

= Counter Logic Gaming =

Counter Logic Gaming (CLG) is an American eSports organization headquartered in Los Angeles , California . It was founded in April 2010 by George " HotshotGG " Georgallidis and Alexander " Voodoo " Beutel as a League of Legends team , and has since branched out into other games .

CLG fields the oldest League of Legends team still active , having competed in every split of the North American League of Legends Championship Series (LCS) since it began in Spring 2013 . CLG has won two NA LCS splits , the 2015 Summer NA LCS and 2016 Spring NA LCS . The team has also attended the 2012 and 2015 League of Legends World Championships , and was eliminated in the group stage on both occasions .

The organization also fields Halo , Counter @-@ Strike : Global Offensive (CS : GO) , Super Smash Bros. , and Call of Duty teams , and previously included a Dota 2 team . The organization was also one of the first in North America to implement a multi @-@ team gaming house , and the current residence is able to house all their major divisions and the management staff on a permanent basis .

= = History = =

= = = Organization = = =

Counter Logic Gaming was founded to compete in League of Legends tournaments by George " HotshotGG " Georgallidis and Alexander " Voodoo " Beutel in April 2010 . In December 2011 , Counter Logic Gaming merged with the Absolute Legends organization . Although the two organizations decided to separate a month later , the ex @-@ AbsoluteLegends roster chose to stay with CLG , as Counter Logic Gaming Europe . On 2 February 2012 , the organization announced that it had acquired the Dota 2 roster of Swedish team eXperience Gaming . In May of that year , Georgallidis created a CLG League of Legends B team , known as Counter Logic Gaming Black . On 2 July 2012 , HotshotGG stepped down from the position of active CEO of Counter Logic Gaming , citing a wish to focus more on his game @-@ play , and was replaced by his mother , Helen Georgallidis .

In October 2012 , CLG 's Dota 2 team officially disbanded , with most of the players having left weeks before . Less than three months later , in late December , CLG.EU elected not to re @-@ sign their contracts , instead signing with Evil Geniuses . The organization also disbanded CLG Black , leaving the original League of Legends team as the only roster under the Counter Logic Gaming banner . CEO Helen Georgallidis and COO Robert " CyberBob " Del Papa resigned with these announcements , and Kelby May was promoted to General Manager for the organization . Kelby remained at CLG for two years until September 2014 , when he stepped down ; Matthew " MaTTcom " Marikian was promoted to General Manager , while Bryan " bchenN " Chen was hired as the Director of Finance and Operations .

On 10 November 2014 , Counter Logic Gaming announced that they had acquired the Shoot to Kill Halo roster , including professional Halo veteran Tom " OGRE 2 " Ryan , branded under the name Counter Logic Gaming Halo . In January 2015 , the organization also acquired the ex @-@ mouseSpaz Counter @-@ Strike : Global Offensive roster as CLG.CS , and reestablished the CLG Black brand that same month . On 14 June 2015 , the organization expanded into Super Smash Bros. Melee , picking up Kevin " PewPewU " Toy . On 7 July 2015 , the all @-@ female ex @-@ Ubinite roster was announced as CLG Red , a second Counter @-@ Strike : Global Offensive team , and on 6 August 2015 , the organization announced that Devin ? Mylixia ? Nash had become the new CEO , while HotshotGG became the President / Owner of Counter Logic Gaming .

On 2 December 2015 , the organization announced that they had expanded into Call of Duty by acquiring the roster of Denial eSports .

= = = Controversies = = =

=== Major League Gaming ===

On 8 November 2011 , Counter Logic Gaming was disqualified from the MLG Providence 2011 Qualifiers . Having won their qualification match against RFLXGaming , it transpired that the team had fielded Luis " Lapaka " Perez in place of Ho @-@ jin " Lilac " Jeon . Lapaka was registered as the team leader for AbsoluteLegends , another team in the tournament , and had played in a match between AbsoluteLegends and Team SoloMid . MLG ruled that CLG 's decision to illegally use Lapaka as a ringer for their match against RFLXGaming warranted disqualification and confiscation of all prize money .

=== LCS Fines and Punishments ===

On 12 August 2014 , Riot Games ' (Riot) Nick Allen announced that four members of Counter Logic Gaming 's League of Legends team were to be fined US \$ 1 @,@ 250 for violating the League of Legends Championship Series rule associated with account sharing during their stay in Korea . These same players were also banned from Ongamenet (OGN) and Korean e @-@ Sports Association @-@ owned tournaments for two years . On 10 December 2014 CLG was fined US \$ 10 @,@ 000 by Riot , after being found guilty of soliciting Team Dignitas ' William " Scarra " Li without acquiring his current team 's approval . Additionally , Scarra was prohibited from serving as CLG 's head coach on stage for the first three weeks of the 2015 NA LCS Spring Split . On 6 January 2015 , after this first ruling , CLG ? s management voluntarily revealed a similar violation regarding the recruitment of Darshan " ZionSpartan " Upadhyaya . CLG was fined \$ 2 @,@ 000 by Riot , while Yiliang " Doublelift " Peng was fined US \$ 2 @,@ 500 for encouraging the violation . Furthermore , the team was restricted from fielding ZionSpartan for the first week of the 2015 LCS .

