unlimited re-entry	\$2,500	Jun 30	B	B	-
70.0	\$1,100 No Limit Hold'em NLHE - 200BB - 40 min - 2 days - Unlimited re-entry	\$1,100	Jun 6-Jul 4	C+	B+	-
70.0	\$1,100 No Limit Hold'em Super Seniors NLHE - 200BB - 40 min - 2 days - Unlimited re-entry	\$1,100	Jun 27-28	C	A-	-
69.8	\$1,100 No Limit Hold'em Seniors NLHE - 200BB - 40 min - 2 days - Unlimited re-entry	\$1,100	Jun 11-Jul 10	C	A-	-
69.2	\$1,600 No Limit Hold'em Seniors NLHE - 200BB - 40 min - 2 days - Unlimited re-entry	\$1,600	Jun 19-21	C+	B+	-

Accessible Strip and downtown pivots

MGM Grand Summer Poker Festival						
Jun 3-Jul 9 - 25 scored open-event templates						
MGM is a playability-first option: accessible buy-ins and soft fields, but high rake and structure tradeoffs keep the ceiling modest.						
EDGE	EVENT	BUY-IN	DATES	STRUCTURE	PLAY	WATCHOUT
62.4	\$500 No Limit Hold'em - SUPER Stack Mystery Bounty NLHE - 133.3BB - 30 min - 2 days - Unlimited re-entry	\$500	Jun 20-22	D	A	unlimited re-entry + short late-reg stack
62.0	\$700 GRAND FINALE - No Limit Hold'em NLHE - 166.7BB - 30 min - 2 days - Unlimited re-entry	\$700	Jul 7-9	D+	B+	unlimited re-entry + short late-reg stack
61.0	\$600 Seniors No Limit Hold'em (50+) NLHE - 150BB - 30 min - Unlimited re-entry	\$600	Jun 27-Jul 5	D+	B+	unlimited re-entry + short late-reg stack
60.9	\$500 GCP Tour - Mystery Ticket NLH NLHE - 150BB - 30 min - 2 days - Unlimited re-entry	\$500	Jun 6-8	D	A-	high rake unlimited re-entry + short late-reg stack
60.1	\$400 Seniors Warm-Up NLH (50+) NLHE - 150BB - 30 min - Unlimited re-entry	\$400	Jun 3	D	A-	high rake

Golden Nugget Grand Poker Series						
Jun 3-28 - 42 scored open-event templates						
Golden Nugget is the downtown low-buy-in lane. It adds real volume and some useful guarantee spots, but the best use case is budget scheduling rather than chasing elite structures.						
EDGE	EVENT	BUY-IN	DATES	STRUCTURE	PLAY	WATCHOUT
70.8	\$600 Championship Main Event NLHE - 300BB - 40 min - 2 days - Unlimited re-entry	\$600	Jun 24-27	C+	A-	unlimited re-entry + short late-reg stack
70.6	\$720 Gulf Coast Poker Tour GOLDEN EVENT NLHE - 300BB - 40 min - 2 days - Unlimited re-entry	\$720	Jun 17-19	C+	B+	-
67.9	\$500 Seniors Championship NLHE - 400BB - 30 min - Unlimited re-entry	\$500	Jun 14	C	A-	unlimited re-entry + short late-reg stack
66.5	\$400 Super Seniors (60+ or played Seniors) NLHE - 300BB - 30 min - Unlimited re-entry	\$400	Jun 23	C-	A-	high rake unlimited re-entry + short late-reg stack
66.2	\$300 Ladies No-Limit Hold'em Championship NLHE - 300BB - 30 min - Unlimited re-entry	\$300	Jun 21	C-	A-	high rake

Budget pivots

Orleans Summer Open						
May 22-Jul 12 - 52 scored open-event templates						
Orleans is the budget/value room. The \$600 Main Event is the clear standout; most lower buy-ins are soft but structurally compromised.						
EDGE	EVENT	BUY-IN	DATES	STRUCTURE	PLAY	WATCHOUT
66.7	\$600 NLH Main Event NLHE - 200BB - 30 min - 2 days - Unlimited re-entry	\$600	Jul 1-4	C-	A	unlimited re-entry + short late-reg stack
63.9	\$600 Ladies Championship NLHE - 200BB - 30 min - Unlimited re-entry	\$600	Jun 19	C-	A-	unlimited re-entry + short late-reg stack
61.5	\$400 NLH Mega Stack NLHE - 200BB - 30 min - Unlimited re-entry	\$400	May 23-Jul 10	D+	B+	unlimited re-entry + short late-reg stack
60.5	\$600 NLH Senior's Championship 50+ NLHE - 200BB - 30 min - Unlimited re-entry	\$600	Jun 13	C-	B	unlimited re-entry + short late-reg stack
60.4	\$300 NLH Monster Stack NLHE - 150BB - 30 min - Unlimited re-entry	\$300	May 28-Jul 11	D	A-	unlimited re-entry + short late-reg stack

