

Predicting the 2025 men's Royal Rumble entrants



The 2025 Royal Rumble is upon us and there is a lot of excitement regarding the men's edition of the match. Star names such as John Cena, CM Punk, Roman Reigns and Seth Rollins are deemed to be among the favourites to win the annual event however WWE tends to provide surprise entrants for the 30 man bout.

So far 18 entrants have been announced for Saturday Nights event at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indiana and this list comprises of the following: John Cena, CM Punk, Seth Rollins, Jey Uso, Drew McIntyre, Logan Paul, Sami Zayn, Penta, Shinsuke Nakamura, Bron Breakker, Chad Gable, Rey Mysterio, Roman Reigns, Carmelo Hayes, LA Knight, Jacob Fatu, Damian Priest, Santos Escobar.

Unannounced entrants are a regular fixture for WWE's over the top rope gauntlet and in past years surprises have comprised of legends, celebrities and random novelty acts that provided entertainment for previous generations.

In this article we are going to predict the remaining 12 participants for the Men's Royal Rumble Match that have not been announced whilst also trying to be realistic. This means that AEW and NJPW stars are not on this list despite speculation about their contracts.

Jimmy Uso

"Big Jim" has never actually declared for the Royal Rumble but an entrance from the older twin is almost guaranteed. He was the second entrant in the 2024 Royal Rumble having started the match with his brother Jey. Jimmy lasted 34 minutes last year before being eliminated by the now current Intercontinental Champion Bron Breakker. The Usos were rivals last year but it seems as if Jey and Jimmy will be allies in this rumble despite the match being every man for himself.

Omos

The Nigerian Giant Omos last appeared in a WWE ring one year ago when he was he was the 21st entrant in the Royal Rumble. He lasted less than 3 minutes and was also eliminated by Breakker.

Starting at the end of December 2024 Omos had a one month stint with Japanese promotion Pro Wrestling Noah where he won the GHC tag team championship with Jack Morris. He recently announced that he will be returning to WWE and it seems likely that the former Raw Tag Team Champion will be in Indianapolis for the 30 man gauntlet.

Trick Williams

Trick Williams has been the face of the men's division in NXT since he broke away from his former friend Carmelo Hayes and won the NXT Championship twice. Trick recently lost his title at New Year's Evil in early January in a triple threat match. NXT always has some representation in the Royal Rumble and Trick is the perfect candidate to showcase the talent that WWE's developmental brand has to offer.

Ethan Page

A former AEW talent, "All Ego" Ethan Page has been an instant success in NXT having won the NXT championship within six weeks of his debut. Page seems to be one of the talents on the developmental brand that will be given the fast track treatment given he is older than most at 35 years old. The 19 year veteran is currently in a feud with young prospect Je'Von Evans but a Rumble appearance from Page is the perfect way for him to be introduced to fans who exclusively watch the main roster.

AJ Styles

Despite never winning the match itself, AJ Styles will remain synonymous with the annual event because of his debut 9 years ago as the third entrant. Styles was arguably the greatest American wrestler to never sign for the company before he eventually did in 2016 and since then he has gone on to have a hall of fame worthy career with the WWE. This is more wishful thinking as Styles' injury status is still unclear. According to Fightful Select the Phenomenal One is in Indiana for the Rumble so it is possible that his music plays when the buzzer sounds. Styles was last seen in October when he injured his ankle in a match with Carmelo Hayes on Smackdown.

Solo Sikoa

The former Tribal Chief was last seen walking out on his Bloodline stable mates on the January 17th episode of Smackdown. With Jacob Fatu becoming unhinged in recent weeks it is extremely possible that Solo will cross paths with his former enforcer. Sikoa has never participated in the Royal Rumble match before as he has been by Roman Reigns' side for the past two events. Sikoa has been treated like a main eventer over the past year having closed SummerSlam 2024 alongside Cody Rhodes. He also was a contestant in WWE's first ever match on Netflix when he lost to Reigns.

Joe Hendry

Say his name and he appears. Joe Hendry has been a popular fan choice for the 30 man spectacle ever since WWE and TNA formed a working partnership in 2024. Hendry challenged Ethan Page for his NXT Championship back at the No Mercy PLE in September. Hendry is the current TNA World Champion and given how both Jordyn Grace and Mickie James have appeared in prior Rumbles as TNA talent it is not unlikely that Hendry will be an entrant this year.

"Dirty" Dominik Mysterio

Dominik Mysterio is one of the best bad guys in the business today. At only 27 years old Dirty Dom is one of the best young talents on the main roster and a Rumble appearance should be extremely likely given the loud reactions that his presence garners from crowds. His Father is also confirmed for the match so there is ample opportunity for the two to interact in some capacity.

Karrion Kross

Former NXT champion Karrion Kross has been an ever present figure on Raw however since the end of August he has only wrestled once and has not wrestled at all in 2025. The leader of the Final Testament has had multiple interactions with fan favourite Sami Zayn and it is extremely possible that the two collide in the Royal Rumble.

R Truth

Truth is a fan favourite and his comedic creativity is essential for a Royal Rumble. Whether it be Truth believing that he is in a ladder match or a tag team match, Truth is able to evoke laughter from the audience which adds much needed variety given the seriousness of the stakes that the Rumble presents.

Finn Balor

The inaugural WWE Universal Champion and the leader of the Judgement Day currently has no plans as of now. Having just finished a long term rivalry with Damian Priest after losing a Street Fight on the 13th January episode of Raw, Balor should be looking to reach the summit of professional wrestling once again. It has been nine years since Balor was a World Champion and due to injury he only held the Universal Championship for less than 24 hours. The Royal Rumble is the perfect opportunity for Balor to get back on track and attempt to win a World Championship once again.

The Rock

Dwayne Johnson entering the Royal Rumble for the first time in 24 years will set the WWE landscape up for the next few months as Wrestlemania 41 approaches. If the Rock is in the Rumble then two outcomes are extremely probable. He wins his second ever Royal Rumble match and goes on to Wrestlemania to battle the WWE Universal Champion Cody Rhodes or he sets up the much anticipated dream match with his cousin Roman Reigns. Either way the WWE fans will be truly spoiled if the People's Champion decides that he wants in on the road to Wrestlemania.