

Changes to know at the 2016 World Series of Poker

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Beware, those who are hoping to poker-star-gaze at the start of the World Series of Poker: The forecast inside the Rio ballrooms is cloudy.

The 47th annual event begins in earnest today, but unlike in past years, there's no tournament clustering all of the biggest-name poker professionals for at least a few days. The WSOP is focusing on its more common clientele to start, with the \$565 buy-in Casino Employee's event in its traditional opening slot today but followed by the identically priced Colossus II Thursday.

Last year's Colossus set a live-poker record for 22,374 entries. Recognizable pros will join the field, but they'll be hard to spot among a galaxy of players over the next three days.

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