South Point Summer Series						
May 25-Jul 12 - 10 scored open-event templates						
South Point is the extreme-budget lane. The \$300 Lucky 300K template is the only clear recommendation; use the rest as practice or low-stress volume.						
EDGE	EVENT	BUY-IN	DATES	STRUCTURE	PLAY	WATCHOUT
60.1	\$300 300K Multiday NLHE - 150BB - 30 min - 2 days - Unlimited re-entry	\$300	May 25-Jul 8	D	A-	high rake
56.7	\$200 NLH Bounty (\$50) NLHE - 150BB - 20 min - Unlimited re-entry	\$200	May 30-Jul 11	F	A-	high rake turbo pace
56.5	\$200 NLH Deepstack NLHE - 150BB - 20 min - Unlimited re-entry	\$200	May 28-Jul 10	F	A-	high rake turbo pace
52.4	\$120 NLH Turbo Bounty (\$25) NLHE - 100BB - 15 min - Unlimited re-entry	\$120	May 25-Jul 12	F	A-	high rake turbo pace unlimited re-entry + short late-reg stack
51.2	\$120 Crazy Pineapple Crazy Pineapple - 100BB - 20 min - Unlimited re-entry	\$120	May 31-Jul 12	F	B+	high rake turbo pace unlimited re-entry + short late-reg stack

Series comparison

SERIES	DATES	AVG EDGE	TOP EVENT	HOW TO USE IT
WSOP Bracelet Events Primary destination	May 27-Jul 17	66.1 C	Salute to Warriors	Best structures and highest prestige. Most space in this sheet for a reason.
Wynn Summer Classic Side-series pivot	May 20-Jul 13	60.2 C	\$5,000 Seniors NLH High Roller 50+ (3 Day)	Wynn's best scores come from premium structures and bigger buy-ins. It is the strongest non-WSOP option for players who value room quality, but the field is less forgiving than the budget rooms.
Aria Poker Classic Side-series pivot	May 27-Jul 12	58.5 C	\$2,200 NLH Mystery Bounty (2-Day)	Aria is a central Strip side-series option with strong player experience and accessible fields. The best scores come from Mystery Bounty and BetMGM Championship spots; re-entry pressure and middling structures are the main tradeoffs.
Venetian DeepStack Championship Side-series pivot	May 18-Aug 2	61.6 C	\$2,500 No Limit Hold'em LIPS Ladies High Roller	Venetian has the deepest scored side-series coverage and the best cluster of \$1,100 alternatives near the WSOP. Watch field quality and event-by-event structure tradeoffs.
MGM Grand Summer Poker Festival Side-series pivot	Jun 3- Jul 9	55.7 C	\$500 No Limit Hold'em - SUPER Stack Mystery Bounty	MGM is a playability-first option: accessible buy-ins and soft fields, but high rake and structure tradeoffs keep the ceiling modest.
Golden Nugget Grand Poker Series Side-series pivot	Jun 3- 28	56.1 C	\$600 Championship Main Event	Golden Nugget is the downtown low-buy-in lane. It adds real volume and some useful guarantee spots, but the best use case is budget scheduling rather than chasing elite structures.
Orleans Summer Open Side-series pivot	May 22-Jul 12	53.3 D	\$600 NLH Main Event	Orleans is the budget/value room. The \$600 Main Event is the clear standout; most lower buy-ins are soft but structurally compromised.
South Point Summer Series Side-series pivot	May 25-Jul 12	52.3 D	\$300 300K Multiday	South Point is the extreme-budget lane. The \$300 Lucky 300K template is the only clear recommendation; use the rest as practice or low-stress volume.

Bottom line: Build around WSOP if you want the best single poker experience. Use the side-series tables to compare non-WSOP pivots by room, buy-in, field profile, and structure tradeoff. Budget rooms can be useful, but lower price points often come with higher rake or thinner structures. Chainsaw's Mixed Series is not included in the scored tables.

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Data source: official structure sheets and PokerCircuit Edge Score CSVs. Top WSOP bracelet score: 79.9. Grouped scored side-series open-event templates: 239. Series averages use grouped templates, not raw flight rows. Scores are planning tools, not guarantees of ROI.