



Summary:

Big League KO is a month-long **Street Fighter 6** league format held in the **FightRise.com** discord server (<http://fightrise.com/discord>). Players are placed in round robin format pools with equally skilled opponents and are expected to fight in **two, first to 5(FT5) matches, every week** over the course of **4 weeks**. Matches are scheduled directly between the fighters based on their availability. The player at the top of the standings in each pool is awarded a “**Heavy Hitter**” title recognition and will be mailed an exclusive **Heavy Hitter bracelet** for this accomplishment. Though not the primary focus of this league, the top players in each pool are also invited to battle in an exhibition single elimination bracket in the 5th week which culminates in a grand final match on stream for the chance to win a monetary prize.

Note: Top 3 placers from last season’s league in each of their respective pools are invited to early registration for this season.

A detailed description of the rules and format is provided below.

Expected Scheduling for upcoming Fall ‘25 season:

Regular Season:

Week 1: Sep 29 - Oct 5 - Round 1 and Round 2 matches

Week 2: Oct 6 - Oct 12 - Round 3 and Round 4 matches

Week 3: Oct 13 - Oct 19 - Round 5 and Round 6 matches

Week 4: Oct 20 - Oct 26 - Round 7 match AND any make-up/rescheduled matches.

Postseason Exhibition:

Week 5 : Oct 27 - Nov 2 - Top 8 Exhibition Single Elimination Brackets. Note: Grand Finals at a future date on a FightRise produced Twitch stream.

Rules and Format:

- **Eligibility:**
 - **Big League KO** is open to **North American(US lower 48 states, Canada, Mexico)** residents only to mitigate conflicts and issues regarding connections and/or time zones.
 - Must be a member and have access to the **FightRise Discord server** <http://fightrise.com/discord> .
 - Must own a copy of **Street Fighter 6** and have a valid Capcom/CFN ID on a cross platform compatible system. TOs will request your CFN info.
 - WiFi or Ethernet connection. **Ethernet connections are encouraged but not required.** Please do not register if you have an unreliable or unstable connection.
 - **Must commit to playing all your assigned matches** over the course of a 5 week season (see schedule above).
 - It's expected players will have multiple weeknights and at least one day on the weekend available to coordinate with their opponent and play these matches.
 - Real life happens and we understand sometimes it's impossible to schedule or reschedule a match but if you think there's a risk you won't be able to consistently play your matches at a reasonable hour please do not sign up.
- Pools are composed of **9 separate, 8 person, round robin pools** (may be adjusted if lower numbers).
 - **6 Master Pools, 1 Diamond Pool, 1 Spartan Pool, 1 Premier Pool**
 - **Master Pools:** Must have a Master character, any Master Rate(MR) is valid to be eligible for the Master Pools at time of registration.
 - **Diamond Pool:** Must NOT have a Master character AND must have a character in Diamond rank to be eligible for the Diamond Ranked pools at time of registration.
 - Note: A player in the Diamond Ranked pools who gains a Master rank in the course of the league season is still eligible to continue and complete the remainder of their matches for the league with that character.
 - The **Spartan Pool** will comprise the top 8 seeds, established by the Tournament Organizer(TO), from the total participants registered in the Master Pools.
 - **Premier Pool** participants(typically 2k MR+) have all been invited by the TO and registered into the pool manually.
 - Pools are balanced at the discretion of the TOs. Multiple factors are used including your rank/MR and performance at One Fight Stand or other events you may have attended.
- Players in each pool will be assigned **two FT5(best of 9) matches to play each week**. Note: Typically FT5s take about **20 mins to complete**.
 - **A week is counted from Monday to Sunday.**

- If you are unable to make a scheduled match or you need to drop from the tournament for whatever reason, please **contact a TO FIRST** before you attempt to record a forfeit. Doing so may seriously affect the scoring of the tournament. The TO will give you instructions on how to address.
- During the regular season, if a match is unable to be scheduled that week it can be **rescheduled for week 4** of the tournament at minimum. If an agreement still cannot be reached, a TO will attempt to mediate then will make a determination who should forfeit the match. At worst, a coin flip will be made as a decision.
- There may be instances of a player being disqualified when unable to continue in the league or complete their matches. If this situation impacts the standings in a way that impacts the post-season promotions, the TO may choose to retroactively forfeit ALL of that player's matches in the pool in order to ascertain valid standings.
- The winner of the set is expected to report the score to the Discord bot or to a TO if they are having an issue. Scores can be disputed with the Discord bot and a TO will work with the players to resolve.
- Character change is allowed for the Player who lost the last match.
- **Tie Breaker Rule**
 - In the case of a tie to determine the final standings and the top players for the single elimination brackets, the following criteria will be considered in this order:
 - Total set wins > Total points (games won) > Total Win Percentage % > Heads up result > Coin Flip
- **Single Elimination Bracket:**
 - Three single elim brackets will be created for the Master pools, Division A, Division B, and Division C.
 - For the postseason week of the league (week 5), the top players in the regular season standings will be invited to compete in these single elimination brackets. The following criteria will be used:
 - Master Pools:
 - Top 4 from pools 1 and 2 will be seeded into Division A.
 - Top 4 from pools 3 and 4 will be seeded into Division B.
 - Top 4 from pools 5 and 6 will be seeded into Division C.
 - Seeding will be based on the pool # and final standings within that pool.
 - All matches are a FT5/Best of 9 contest.
 - The winner of the set is expected to report the score to the Discord bot or to a TO if they are having an issue. Scores can be disputed with the Discord bot and a TO will work with the players to resolve.
 - Character change is allowed for the Player who lost the last match.
 - Matches are expected to be scheduled with your opponents just as the regular season. Round 1 matches will be asked to be completed by the middle of the week in order to provide enough time to complete Round 2 matches within the week.
 - The final 2 players from each of these brackets will be invited to stream their grand finals match at a future date.