=== League of Legends ===

=== Original Team ===

Counter Logic Gaming began as a group of ten League of Legends players in April 2010 , originally including Andy " Reginald " Dinh , among others , but solidified as a formal five @-@ man roster , made up of " HotshotGG " , Michael " bigfatjiji " Tang , Steve " Chauster " Chau , Sam " Kobe24 " Hartman @-@ Kenzler , and Cody " Elementz " Sigfusson . The team 's first offline accomplishment was a win at World Cyber Games 2010 , taking the final series against European powerhouse SK Gaming . Shortly afterwards in April 2011 , Kobe24 retired from professional gaming , and Brandon " Saintvicious " DiMarco took his place on the team . Shortly afterwards , bigfatjiji was forced to change his name to bigfatlp by Riot Games . In June 2011 , CLG attended the Riot Games Season 1 World Championship in Sweden . Despite a loss to Team SoloMid , they advanced from the group stage , but were knocked out of championship contention by FnaticMSI , and forced to fight for an eventual fifth @-@ place finish .

In August 2011 , after a string of domestic victories , CLG participated in their second international LAN tournament , IEM Season VI Cologne . The team defeated Team SoloMid in the Grand Final , and claimed victory . In November 2011 , after a disappointing domestic run , including disqualification from MLG Providence 2011 , CLG benched Elementz , adding Yiliang " Doublelift " Peng to their active roster . However , in order to participate in the nation @-@ locked 2011 World Cyber Games , CLG formed a temporary all @-@ Canadian team . Elementz returned to the roster for the event , and Team Solomid players Shan " Chaox " Huang and Brian " TheOddOne " Wiley made up the rest of this temporary roster , alongside CLG members bigfatlp and HotshotGG . CLG was beaten by the Polish team in the semifinals , but was able to triumph over French team Millenium in the third place match .

After a fairly successful domestic run , including victory in Season 2 of the National ESL Premier League , CLG participated in the IEM Season VI World Championship in March 2012 . Placing second in the group stage and losing to Russian team Moscow Five in the semifinals , CLG narrowly defeated aAa in the third place match . On 12 March 2012 , CLG moved into a temporary gaming house in South Korea to participate in the 2012 OGN Spring Championship . Having qualified for the playoffs , CLG fell in the first round to eventual champions MiG Blaze , and on 25 April 2012 , the team moved back to North America . Citing internal tensions between players Saintvicious , HotshotGG , and Chauster , CLG made a roster change in May 2012 , removing Saintvicious , and adding Joedat " Voyboy " Esfahani from Team Dignitas . Two days later , the team announced a name change from Counter Logic Gaming to Counter Logic Gaming Prime , to differentiate themselves from the organization 's second North American League of Legends team , Counter Logic Gaming Black . In June 2012 , the newly named CLG Prime attended MLG Anaheim 2012 , falling to rivals Team SoloMid in the finals .

CLG Prime was one of two North American teams to be invited to compete in the 2012 OGN Summer Championship . The team lost in their first group stage game to Counter Logic Gaming Europe . Despite this early loss , they qualified for the playoffs , and were eliminated by Korean team Azubu Frost . Despite no longer competing in Korea , CLG Prime remained the country to practice for the upcoming North American Regional Finals . There , after falling to Team SoloMid and defeating Team Curse in the third place match , CLG Prime became the last North American team to qualify for the Riot Games Season 2 World Championship .

At October 's Riot Games Season 2 World Championship , CLG Prime was knocked out in the group stage , taking home a ninth / tenth @-@ place finish and US \$ 50 @,@ 000 . Following their disappointing World Championship performance , Voyboy left the team , and former MiG Frost player Yoon @-@ sub " Locodoco " Choi was picked up . On November 29 , CLG Prime entered IPL 5 . Despite surprisingly strong showings against Curse EU , FnaticRC , and Moscow Five , the team placed fifth / sixth . After the event , Locodoco expressed in an interview that " coming to America was a mistake " , but added that it did not indicate he would be leaving the team . However , on 4 December CLG announced the departure of Locodoco , and on 28 December , Zaqueri " Aphromoo " Black was announced as their starting support player , while Austin " LiNk " Shin , formerly of CLG Black , joined as a substitute player . The team also dropped the Prime suffix from their name , due to the departure of Counter Logic Gaming Europe and disbanding of Counter Logic Gaming Black . On 15 January 2013 , bigfatlp announced that he would be stepping down from the starting roster to a substitute position , citing lack of confidence in his own play , while LiNk stepped up to the starting roster .

