

The Weekend In Esports: The Summer Grinds On

KOTAKU



3.7K 1



Outside of some fighting tournaments, this weekend’s goings-on are mostly confined to play within each game’s respective summer league.

You’ll find teams from across the likes of *Overwatch*, *Heroes of the Storm*, and *Counter-Strike* focused on grinding out victories in their respective tables, while in the world of fighting games pros face-off in New England, Texas, and Hong Kong for supremacy in *Street Fighter V* and beyond. Also there’s a big *Rocket League* tournament, because of course there’s another car soccer tournament.

Below you’ll find where and when you can catch all the weekend’s biggest events in competitive gaming. Let us know what you’ll be watching in the comments or if you think there’s something we might have missed.

Rocket League

After lots of competition and blown-up cars, the Universal Open Rocket League grand finals will take place this weekend. Of the sixteen teams left, G2 Esports will kick things off against Ambition today starting at 7:00PM EDT, with the action resuming on Sunday at 4:30PM and going until things conclude.

You can catch the \$100,000 prize pool event live on local NBC Sports networks and in the stream below.

League of Legends

Summer play-offs continue this weekend starting first in Europe with Fnatic vs. Misfits at 11:00AM EDT followed on Sunday by H2K vs. G2 Esports at the same time. Then in North America Immortals face Counter Logic Gaming at 3:00PM EDT today followed by Team Solo Mid vs. Team Dignitas on Sunday.

Overnight in China runners-up Team WE will play Invictus Gaming for third-place in the LPL summer split.

A schedule for all of the weekends LCS matches as well as the action in South Korea and China can be found here with all of the matches streaming live on each region's respective channel (NA, EU, China, Korea).

Counter-Strike: Global Offensive

There's plenty going on in CS:GO as well now that the ESL Pro League is back. In Europe the action begins at 1:00PM EDT with NaVi vs. Fnatic and on Sunday at the same time with G2 vs. Mouz. Those matches will be streaming below.

The Gfinity Elite Series continues this weekend as well with Epsilon Esports playing Excel in the play-offs at 4:00PM EDT. You can find a complete breakdown of the current standings over at Gfinity's website.

And finally the Binary Dragons Prestige LAN in Moscow is going on right now, with group stage play today transitioning into the single-elimination bracket on Sunday. All of the matches will be streaming here.

Overwatch

Season 1 of *Overwatch* Contenders continues this weekend resuming today at 1:00PM EDT with 123 vs. Bazzoka Puppies. Matches will then go into the evening before picking back up on Sunday at 12:30PM EDT with Cloud9 vs. eUnited. You can watch those matches live here.

There's also the Open Division going on this weekend in Southeast Asia, with the semifinals getting underway overnight at 1:00AM EDT starting with Bazaar vs. Fire Dragoon E-sports. The event's grand finals, meanwhile, are scheduled to begin around 2:30AM EDT Sunday morning. You can watch all of those games here.

Quake

There's also a big tournament going on for the as of yet unreleased *Quake Champions* at this year's Quake Con. Matches began today at 11:00AM EDT with the semifinals for Sacrifice matches, followed by 3rd and 4th place for Duel. Finals in both modes will get underway this afternoon starting at 2:00PM.

You can watch the entire thing here.

Street Fighter

The Absolute Battle series will be raging across Texas this weekend alongside one of the worst hurricanes to make landfall in that state in half a century. Pools are scheduled to begin around 11:00AM EDT this morning, followed by top 48 at 5:00PM. The finals are slated for Sunday night starting at 8:00PM. Those matches will be streaming here.

Overnight, Hong Kong will see its fair share of talent competing as the Capcom Pro Tour rolls into town. The round of 16 will take place early Sunday morning beginning at 4:00AM EDT. You can watch that tournament here.

Finally, Lima Salty 4 will show off Peru's *SFV* scene with pools ongoing throughout today and Sunday and top 8 set to begin Sunday night at 9:00PM EDT. You can watch those matches here.

Tekken 7

Street Fighter is hardly the only game being featured at Absolute Battle, with *Tekken 7* taking center stage as well. Pools will begin at 4:00PM EDT today and go into the night, with the finals playing out on Sunday at 5:00PM. You can watch those matches here.

Injustice

The *Injustice* Pro series will be at Absolute Battle as well, with pools kicking off at 11:00AM EDT today. The finals will take place on Sunday at 3:00PM right after the *Ultimate Marvel vs. Capcom 3* tournament concludes. You can stay on top of those proceedings [here](#).

Smash Bros.

Shine 2017 returns to Boston this weekend with tournaments in Smash 64, Melee, and Wii U, as well as side-tournaments for Street Fighter V and a number of other fighting games.

Singles pools will be played throughout the day and into the night, with top 8 for Smash 64 scheduled to begin on Sunday at 11:00AM EDT, followed by Wii U at 3:00PM and Melee at 7:00PM. You can watch matches for those games [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#) respectively. A full schedule for the event is available [here](#).

Heroes of the Storm

After a bye week, the *HotS* HGC returns with Team Dignitas vs. Fnatic kicking things off in Europe today at 12:00PM EDT, followed in the states by Roll20 Esports vs. Tempo Storm at 5:00PM EDT.

You can find the complete schedule and current standings [here](#), with the matches streaming live [here](#).

StarCraft II

There's still some *StarCraft II* to be played this week with Bunny facing Rogue as part of the StarLeague Season 2 Challenge at 1:30PM EDT today. Then on Sunday it's Dark vs. soO at 7:00AM in the morning.

You can watch all of the action [right here](#).

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Ethan Gach

Ethan Gach

Kotaku weekend editor. You can reach him at ethan.gach@kotaku.com

[Twitter](#) [Posts](#)