- A monetary prize is awarded to the grand final winner. The amount is TBD until the time of the grand finals event.
- **Top 6 Single Elimination Bracket (Premier and Spartan Pools):**
 - For the postseason week of the league (week 5), single elimination brackets will be generated to include the top 6 players from the regular season **Premier Pool, Spartan Pool, and Diamond Pool**. Seeding of these brackets will be determined by the final standings of the regular season.
 - All matches are a FT5/Best of 9 contest.
 - Winner of the set is expected to report the score to the Discord bot or to a TO if they are having an issue. Scores can be disputed with the Discord bot and a TO will work to resolve.
 - Character change is allowed for the Player who lost the last match.
 - The top 2 seeded players will receive a round 1 bye.
 - Matches are expected to be scheduled with your opponents just as the regular season. Round 1 matches will be asked to be completed by the middle of the week in order to provide enough time to complete Round 2 matches within the week.
 - The final 2 players from each of these brackets will be invited to stream their grand finals match at a future date.
 - A monetary prize is awarded to the grand final winner. The amount is TBD until the time of the grand finals event.
- Players are expected to use Discord chat to coordinate a time to play their match against their opponent.
 - Matches can be played in a custom room, battle hub, or even offline if able.
 - A dedicated Discord chat room is available for the tournament in order to coordinate with your opponents.
- Best efforts should be made to play a match with less than ideal network connections. If any player feels the network connection to their opponent is unplayable they can ask for a connection test using <https://testmyspeed.onl/>. If the results indicate someone is having atypical network issues, attempts should be made to resolve or reschedule the match. If the results do not indicate that someone is having network issues a TO can be asked to make a ruling. At worst, a coin flip will be made as a decision.
 - Coin Flip Procedure: A TO will use the /coinflip command available in the Discord. Each player will be assigned to heads or tails by the TO. The TO will flip the coin ONCE. The result of the coinflip will indicate which player has won the contest.
- If a disconnect happens in the first round of the match, it should be replayed. If the disconnect occurs after the first round, it should be recorded as an automatic loss for the Player who disconnected. If it can't be determined who disconnected first, the match should be replayed.
- Handling Double KOs.
 - If a Double KO occurs it should be counted as a win for BOTH players.
 - In the rare instance of a Double KO occurring in the final possible game of a set causing a "set tie," then the final game needs to be replayed.

- Note: For scoring purposes the game that resulted in a “set tie” is not counted in the standings.
- Determining P1/P2 sides:
 - Use whoever Tourneybot designates as the “first player” or “top name” when looking at the bracket. This will NOT be enforced as we don’t feel it’s critical to the outcome of the match. Please communicate to your opponent if this is important to you.
 - Feel free to offer use of the /coinflip command to your opponent in the Discord server to make a random selection. Players are free to decline this option.
- Prizes:
 - The top player in each pool will be awarded a “**Heavy Hitter**” flair in the Discord channel and will be mailed a **Heavy Hitter bracelet** if they choose to accept.
 - The winner of the single elimination brackets will be awarded a monetary prize paid via Venmo, Zelle, Paypal, or a gift card on a gaming platform of their choice:
 - Premier = \$225 to 1st place, \$100 to 2nd place.
 - Spartan = \$75 to 1st place.
 - Division A Master = \$50 to 1st place.
 - Division B Master = \$25 to 1st place.
 - Division C Master = \$25 to 1st place.
 - Diamond = \$25 to 1st place.
- Players may be **disqualified(DQed) OR receive an automatic loss** in the tournament for the following reasons:
 - The Player is unable to make **reasonable** accommodations to schedule their matches with their opponent and/or does not show up to the scheduled time of their match.
 - Real life happens and we understand sometimes it's impossible to schedule or reschedule a match but if you think there's a risk you won't be able to consistently play your matches please do not sign up.
 - Repeat offenders will be considered for DQ from the event by the TO and may be barred from future events.
 - The Player is located outside of the lower 48 states, Mexico, or Canada.
 - The Player has been determined to be cheating/exploiting the game or match.
 - The TOs determine the Player is acting inappropriately and/or threatening the safety of any of the participants or themselves.
 - At the sole discretion of the TOs due to an unforeseen reason not specified above.
- In the case of a player being unable to finish their matches for the season and it having an impact in the final standings for promotion, the TOs will make a decision to re-score all of that player's matches to 0-0 as to not impact the final standings.
- Handling the release of a new character mid-season - Crimson Viper(C.Viper) on October 15th.
 - To mitigate the volatility of a new character being introduced mid-season, C.Viper is NOT eligible for tournament sets for weeks 3 and 4 of the Big League KO Fall '25 season.
 - C.Viper IS ELIGIBLE for the exhibition single elim brackets hosted week 5 and subsequently the grand finals to be streamed at a future date.

- It's important to note due to the format of this league the players have to be responsible for enforcing this rule. Please communicate this to your opponent right away. If a match is played with C.Viper during the ineligible weeks and NOT contested at that moment by the opponent, then the results must stand.
- This is a living document and may be subject to change as new situations or scenarios arise at the full discretion of the TOs.