# Never Say Never – WWE® 2K19 Available Now; Take the WWE 2K19 Million Dollar Challenge\* Beginning This Tuesday, October 9

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Renowned WWE® video game experience turns up the storytelling and fun factor, delivering its largest playable roster in franchise history; innovative gameplay additions and improvements; returning and updated fan-favorite modes; extensive creation options and more

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 5, 2018-- 2K today announced that <u>WWE® 2K19</u>, the newest addition to the flagship WWE video game franchise, is now available worldwide to *Early Access* customers for the PlayStation®4 computer entertainment system, Xbox One family of devices including the Xbox One X and Windows PC. Delivering a unique mix of authenticity, storytelling and fun, *WWE 2K19* showcases a massive roster of popular WWE, NXT and 205 Superstars, as well as WWE Legends and Hall of Famers, engaging WWE gameplay across a variety of match types and options, extensive creation capabilities, fan-favorite modes and much more.

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"With a 'Never Say Never' campaign tagline, we wanted to push the boundaries of game development for *WWE 2K19* but also bring innovative storytelling and genuine fun back to the forefront of everything we offer our passionate fans," said Greg Thomas, President at Visual Concepts. "We're thrilled to offer our largest roster to date; the return of 2K Showcase featuring WWE Superstar Daniel Bryan;

the debut of WWE Towers and fun match settings like Big Head and Block Body; a wide variety of gameplay additions and improvements; as well as best-in-class creation tools and a brand new MyCAREER narrative. There's truly something for everyone in *WWE 2K19*."

WWE 2K19 feature highlights include:

- Gameplay Improvements & Match Types: Featuring numerous gameplay improvements, *WWE 2K19* includes a revamped striking system, improved AI and introduction of the Payback System, a multi-tiered and defensive-based gameplay mechanic used to help turn match momentum and add to in-ring drama. In addition, the game's frame rate, overall responsiveness and animations are vastly improved and tighten up the in-ring action. *WWE 2K19* also introduces five-person match type variations, a re-envisioned Hell in a Cell match and major improvements to both Steel Cage and Money in the Bank matches;
- **Renewed Focus on Fun:** More responsive gameplay, faster action, dynamic momentum swings, new moves and game modes combined with deeper storytelling, plot twists and turns, alternate universes and much more make for the most engaging *WWE 2K* game in years. In addition, two significant gameplay enhancements Big Head and Block Body add a whole new dimension and fun to the franchise;
- *WWE 2K19* Million Dollar Challenge\*: In a contest sponsored by 2K, consumers can participate on the PS4<sup>™</sup> system or Xbox One through four steps:
  - Beat the AJ Styles Million Dollar Tower in the game;
  - Submit a winning promotional video showing why they will beat AJ Styles in WWE 2K19;
  - Make it to the semifinal round of competition and beat the other semifinalists;
  - Compete one-on-one against AJ Styles in WWE 2K19 and defeat him to win one million dollars;
  - For Official Rules, go to <u>wwe.2k.com/milliondollarchallenge/rules;</u>
- Showcase Mode The Return of Daniel Bryan: Relive the incredible journey of WWE Superstar Daniel Bryan from his career-defining moment in the main event of WrestleMania 30 to his heartbreaking retirement to his

triumphant return in 2018 – all told through personal vignettes. "The Return of Daniel Bryan" features 11 historical matches, story-driven cut scenes and multiple unlockable characters and arenas from throughout his WWE career;

