

Ottoneu Champions League (est. 2015) 🏆 - Charter

League Name: Ottoneu “Champions” League

League Home (530): <http://ottoneu.fangraphs.com/530/overview>

League Recordbook: <https://ottoneu.fangraphs.com/530/recordbook>

League Commissioner:

- [Trey @LuckyStrikes](#)

League Format & Rules:

- Platform: [Ottoneu](#)
- Formation Date: November 1st, 2014
- Scoring Format: [FanGraphs Points](#)
- Teams: 12
- Rosters: 40-man (MLB + [MiLB](#))
- 5-man non-rostered MiLB only
- Lineups: Daily
- Arbitration format: [\\$ Allocation](#)
- Annual 40-man auction draft date: March
- Annual 5-man MiLB snake-draft date: March (immediately following the auction draft)
- In-season trade deadline: August 31st (midnight EST)
- Buy-In: \$9.99/year (standard Ottoneu fee)
- Prize League: No
- Commitment to “active, responsive, competitive, and fair” participation at all times
- Unless otherwise specified, standard Ottoneu [rules](#) apply. Commissioner(s) reserve the right to make adjustments to rules at their discretion for the benefit and competitiveness of the league.

Rule Change History:

- Owners agree to maintain a legal roster at all times (per Rule 1a) and are not permitted to trade players while their roster status is illegal.
- 2/15/16 - League voted to require 5MiLB keepers to occupy your first available round picks in the 5MiLB draft. For example, if you keep one (1) 5MiLB player, he will be kept using your 1st round draft pick in the 5MiLB (your first open selection will be in Round 2 of the draft).
- 3/5/16 530 approved rule clarification: “All rosters must remain in a legal state between the keeper deadline and the end of the regular season. Owners have a maximum of 48 hours to make their roster legal. Penalties for breaking this rule will be addressed at the discretion of the league commissioner.”
- 11.1.16 - League has [approved](#) an increase in the minimum relegation threshold to **16,000** points that trigger automatic relegation from the Champions League, beginning in the 2017 season.

Owner Requirements: ([Invite only](#))

- Minimum one (1) FGPTS Ottoneu league championship
- Minimum three (3) year Ottoneu experience



- Member of Ottoneu [community](#)

2017 League Expansion

Beginning with the 2017 season, the Ottoneu Champions League will expand into two divisions (A and B). All rules will govern both divisions, but they will operate as two separate leagues of twelve owners each. The following rules will be applied to the 2017 season and beyond:

- **The primary goal of the Ottoneu Champions League is to win Division A - the “Champion of Champions”.**
- The League Champion (winner of Division A) will win the right to hold and sign the official Champions League Ottoneu jersey for one year. Jersey will be passed to each successive winner annually. No additional prizes will be awarded for the Ottoneu Champions League.
- **Division Dynamics**
 - Each season, the two lowest finishing unprotected teams from Division A will be demoted to Division B. The team with the highest finish will receive first priority in selecting the open roster they inherit in Division B.
 - Each season, the winner and runner-up of Division B will be promoted to Division A, replacing the lowest two unprotected teams in the standings from Division A.
 - The winner of Division B will have first priority in selecting the open roster they inherit in Division A, and will be protected from relegation to Division B for their first full season in Division A.
 - Any owner that fails to reach 15,000 points in Division B will be relegated and replaced with a new owner before the conclusion of arbitration for the following season. Replacement owners will be selected from the Ottoneu community (at the discretion of the commissioner) and must have at least one other Ottoneu championship on their resume to qualify.
 - Any incoming replacement owners for Division B will have priority above demoted Division A owners in selecting the open roster in Division B they want to inherit.
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“Champions” League Custom Rules:

Minimum Annual Points Threshold: 14,000 points - (changed to 16,000 for 2017 season)

Any team that scores less than 14,000 points in a given season will be subject to removal from the league by way of a public vote from the eleven (11) other league owners (including any other teams that may have scored less than 14,000 points). At the conclusion of each season (before arbitration begins), each member of the league must vote to “keep” or “remove” each of the teams, if any, that concluded the season with less than 14,000 points. A separate vote will take place for each team below the 14,000 point threshold. If no team scores less than 14,000 points in a given season, no vote will take place.

This rule is enacted to encourage active participation and competition from all teams at all times while also giving owners the flexibility to remove owners who have not played according to the spirit of the Champions league.

