Stay. Build. Win.

A season, not a pitch night. Student founders at Ohio's ten founding universities build in public from September to May, are scored on what they actually do, and compete for **$575,000 in non-dilutive capital**. The League never takes equity.

Founders

Register once. Post a Weekly Update with real numbers every week. Move up seven stages. Compete for the prize. No equity taken, no fees.

Register your venture
ohiofoundersleague.org/venture/register

Scouts

Students, faculty, staff, and alumni pick five ventures and score the points those ventures earn. No money involved. Recognition, not League Scoring.

Become a Scout
ohiofoundersleague.org/scout/register

Universities

Ten founding universities, each with a campus lead who registers ventures, reaches out, and keeps founders reporting through league play. Each university has a fixed allocation of the 36 Regional Championship places.

For universities
ohiofoundersleague.org/universities

SEASON I · 2026–27 · UNDERWAY SINCE SEPT 29

WE ARE HERE · PRACTICE

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

HOW IT WORKS

Founders do not pick their stage. The League places each venture at a stage from what exists today and compares it with ventures that started at the same stage.

Scoring runs on the matrix: seven stages, six lanes. Challenges done, Weekly Updates, and revenue become a Traction Score.

Season One League begins January 15, 2027. Post at least one update by February 26 and you are in the pool. On February 28 an independent Selection Committee ranks every venture in the pool and names 12 per region, 36 in all.

Three Regional Championships in March ($25,000 each), Selection Sunday, and a State Championship on May 19 ($500,000).

Who advances is decided by independent judges on six criteria, each a Conviction Ranking from 1 to 10. Scouts are not part of the score.

THE FOUNDING UNIVERSITIES

The Ohio State University · Case Western Reserve University · University of Cincinnati · University of Dayton · Miami University · University of Akron · Baldwin Wallace University · Bowling Green State University · Youngstown State University · Tiffin University

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