

# MFC officially unveils event in Brandon

*Retribution features stacked lineup of top stars*



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The Maximum Fighting Championship, one of the premier mixed martial arts organizations in North America, will make its much-anticipated debut in the province of Manitoba with the announcement that MFC 26: Retribution will be held in the city of Brandon on Friday, September 10.

As Canada's largest and most-popular brand of MMA, the Maximum Fighting Championship is excited to bring an action-packed card and live television broadcast to a new host city. The MFC is the only Canadian-based organization showcased on live TV, and in partnership with HDNet Fights, the main card of the September 10 show from the Westman Place at the Keystone Centre will be broadcast live throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico beginning at 10 p.m. ET/9 p.m. CT/7 p.m. PT.

"I am truly excited to be bringing the Maximum Fighting Championship to the city of Brandon – it will be a memorable night in the history of our organization and an incredible night of professional sports in Brandon," said Mark Pavelich, Owner/President of the Maximum Fighting Championship.

"Brandon has hosted some big events before but nothing like a night brought to the city by the Maximum Fighting Championship.

"We are not holding back anything for this event – fans in the seats of the Westman Place and the fans watching on HDNet will see a showcase of the Maximum Fighting Championship's most talented fighters at MFC 26. We will prove once again that the MFC is the pinnacle of mixed martial arts in Canada and a prominent stage for best fighters in the world."

**Tickets go on sale this Friday – July 16 – via Ticketmaster charge-by-phone (204) 726-3555 and [www.ticketmaster.ca](http://www.ticketmaster.ca). The live event will begin at 7:15 p.m. CT with doors at 6:30 p.m. CT.**

MFC 26: Retribution marks the first venture for the organization outside of the Alberta, and also marks the first time since 2003 that the MFC will host an event beyond the Greater Edmonton Area.

A powerful lineup is being put together for MFC 26 with an impressive card of fights to be finalized soon. Confirmed fighters for the event whose opponents will be named shortly include:

- British middleweight Tom "Kong" Watson (12-3)
- Canadian welterweight sensation Ryan "The Real Deal" Ford (12-2)
- MFC lightweight champion Antonio "Mandingo" McKee (24-3-2)
- Brazilian light heavyweight phenom Glover Teixeira (9-2)

A light heavyweight bout is set with crowd favorite Dwayne Lewis (11-5) of Fort McMurray, Alberta, taking on American Top Team's Wilson Gouveia (12-8) of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Two Manitoba products are slated to make their MFC debuts on the evening's undercard. In a lightweight clash, Curtis Demarce (9-7), who has won five straight fights, matches up against former reality show standout Richie "The Dirty Samurai" Hightower (8-4) of Phoenix, Arizona. And in what has become a bitter feud, Brandon native Steve Fader (2-1) will look to silence rival Nick Hrynchyshyn (2-1) of Sylvan Lake, Alberta. The undercard will also pit Thunder Bay, Ontario, native Nathan Gunn (7-2) versus Dami Egbeyemi (3-0) of Regina, Saskatchewan.

A rundown of the complete MFC 26: Retribution fight card will be forthcoming as well as details on the official press conference and weigh-in.

### **Quick Facts**

- The Maximum Fighting Championship was the first legally sanctioned mixed martial arts organization in Canada outside of Quebec and debuted in 2000
- The Maximum Fighting Championship, in conjunction with its own developmental feeder system, Heat XC, has hosted 32 events, reaching sold-out status at a 95% rate
- HDNet, the MFC's broadcast partner, was founded by businessman Mark Cuban, the Owner of the NBA's Dallas Mavericks

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