- Massive Playable Roster: Offering more than 200 playable characters, the *WWE 2K19* roster is the biggest yet and loaded with WWE, NXT and 205 Live Superstars, as well as WWE Legends and Hall of Famers. Players can compete with current WWE Superstars such as AJ Styles, Brock Lesnar, Seth Rollins, Braun Strowman or Shinsuke Nakamura; rising NXT stars like Aleister Black, Johnny Gargano, Velveteen Dream and Undisputed Era; as well as WWE Legends like Stone Cold Steve Austin, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, André the Giant and more;
- "Rowdy" Ronda Rousey and Rey Mysterio: Consumers who pre-ordered *WWE 2K19* or who purchase the Deluxe Edition at any participating retailer received playable characters of WWE Raw Women's Champion "Rowdy" Ronda Rousey and former WWE Champion Rey Mysterio at no extra cost:
  - Ronda Rousey: WrestleMania 34/Roddy Piper-inspired character;
  - Rey Mysterio: Royal Rumble 2018 character;
- **MyCAREER:** For the first time in *WWE 2K* history, MyCAREER mirrors the path of many current WWE Superstars by starting a created MyPLAYER on the independent wrestling scene and trying to make it to WWE. This year's fully revamped experience features more than 1,000 lines of voiceover from 26 different WWE Superstars and across 200 cut scenes. In addition, the mode delivers approximately 12 hours of playing time, including brand new environments and arenas that bring another layer of authenticity to the mode;
- New Mode WWE Towers: Take a WWE Superstar or created MyPLAYER into one of 20 different towers, each with a unique gauntlet of matches that boasts different challenges, match stipulations and player modifications;
- Creation Suite: Containing many new additions and improvements, the *WWE 2K19* Creation Suite includes the new ability to design custom Money in the Bank briefcases, as well as changes in Create-a-Superstar, Create-an-Arena, Create-a-Championship and more;
- Universe Mode: The mode continues its expansion on previous years, including improvements to the Championship system, where the number of championship slots per show has increased from four to six; the addition of Superstar Save Profiles; support for both Managers and Custom Matches; and new promo animations. In addition, players can now assign Money in the Bank matches to show schedules or create their own custom Money in the Bank scenarios;
- Soundtrack: Executive produced and personally curated by several WWE Superstars as a special gift to the WWE Universe, *WWE 2K19*'s soundtrack features 12 unique songs across hip-hop, hard rock, heavy metal and alternative/indie rock that represent many of the Superstars' favorites when preparing for a match, on the road, in the gym or relaxing at home, including:
  - AWOLNATION "Passion";
    - Selected by WWE Superstar Daniel Bryan;
  - Bullet for My Valentine "Skin";
    - Selected by WWE Superstar The Miz;
  - Eminem "Survival";
    - Selected by *WWE 2K19* cover Superstar AJ Styles;
  - Fall Out Boy "*Champion*";
    - Selected by WWE Superstar Alexa Bliss;
  - Metallica "Spit Out the Bone";
    - Selected by WWE Superstar Triple H;
  - Migos "Work Hard";
    - Selected by WWE Superstar Samoa Joe;
  - Offset and Metro Boomin "Ric Flair Drip";
    - Selected by WWE Hall of Famer Ric Flair and WWE Superstar Charlotte Flair;
  - Post Malone feat. 21 Savage "rockstar";
    - Selected by WWE Superstar Elias;
  - Rancid "The 11<sup>th</sup> Hour";
    - Selected by WWE Superstar Sami Zayn;

- Shinedown "DEVIL";
  - Selected by WWE Superstar Baron Corbin;
- Slipknot "Override";
  - Selected by WWE Superstar Seth Rollins;
- Wale "Ungrateful & Thankful";
  - Selected by WWE Superstars The New Day.
- **Downloadable Content:** *WWE 2K19* downloadable content offerings are scheduled to include the following items and be available for purchase on the PlayStation<sup>TM</sup>Network for the PS4<sup>TM</sup> system, Xbox Live online entertainment network from Microsoft for Xbox One and Steam for Windows PC:

## • Accelerator

- Players will gain access to all unlockable content available at launch in the game's VC Purchasable section (excluding downloadable content);
- Players can also decide the overall rankings and attribute levels for all playable characters throughout the life of the product;
- The Accelerator will be available for \$4.99;

