

Global Showdown Tournament North American Regional Info

The Virtua Fighter Global Showdown Tournament will be a 3-region event that will feature competitors from Japan, North America, and Europe. Each region will have 8 qualified players that attend the event at the end of 2023. Qualifier tournaments will be held to determine which players will travel to Glasgow, Scotland to represent their region in Global Showdown. This overview will cover the North American qualifiers, and while the EU and NA regions will use similar methods to run their qualifiers, some differences may occur. Please only use this overview as reference for the North American Region's qualifiers.

What does placing in a qualifier do?

Placing in a qualifier event will provide you with Global Showdown qualifier points. You can only enter the NA qualifier if you are a resident of North America. The top 8 participants at the end of the last qualifier tournament will be decided based on point total. These top 8 players will not only qualify for the Global Showdown tournament, but will receive travel expenses for their flight to Glasgow. For more details, see the Matcherino section.

Points are distributed as follows:

1st Place: 10 points
2nd Place: 8 points
3rd Place: 6 points
4th Place: 4 points
5th Place (tie): 3 points
7th Place (tie): 2 points

How are events announced?

All events will be announced on Twitter (<u>@VFHarpoon</u>, <u>@GlobalVF</u>), at <u>virtuafighter.com</u>, and in the Virtua Fighter Discord.

Tournament Rules:

Double elimination

Seeding will be based on Qualifying position

Rules for Entry, Matches, Character Lock:

Bracket Matches are best 2 / 3. Losers, winners, and grand finals are all 3 / 5.

During a match, the winner will be locked into their character. Loser may change character. WiFi is banned.

Participants must reside in North America

Conduct

Participants must abide by the following rules for conduct:

Slurs are not tolerated. Refrain from referencing a person's race, creed, gender, disability, or economic status in a denigrating or disrespectful manner.

Cyberbullying / Stalking will immediately disqualify you from further involvement in the tournament series and remove any points accrued. This includes but is not limited to harassing someone continuously across multiple platforms online, disparaging an individual continuously in an attempt to provoke public conversations, or continued direct messaging in an unwanted manner.

Threats of physical violence or threats of any kind will immediately disqualify you from further involvement in the tournament series and remove any points accrued. Inappropriate sexual conduct will also result in disqualification and includes unwanted advances, private or public messages with sexual content, and continued discussion of sexual content in a manner which makes a party feel threatened or unsafe.

Reporting Rules Being Broken:

If the match you are playing is not being streamed, rule violations should be reported to organizers by the players in a match. If a winner changes character / stage, do not begin the game and stop part way to report, report the violation before starting play.

How will tournaments be run?

Tournaments will be managed using the <u>Virtua Fighter discord</u>. Participants will be given instructions on the discord server, and the same instructions will be available on the sign up page for each event. This will ensure that all registrants will have access to the rules and the process. Tournaments will be run on Virtua Fighter 5 Ultimate Showdown through the room match system.

Matcherino:

The matcherino platform will be used to raise funds for the Global Showdown Tournament. These funds will be used for travel expenses for the 8 qualifying players from North America to travel to Glasgow, Scotland. Payout will be done through the matcherino platform directly to players as in a normal tournament, but all 8 players will receive an equal share to assist in travel expenses.

Streaming:

The events will be streamed, however participants are encouraged to stream their own matches throughout the tournament. We ask that if you are streaming you supply the matcherino link to raise funds for the travel expenses of top 8.