5-Man Non-Rostered Minor League System

Each of the twelve (12) teams in the Champions league may draft up to the *maximum* of five (5) minor league players (“5MiLB”) during the annual March MiLB non-roster snake-draft (to take place immediately following the auction player draft). Unless they are added via trade, 5MiLB players may *only* be added during the annual March non-roster draft.



5MiLB players cannot be added to the non-roster portion of an owner's roster at any other time during the year, and cannot be added via the standard Ottoneu free-agent or waiver system by starting a player auction.

5MiLB players will be owned *outside* of the standard Ottoneu 40-man roster system for a salary of **\$0** each (with ownership and transaction history managed in a spreadsheet in the league Dropbox folder). 5MiLB players are considered "non-rostered" (not included or part of a team's salary or roster limits), and are ineligible to receive annual arbitration allocations so long as the player has not been added ("called up") to any owner's standard 40-man Ottoneu roster at any point during the year.

The following players are ineligible for 5MiLB non-roster status:

- Unsigned (amateur or foreign) players
- Players with MLB experience (1 PA or IP)
- Any player that is currently owned by another team in the league
- Any player with either a salary or cap penalty of $\geq$ \$1 in the current season

5MiLB transaction rules:

- 5MiLB players may be cut, traded, or "called up" (added) to an owner's standard 40-man Ottoneu roster at any time during the calendar year, *except* the days in which a draft (annual auction or 5MiLB) is in process.
- Owners may not participate in the annual March 5MiLB draft if they own five or more MiLB non-rostered players entering the draft. Owners may draft *up to* the maximum of five (5) 5MiLB players during the draft.
- The maximum number of non-rostered MiLB players a team can draft is five (5); the maximum number of non-rostered MiLB players a team can own at any given time is ten (10).
- 5MiLB draft picks cannot be traded.
- 5MiLB-only trades (trades that do not include any players currently on 40-man rosters) must be announced via the league message board, are not subject to veto by the league, and may be executed immediately by the commissioner.

5MiLB players will be drafted immediately following the annual auction player draft using a randomized snake-order (announced after the auction) selection process. Each owner will have up to 24 hours during each round to select and post their player to the league message board immediately following the selection of the preceding team. Owners that exceed the 24 hour timeline for their pick will forfeit their draft pick. The annual player auction will remain "open" until the 5MiLB draft is complete, which means all rosters will be "frozen" until the completion of the 5MiLB draft.

5MiLB players may be "called up" (added) to an owner's standard 40-man Ottoneu roster at any time by announcing the transaction to the league via the league message board. 5MiLB players must be added to an owner's standard 40-man Ottoneu roster within 48 hours after the 5MiLB player incurs his first MLB PA (hitters) or IP (pitchers). Upon "call up", the league commissioner will add the non-rostered MiLB player to the owner's 40-man roster for a salary of **\$1** (regardless of how long the owner has actually owned the player), at which point the player will be considered "rostered" and immediately included in the team's salary (\$400) and roster limits (40). If the 5MiLB player is not cut or traded during this 48 hour window, the player will automatically (via Commish) be added to the owner's standard 40-man roster at a salary of \$1, at which point the player becomes a standard "rostered" player eligible for cut (with cap penalty), trade, and arbitration allocations, and ineligible for future 5MiLB status (even if the player is sent back to the minor leagues).

League Prize(s):



The 530 league champion will receive in full the “pot” of **\$300.00** (\$25/team entry) towards the purchase of an authentic MLB jersey (or may elect to keep the \$300 cash).

	League Champion	FanGraphs Points	2nd Place
2015	Lucky Strikes	19,321.10	Sir Plus-A-Lot
2016	Drunk Dave Stewart	19,979.7	Kershaws of Sunset
2017			
2018			
2019			
2020			
2021			
2022			
2023			
2024			
2025			

Ownership History:

10.12.15 - “How Sweep It is” was voted to remain in LG530 after scoring 13,787.4 points in 2015.

11.10.16 - Keith Smith (@keefsmitty) has [replaced](#) Greg Wellemeyer (Durham Tabacconists).

League Dues (2017):

- Lucky Strikes: Paid (\$25)
- Drunk Dave Stewart (\$25)
- Chicago Whales (\$25)
- War Horse (\$25)
- Durham Tabacconists: (\$25)
- Splendid Splinters: (\$25)
- Greg Burned: (\$25)
- Sir Plus-A-Lot: (\$25)
- Floyd’s Buccos: (\$25)



- **Gene Parmesan:**
- Dottie Hinson's Stunt Double: (\$25)
- Kershaw's of Sunset: (\$25)