# • MyPLAYER KickStart

- Players will gain access to unlock and boost MyPLAYER ratings and attributes made available at launch as part of the game's MyCAREER mode;
- Players can also unlock all clothing made available at launch that provides attribute boosts in MyCAREER;
- MyPLAYER KickStart will be available for \$9.99;
- New Moves Pack
  - Explore more than 50 in-game moves, including the Atomic Drop into Double Leg Combo (made popular by WWE Superstar Jeff Hardy); the Exploder vs. Opponent on the Apron (made popular by NXT Superstar Tyler Bate); the Slingshot X-Factor (made popular by 205 Live Superstar Mustafa Ali); and the Assisted Twist of Fate, Avalanche Splash & Side Effect Combo and the Senton & Leg Drop Combo (made popular by WWE Superstars Matt Hardy and Bray Wyatt);
  - The New Moves Pack will be available for \$3.99;

# • Rising Stars Pack

- Playable WWE, NXT and 205 Live Superstars: Candice LeRae, Dakota Kai, Lacey Evans, Lio Rush, Maria Kanellis, Mike Kanellis and Ricochet;
- The Rising Stars Pack will be available for \$9.99;
- Titans Pack
  - Playable WWE and NXT Superstars: Bobby Lashley, EC3 and War Raiders (Rowe and Hanson);
  - The Titans Pack will be available for \$9.99;
- Season Pass\*\*: Players may purchase select *WWE 2K19* downloadable content at a reduced price point through the game's Season Pass. For \$29.99, a savings of more than 20 percent versus individual content purchases, players will receive the following items as they become available:
  - Accelerator;
  - MyPLAYER KickStart;
  - New Moves Pack;
  - Rising Stars Pack;
  - Titans Pack.

Developed collaboratively by Yuke's and Visual Concepts, a 2K studio, *WWE 2K19* is rated "T" for Teen by the ESRB. *WWE 2K19* is available now worldwide to *Early* Access customers for the PS4<sup>TM</sup> system, Xbox One and Windows PC, with the standard worldwide on-sale for all three platforms beginning October 9, 2018. For more information on *WWE 2K19* and 2K, visit <u>wwe.2k.com</u>, become a fan on <u>Facebook</u>, follow the game on <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u> using the hashtags #WWE2K19 and #NeverSayNever or subscribe on <u>YouTube</u>. For more information on the

### WWE 2K19 Million Dollar Challenge, please visit wwe.2k.com/milliondollarchallenge/rules.

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\*\* *PlayStation<sup>TM</sup>Network, Xbox Live or Steam account and Internet connection required. Copy of* **WWE 2K19** *required to play.* 

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Additional information on WWE (NYSE: WWE) can be found at <u>wwe.com</u> and <u>corporate.wwe.com</u>. For information on our global activities, go to <u>http://www.wwe.com/worldwide/</u>.

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demanding events including, without limitation, claims relating to CTE; large public events as well as travel to and from such events; our feature film business; our expansion into new or complementary businesses and/or strategic investments; our computer systems and online operations; a possible decline in general economic conditions and disruption in financial markets; our accounts receivable; our revolving credit facility; litigation; our potential failure to meet market expectations for our financial performance, which could adversely affect our stock; Vincent K. McMahon exercising control over our affairs, and his interests may conflict with the holders of our Class A common stock; a substantial number of shares which are eligible for sale by the McMahons and the sale, or the perception of possible sales, of those shares could lower our stock price; and the relatively small public "float" of our Class A common stock. In addition, our dividend is dependent on a number of factors, including, among other things, our liquidity and cash flow, strategic plan (including alternative uses of capital), our financial results and condition, contractual and legal restrictions on the payment of dividends (including under our revolving credit facility), general economic and competitive conditions and such other factors as our Board of Directors may consider relevant. Forward-looking statements made by the Company speak only as of the date made, are subject to change without any obligation on the part of the Company to update or revise them, and undue reliance should not be placed on these statements.

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\*According to 2008 - 2018 Metacritic.com

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