



SOUTHEAST MAYHEM 2022 - Official Rulebook

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1. General Definitions

Best-of-X – This means that a match has a X number of games, and the player that wins a majority of that amount of games is the winner. The first player to reach this majority in a set is declared the winner, immediately ending the set.

Game – a single “match” in a tournament set between two players.

Round - a single tally in a game. Mostly used in fighting games. Games are typically decided whenever a player first reaches the maximum amount of rounds. This can vary from fighting game to fighting game.

Set - otherwise known as a tournament set; a scenario where two or more individuals are paired together in order to compete for a winning title.

Singles - A tournament bracket where two individuals face each other.

Stocks - Typically used in platform fighting games, stocks are considered the amount of “lives” that each player has. Whenever a player runs out of stocks, the winner of the game is the player that is left with one or more stocks.

Stagelist - A list of stages in fighting games that are considered to be legally fair and are grounds for tournament play.

Bans/banning - In platform fighters, players take turns striking out possible stages. This process is considered the “banning phase”.

Tournament Official - Abbreviated as TO; the person designated by Southeast Mayhem Staff in order to effectively run the tournament without issue. TOs are also the officials that are assigned to deal with player disputes.

2. Event Rules

2.1. Code of Conduct

All attendees, competitors, guests, exhibitors, and staff are expected to treat each other with respect and courtesy. If any behavior is shown that is in violation of this general expectation, then the offender will be asked to leave the premises. Such behavior that violates this expectation is as follows.

- Physical violence
- Threats of violence that would inflict bodily or mental harm
- Sexual harassment
- Sexism, racism, xenophobia, or any other act of discrimination or prejudice
- Offensive names, tags, or similar showings
- Engaging in any illegal activity on the premises of Southeast Mayhem 2022, including but not limited to drug activity and sexual actions
- Using any language or wearing any clothing that is considered obscene or foul to the general public or incites violence or discriminatory nature
- Showing obscene gestures at other players
- Participating in collusion in order to pre-determine the outcome of a round, game, match, or set
- Bribing, i.e. offering a prize or reward to any tournament official or Southeast Mayhem Staff member in order to pre-determine the outcome of a round, game, match, or set
- Touching or interfering with Southeast Mayhem and/or UGA Tifton Conference Center equipment, including but not limited to game consoles, controllers, personal computers (PCs), webcams, keyboards, mice, microphones, monitors, lights, etc.
- Engaging in any other actions that Southeast Mayhem Staff or Tournament Officials, at their own discretion, would consider unruly, inappropriate, or harming to the attendees, staff, exhibitors, and other people present at Southeast Mayhem 2022
- Otherwise violating this Code of Conduct or attempting to circumvent the rules presented in this Code of Conduct

2.2. Notice of Filming

By entering and by your presence in the UGA Tifton Conference Center, you consent to be photographed, filmed, and/or otherwise recorded. Your entry to the UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center constitutes your consent to such photography, filming, and/or recording to any use, in any and all media throughout the universe in perpetuity,

or your appearance, likeness, voice, and name for any purpose whatsoever in connection with the production presently entitled Southeast Mayhem.

2.3. Minors

If the Player is under the age of majority in his or her state or country of residence (known as a “Minor”), such Minor Player represents and warrants that he or she has received permission from his or her parent or legal guardian to register for and participate in the Tournament, and all references to “Player” shall include that Minor Player’s parent or legal guardian. Minor Players and their parent or legal guardian, in the event that they qualify for a cash prize, understand that the parent or legal guardian must be present in order for the Minor to obtain their prize.

2.4 Event Conduct

- All attendees must be registered as a Player, spectator, or media, or have the consent of Southeast Mayhem staff to enter the venue. All attendees must keep their badge on them visibly at all times.
- Possession or use of drugs, alcohol, and weapons is strictly prohibited.
- Smoking, or the use of e-cigarettes, is only permitted in the designated areas outside of the UGA Tifton Conference Center.
- All attendees are responsible for their own belongings. By entering the UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center, you agree that anything you bring into the venue is your responsibility and yours alone. Southeast Mayhem staff, the UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center, and any sponsors will claim no responsibility for any lost, damaged, or destroyed items as a result of being in the venue.
- Attendees may not attempt to tamper with, manipulate, or otherwise displace any equipment in the venue.
- Recording equipment besides phones or personal cameras is forbidden unless otherwise permitted by Southeast Mayhem staff.
- Cheating or otherwise establishing an uneven playing field in regards to other competitors, or in the case of first person shooters, other players in the games, is strictly prohibited.
- Southeast Mayhem staff reserve the right to refuse entry into the venue of any Player, attendee, or guest that is suspected of illegal activity or acting in a manner that is deemed detrimental to the integrity of the event.
- Any issues that are not covered within this Event Conduct will be decided on by Southeast Mayhem at the time they arise. Violation of any of these rules or performing an action deemed unfit and contrary to the beliefs this rulebook sets in place will result in ejection from the venue at the sole discretion of the Southeast Mayhem staff.

