

Intro to Retriever Rumble:

What is Retriever Rumble?

- Retriever Rumble is UMBC's premier Smash and Fighting Game local. It's a weekly tournament for games like Super Smash Bros Ultimate, Street Fighter 6, Guilty Gear Strive, and more.
- The tournament bracket for each game will either be a Round Robin (a format in which each player plays against each other) for smaller events or a Double Elimination Bracket (a format in which each player plays set matches and is only out when they have lost twice) for larger ones.

When is Retriever Rumble?

- Retriever Rumbles will take place on Fridays from 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Smash Ultimate will start at 4:15 PM and other games will start around 5:00 PM.
- Updates will be posted in the #smash-announcements and #fgc-announcements in the UMBC Gaming & Esports Discord Server.

Where is Retriever Rumble?

- Retriever Rumble is in the RAC (Retriever Activity Center) on campus in Rooms 230 and 231.

Can I enter Retriever Rumble?

- Yes! Regardless of skill level or enrollment status, Retriever Rumble is a free event for everyone interested.
- Currently enrolled UMBC students have free swipe access to the RAC, while non-students will need to fill out a waiver at the front desk. This waiver is specific to this event, so mention that you are asking for this waiver to enter the tournament.

What's in it for me?

- Retriever Rumble provides a great opportunity to make friends within the smash and fighting game community at UMBC. It's very easy to play casual matches with other players at the event before or after the tournament.
- Tournament results will be posted to the discord, as well as a Power Ranking (PR) system for Smash Ultimate that will rank the top 10 best players at Retriever Rumble each semester based on tournament results. In order to be PR eligible, you must fully complete (no DQ losses) a minimum of 3 bracket runs.
- Playing in weekly tournaments can be a great way to improve at your favorite games. There have been many players who show up week in and week out and see huge improvements in their gameplay.

What can I do to help?

- One of the best ways to help is to pre-register for the tournament on start.gg. The link to this website will be posted each week in the previously mentioned discord server, so creating an account and signing up early will go a long way.
- Communication with the tournament organizers is crucial. If you have a question about something, ideas for improvements to the event, or just need to tell us that you need to be

removed from a bracket, either contact someone in the Discord with a red name that indicates their status as a smash manager or send a message in one of the Smash Brothers or Fighting Games channels.

-Good sportsmanship goes a long way both to help make friends and to ensure that the tournament runs smoothly. Once you finish a set, determine who will report the set results at a designated reporting station that consists of a laptop with the start.gg page open.

-Bring your own controller. Either a Gamecube or Pro controller with the necessary cables are best for the Smash Ultimate set ups, while most PC compatible controllers will be useful for fighting game set ups.

-Bring Set Ups! Consoles/Laptops with copies of the game being played + DLC and methods for visual and audio outputs help our tournaments run efficiently.

Game Specifics:

Smash Ultimate:

-Smash Ultimate is typically our largest game at Rumbles. This bracket starts earlier and is almost always in the Double Elimination format. Most sets are Best Of 3 games, while Top 8 sets later in the bracket will be a Best Of 5.

-Some important pieces of the ruleset are a limited stage list that lacks stage hazards, 3 stocks, a 7 minute timer, and no items, all in 1v1 battles.

-Retriever Rumble uses a stage choice ruleset that is described on the start.gg space and is pictured here:



Other Games:

- Fighting games like Street Fighter 6 and Guilty Gear Strive as well as other platform fighters like Super Smash Bros Melee will occur later on into the tournament. These events will switch between the Round Robin and Double Elimination formats depending on bracket size.
- The standard for Best of 3 or Best of 5 game sets changes depending on the game but will be communicated by Tournament Organizers.