Article: Frequently Asked Questions, our Leagues, their Formatting, and Everything Else.

*Why have you created CompeteLeague?*

Lots of people play League of Legends for tons of games and hours, amassing thousands of ranked games per season, learning multiple different champions and multiple different roles through experience. Through this dedication of time people gain ELO and climb higher and higher until they reach a plateau, the point at which they cannot seem to overcome the talents they're pooled against on a consistent basis. It is the belief of our staff at CompeteLeague that many people hit this plateau stage when their game progression knowledge and team coordination are capped by lack of consistent 5v5 competition, an experience that is hard to come across and organize. To this end we at CompeteLeague have set up and are running three different tiered leagues designed to give players looking to take their game to the next level an environment in which to experience a competitive scene. We’re also here to entertain those who want to watch, whether you’re between seasons and missing your LCS fix or just looking to overdose on League of Legends content we’re here for you!

*How do these leagues simulate a competitive scene?*

To create a competitive environment we provide players with an organized league, an audience, and of course prizes to strive for. We schedule and set up the lobbies for each of the games for the league, and have set penalties for teams that are late or field unregistered players without prior warning. Each week four of each of our leagues games are streamed and casted by many of our staff on Twitch.tv/CompeteLeague to an audience that ranges from 40 to 120 on a consistent basis. Our community often interacts with players following their games in twitch chat, providing feedback and giving a real sense of the people who are watching. At the end of the seasons, in a similar manner to Riots LCS, the top 6 teams in the league are entered into a playoff to determine the final rankings of the season and determine who wins our first, second, third, and fourth place prizes. (ADD TWITCH LINK NOBLE)

*What are these prizes?*

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|  | Bronze/Silver | Gold/Platinum | Diamond |
| 1st | Triumphant Ryze, $100 RP | Triumphant Ryze, $100 RP | Triumphant Ryze, $100 cash, and $100 RP |
| 2nd | $75 RP | $75 RP | $75 cash, $75 RP |
| 3rd | $35 RP | $35 RP | $25 cash, $35 RP |
| 4th | $15 RP | $15 RP | $10 cash, $30 RP |

These prizes are awarded to each player in the top 4 teams from the playoffs of each league (not split between members). This prize pool has a total $2,975 to be won!

*Where do I sign my team up?*

Here are the links to our sign up pages.

**Bronze/Silver:** <http://competeleague.com/?do=SignUp&league=Silver>

**Gold/Platinum:** <http://competeleague.com/?do=SignUp&league=Platinum>

**Diamond +:** <http://competeleague.com/?do=SignUp&league=Diamond>

If it says that sign ups have ended don’t be disheartened! We’re on our third set of seasons running CompeteLeague. You can follow us on our Facebook and Twitter social media pages to keep up to date with CompeteLeague and learn the second that sign ups are open again! You can also get in touch and ask us here to put you on our mailing list.

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*We’re all signed up, now what?*

We need time to vet your teams for smurfs so we’ll be doing that first, and then we’ll set up a qualifying competition. Keep an eye out for when we release the brackets and start practicing with your team!

*Wait, vetting for smurfs?*

Yes, unsurprisingly with prizes come smurf attempts to take them instead of entering at their own level in a fair attempt. We have a very effective method of knowing what summoners are smurfing that we’ve used over several seasons to eliminate unfair competition. You should note that if we do catch you trying to enter as a smurf and we uncover you, you will be blacklisted and we will not allow any team you’re a part of to enter even at your actual ELO level, so best to just go for your ELO first time eh?

*I just looked up one of the players in the Silver league and they’re Gold! WTF*

If there is a very marginal disparity between one (and only one) member of a team and a lower division we sometimes accept the team into that league if they ask. We check this on a team by team basis as we don’t want to break up teammates who want to get better, especially if the only difference between the teammates has been one promotion series.

Alternatively if it’s part way through the season sometimes players on the teams competing in our leagues go up SoloQ divisions in the meantime. This is very common actually due to the amounts of practice and increased understanding of the game from participating in our league. Even if the player in the Silver league has improved so much that their account is in Diamond now you can rest assured that they were Silver and in the right division at the start of the season.

*Diamond league I can understand, but who would want to watch lower ELO leagues?*

I’m sure we all look back fondly on the LCS days of wombo-combo bloodbaths and death-oriented play of seasons past, but nowadays with the meta shifted distinctly towards objective-based gameplay many games have turned into low, sometimes single digit, stale tower killing simulators. Our lower ELO games consistently show a lot more action and terror than displayed in the current LCS (sometimes so much our cameraman can’t keep up, bear with him the poor fellow). If you’re still not convinced, you don’t have to be! Feel free to only tune in for our Diamond league games, our stream is at your discretion.

*When is the stream on?*

Our stream is on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 5-9pm CST during the regular season with some variation at Playoffs. We host the Bronze/Silver League on Tuesday, the Gold/Platinum league on Wednesday, and the Diamond league on Thursday. When is the stream on in [country]?

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|  | CST | EST | CET | MSK | HKT | ACST |
| Start time | 5pm | 6pm | 10pm | 2am | 5am | 7am |
| End Time | 9pm | 10pm | 2am | 6am | 9am | 11am |

*How long is a season? How many games are in a season? WHAT IS A SEASON?*

Each of our leagues holds 8 teams who play 2 games a week over a period of approximately 2 months. Teams will play one another 3 times throughout the duration of this season, and at the end the highest 6 teams in the rankings will enter a playoff elimination tournament to go for the winning spots. The playoff will be single game elimination until the semi-finals and final which will be best of 3 and best of 5 matches respectively. For this season you can check out the full schedule for Bronze/Silver ­Here, Gold/Platinum Here, and Diamond Here. (LINK THESE IN THE ARTICLE NOBLE)

*And sign ups will be directly after the finals?*

We usually take some time between seasons to organize new plans, search for new sponsors and opportunities, and take a short break from the administrative work. We’ll be back shortly though and rest assured you’ll know when sign ups open if you’re watching our Facebook or Twitter, or have asked us to be on our mailing list.

*Man I’m so excited! Wait what server is this on?*

At the moment CompeteLeague is only on the NA server. We have plans in place to expand to EUW next. But whether you’re on EUW, EUNE, BR, TR, RU, LAN, LAS, or OCE, if you want us to expand to your area we need your help! If you’re interested in joining a team creating a CompeteLeague competition in your region you can apply to help via our jobs page here. (LINK THIS TOO NOBLE)

*I have another question.*

You can get in touch with us here, on Facebook, Twitter, or ask on our forums. Feel free to do any of these to give feedback and recommendations for us too! (MOAR LINKS NOBLE)

That’s it from me folks, I look forward to seeing you on the rift, on our stream, and anywhere else.

- Liam “Mindmesser” Slack