OHIO FOUNDERS LEAGUE
Season I · 2026–27 · For founders

REGISTRATION IS OPEN
LEAGUE PLAY BEGINS JAN 15, 2027

Build all season. Compete for $575,000.

The Ohio Founders League is America's first statewide collegiate entrepreneurship league. Register once, post a Weekly Update, move up seven stages, and compete in March and May. **No equity, ever. No fees.**

HOW A SEASON WORKS

Register in about ten minutes. Your answers place you at a stage on the matrix, which runs from Idea to Liquidity. You are ranked against ventures that started where you did.

Post weekly. One Weekly Update, due Sunday at midnight: a short update, whether you did what you said you would, and your three key metrics.

Move up. Each stage has six challenges, one per lane. Claim all six and a League official reviews the six proofs together. Pass the stage review and you move up a stage.

Compete. League play opens January 15. Post at least one update by February 26 and an independent Selection Committee ranks your record; 12 per region, by university allocation, advance to the Regional Championships in March.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

- Full-time students at a founding university
- Graduates within the past 12 months, if founded while enrolled
- On a team, at least one founder must qualify
- Student-founded and student-led, majority student ownership
- Any venture type except life sciences, for Season I
- Any stage, from an idea. No legal entity needed
- More than one venture is fine. Only one can compete at the championships

WHAT YOU GET

- A statewide stage and a real shot at the prize
- A League mentor at the Regional Championships
- A verified record of progress investors can trust
- Scouts across Ohio who back you and can help

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WE ARE HERE · PRACTICE

Sept 29, 2026	Oct 1, 2026	Jan 15, 2027	Feb 26, 2027	Feb 28, 2027	Mar 9 to 11, 2027	Mar 14, 2027	May 5, 2027	May 19, 2027
Season opens	Practice	Season One League begins	Eligibility closes	The 36 named	Regional Championships	Selection Sunday	Scores frozen	State Championship

REGISTER NOW

ohiofoundersleague.org/venture/register

The founder guide and a narrated walkthrough are at ohiofoundersleague.org/learn/founders.

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