



2009 MONOPOLY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FACTS

- The 2009 MONOPOLY World Championships will take place in Las Vegas on October 20-22, 2009.
- The first MONOPOLY World Championships was held at Grossinger's Resort in New York, in 1973.
- World Champions have hailed from 10 different countries, including: United States, Ireland, Singapore, Italy, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Japan, Netherlands, Hong Kong and Spain.
- The last champion, Antonio Zafra of Spain earned the title in 2004 at the World Championships in Tokyo.
- The only countries to have won more than one World Championship are the USA (1973, 1974), U.K. (1975, 1985) and Japan (1988, 2000).
- Although there have been female national champions, we have not yet seen a female crowned MONOPOLY World Champion.
- The grand prize is \$20,580 U.S., the sum equivalent to the amount of MONOPOLY money in a standard game (with speed die).
- Game play will be in English. During tournament play, translators will be available for non-English speaking players.
- In the spirit of MONOPOLY and 'Negotiate, Deal, Win', this tournament is all or nothing. Runner-ups will receive no cash prizes.
- Experienced MONOPOLY experts will judge the tournament. The chief judge will be Phil Orbanes, author of *The MONOPOLY Companion* and the former head of research and development for Parker Brothers. He has three decades of tournament judging experience.
- Games are played on the original Atlantic City version of the game.
- In the event of a cash shortage, the bank never runs out of money in MONOPOLY. The banker is authorized to act as a temporary 'mint' to print more notes.
- Parlez-vous Monopoly? - What do they call the top dark blue property space in...
 - France? Rue de la Paix
 - Germany? Schlossallee
 - The Netherlands? Kalverstraat
 - The USA? Boardwalk
 - The UK? Mayfair