



## WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Horseshoe Hammond (Hammond, Ind.)	Date:	16 October 2017
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry	Entries:	2,349
Buy-in:	\$365	Prizepool:	\$704,700

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### JONATHAN TAMAYO WINS MULTI-FLIGHT RE-ENTRY FOR 3<sup>RD</sup> GOLD RING

*Modest poker player bags fourth, six-figure cash after extensive, re-entry tournament.*

The Horseshoe Hammond Circuit series has finally awarded its first World Series of Poker gold ring of 2017. After four separate starting flights and an extensive Day 2, it was Jonathan Tamayo who was deemed the Event #1: \$365 No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry Champion. The Texas native topped the field of 2,349 entrants, winning his third career gold ring and \$101,404.

Tamayo's road to victory was a long and arguably grueling one. The 31-year-old broke through Flight C with a solid stack. He then had one day off before entering, what would be, an extensive Day 2. The final table alone took just over five hours to complete.

It was nearly 3:00 a.m. when Tamayo scooped the last pot against his final adversary, Daniel Kitzi. Multiple hours of poker can be daunting for players, but lengthy periods at the table do not really phase Tamayo anymore.

"I just process everything and then times flies. I see the clock, but I don't feel the time. I've done it too long," explained Tamayo.

Tamayo has WSOP cashes dating back to 2008 and they tell a story of a man who is no stranger to the big stage, or big money. With his triumph in Hammond, Indiana, the young poker pro added yet another six-figure payout to his lucrative stat sheet, which now boasts nearly 1.3 million dollars in WSOP earnings.

The resident of Houston, Texas has cut back on the Circuit grind in recent years. However, Tamayo does go all in when he does find the time to roam.

“When I go to a stop I usually stay the whole time, but then you might not see me again for two months,” Tamayo admitted. “Traveling wears on you. I’ve cut down on it. About five, six years ago I could still hack it.”

Although Tamayo can occasionally be seen on the Circuit tour, he more-so enjoys the annual World Series of Poker in Las Vegas. Majority of his cashes stem from the prestigious summer series, including his largest to date. In the 2009 Main Event World Championship, Tamayo finished 21<sup>st</sup>, out of nearly 6,500 players, for a score of \$352,832.

When Tamayo is not bagging six-figure cashes in the world of cards, he is usually wrapped up in another profession.

“Half of the year I am a football referee in Texas. But, I had two weeks where I was off on the schedule, so I came here,” said Tamayo “Otherwise, I don’t get to travel much.”

The time off from officiating has proven highly profitable so far for the modest poker player, originally from Humble, Texas. Tamayo plans to stay and play the rest of the series at Horseshoe Hammond. He takes an early lead in the Casino Championship race with 50 points, but there are still many ring events to come.

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## MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name:	Jonathan Tamayo	Age:	31
Nationality:	USA	Profession:	Poker Pro
Birthplace:	Humble, Tex.	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Houston, Tex.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	2

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