3. General Tournament Rules

3.1. Specific Game Rules

Tournament rules for each specific game are posted on the Southeast Mayhem website at <https://www.southeastmayhem.com/rules> as well as on the smash.gg page at <https://www.smash.gg/southeast-mayhem-2022> ([full game rules visible via clicking here](#)) Any specific clauses, rules, or information for each game will be present there. If any abrupt changes to rules should arise, the information will be published on our social media pages swiftly. Please check our social media pages leading up to the event in order to remain informed on any new changes should they arise. The exception to this is Super Smash Bros. Ultimate and Nickelodeon All-Star Brawl's rules, which will be outlined separately in the rulebook due to the unique nature of the platform fighter genre.

3.2 Double Blind Selection

Either Player may request that a double blind selection occur. In this situation, a designated impartial referee or TO will be told, in secret, each of the Player's choices for the first round. Both Players are to then select their first round character, with the referee validating the character selections.

3.3 Restarts

In the event of an extreme event such as a fire evacuation or power outage, the Tournament Officials or Southeast Mayhem Staff have the right to approve a full or partial game restart.

3.4 Alting

Players may not use alternate smash.gg accounts or hide their identities in order to affect seeding.

3.5 Colorblindness Clause

In the event a player is colorblind, the player may request that alternate costumes of the opposing player's character be changed to adjust for visual clarity. The request must be made before the match starts.

3.6 Coaching

If a player has a coach, they must be named and consulted before the set begins. Coaching refers to outside players giving additional insight/advice to a player while the player is in the middle of a set. All coaching must be given before or after a set has completed. Failure to follow these rules regarding coaching will result in a disqualification. This applies to crowds shouting to look out for certain moves, use certain moves, use certain options and/or game mechanics, among general advice for players in an active set.

3.7 Controller Interference

If a player's controller is found to be the cause of disruption during a tournament, mid-match or otherwise, such player is subject to complete disqualification from the tournament.

3.8 Game Misconfiguration

If a game was played under a misconfiguration of the Game Settings that could have materially affected the result of the game, a Player may petition the TO to have that game replayed. The final decision is at the discretion of the TO. This must be done immediately after the game in question; after the next game is started, the previous game shall not be replayed regardless of whether the rules were set correctly.

3.9 DLC

Due to some games still being in active post-launch support, the use of any patches and/or DLC characters will be ruled on according to the judgment of Southeast Mayhem Staff members. Please check our social media pages for updates regarding DLC.

3.10 Final Rulings

If any unforeseen situations occur that are not otherwise outlined by this rulebook, the judgment of TOs is final. The TO reserves the right to alter rules or format during the tournament if it is in the best interests of the event.

4. Platform Fighters Rules

4.1 Platform Fighters Rules Overview

Due to the uniqueness of the platform fighting genre, games of this type have specified rules in order to outline a fair and level playing field in a tournament setting. This section of the rulebook will outline these unique rules accordingly.

4.2 Mutual Agreement

If both players agree, they may skip the stage banning process and directly pick a stage that is either on or not on the Southeast Mayhem 2022 stagelist. Players may not affect the timer/time limit of a match.

4.3 Pausing

If a player either intentionally or unintentionally pauses in the middle of a game or disconnects either player's controller (resulting in the controller select screen appearing mid-game, effectively pausing gameplay), the offending player must forfeit a stock. This can only be mitigated if the player who was affected by the pause requests that no penalty be issued. This penalty can be increased or decreased to the discretion of the TO.

4.4 Stalling

Stalling, or effectively delaying a game or match, may result in the forfeit of a game or match at the discretion of TOs.

4.5. Sudden Death

If a game goes to Sudden Death, the winner is determined by stocks and percentage at the time the match ends. When the timer hits 0:00, the Player with the higher stock count is the winner. If both Players are tied in stocks, the Player with the lower percentage is the winner. In the event of a percentage tie, or a match in which both Players lose their last stock simultaneously, a one stock tiebreaker will be played with time limit equal to the regular time limit divided by the regular number of stocks, rounded up to the minute. This will be repeated until a winner outlined by this rulebook is chosen. The results of Sudden Death do not count for tournament play, but can still be played out for bragging rights.

4.6 Jab Locks

In regards to the game *Nickelodeon All-Star Brawl*, Jab Locks are legal so long as they are underneath 5 repetitions. Jab Locks are defined as a weak attack performed on a grounded opponent that maintains the knockdown state.

5. Indemnification

All attendees hereby agree to indemnify and hold Southeast Mayhem Staff and TOs harmless from and against any and all third party claims, actions or proceedings of any kind and from any and all third party damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, including reasonable outside legal fees and costs relating to or arising out of any breach of any of the warranties, representations, covenants, obligations or agreements of the attendee under these rules.

6. Assistance

Any questions, concerns, or inquiries can be emailed to info@southeastmayhem.com, submitted via [our Discord](#), or Direct Messaged through any of our social medias.