As one of the top three teams from the North American region , CLG auto @-@ qualified for the newly created Riot Games NA League of Legends Championship Series (NA LCS) , the Spring Split of which began 27 February 2013 . Following a regular season placement of forth with a record of 13 @-@ 15 , the team was knocked into the Summer Promotion Tournament following defeat in the playoffs . CLG won their promotion match against bigfatlp 's challenger team , Azure Cats , and was allowed to remain in the 2013 NA LCS for the Summer Split . Following this unsatisfactory split , HotshotGG decided to step down , and Aphromoo left . Bigfatlp rejoined the active roster , and Zachary " Nientonsoh " Malhas was acquired to fill the other vacant position . CLG also announced on 24 July 2013 that OGN caster Christopher " MonteCristo " Mykles would be joining CLG as a coach .

The Summer Split proved no better for the revamped CLG roster , who ended the regular season in sixth place with a record of 13 @-@ 15 , scraping into playoffs . A loss in their first series against long @-@ time rivals Team SoloMid meant they could no longer qualify for the Season 3 World Championship . The team claimed fifth / sixth place in the playoffs by beating Team Curse , and secured requalification for the next season of the NA LCS . On October 23 , Chauster announced his retirement from competitive play , while bigfatlp moved back to a sub position . On 7 November it was announced that Aphromoo and Brian " TrickZ " Ahn would temporarily fill CLG 's vacancies for the upcoming Intel Extreme Masters Season VIII Cologne . CLG took fourth at the event , falling in the semifinals to Fnatic . The organization announced that TrickZ would not remain with the team

coming into 2014 . Before the start of the 2014 Spring Split , CLG solidified their roster by picking up Marcel " dexter " Feldkamp , formerly of European team Lemondogs , and also offered a permanent roster spot to Aphromoo .

In the 2014 NA LCS Spring Split , CLG ended the regular season with the record of 18 @-@ 10 , placing third below rivals Cloud9 and Team SoloMid . CLG finished third at playoffs after losing to Team SoloMid and defeating Team Curse . Following this performance , Nientonsoh decided to step down from the starting line up , stating that he was unable to handle the heavy criticism from the public . On 19 May 2014 , after considerable speculation , Korean import Wu @-@ Yeong " Seraph " Shin was officially announced as the team 's fifth member .

With its third @-@ place finish in the Spring , CLG was able to compete in the 2014 NA LCS Summer Split . For five weeks in the mid @-@ season , CLG held first place and peaked at a 13 @-@ 7 record . However , toward the end of the split their form began to decline , and days before Week 11 of the split began , coach MonteCristo announced that the team would spend a number of weeks " bootcamping " in Korea to prepare for playoffs and a prospective World Championship spot . In the 2014 NA LCS Summer Playoffs , CLG entered with considerable expectations after their stint in South Korea . The team was heavily favored to take their initial series from Team Curse , but was cleanly beaten , and eliminated from contention for a Riot Games Season 4 World Championship seed . Following a second loss to Team Dignitas , CLG dropped into the following split 's promotion tournament , where they defeated Curse Academy in an extremely close series . Shortly afterwards , on 13 October 2014 , dexter announced that he would not renew his contract for the following split .

On 31 October 2014 , the organization announced that William " Scarra " Li would be joining as the team 's head coach , while also announcing that tryouts had begun for all positions . Eight days later , Darshan " ZionSpartan " Upadhyaya was announced as the newest addition to the lineup , replacing Seraph , whose contract the organization had decided not to renew . A month later , in December , it was announced that LiNk would return to the starting lineup for the forthcoming split , alongside Jake " Xmithie " Puchero , formerly of Team Vulcun . On 19 December CLG attended IEM IX Cologne with their new roster , aside from Xmithie , who was unable to attend due to visa issues ; the team played with a substitute and finished second , behind Gambit Gaming .

The new roster made a remarkably strong start to the 2015 Spring Split , and just missed out on a playoff bye after losing a second @-@ place regular season tiebreaker to Cloud9 . Despite looking strong going into the 2015 Spring Playoffs , CLG was once again unable to perform , losing in the quarterfinals to Team Liquid , and ended up in fifth place . Shortly after the playoffs ended , Scarra resigned as head coach on 17 April 2015 . Less than a month later , LiNk also left , releasing a public statement about his time with CLG , in which he criticized almost every player , as well as the management and the coaching staff . The next day , the organization announced that they had replaced LiNk with two players , Eugene " Pobelter " Park and Jae @-@ hyun " HuHi " Choi , with the plan being to alternate between the two . On 28 May 2015 , Chris " Blurred Limes " Ehrenreich was announced as the new head coach of the team , while existing analyst Tony " Zikz " Gray was moved to a new position , Strategic Coach .

CLG had their best regular NA LCS split yet in the Summer of 2015 , finishing in second place with a record of 13 @-@ 5 . Their record gave the team an automatic playoff bye into the semifinals , where they were able to sweep Team Impulse , matching CLG against rivals Team SoloMid in their first NA LCS final . In the final , Counter Logic Gaming swept their long @-@ term rivals , and became NA LCS champions for the first time , while Doublelift won the first LAN event of his five @-@ year career . The team also secured the first North American seed to the 2015 League of Legends World Championship .

Although they were drawn into what was considered to be the easiest group , CLG finished below Flash Wolves and KOO Tigers , and so failed to progress to the tournament 's knockout stage . Despite having their most successful NA LCS season , the organization made large changes to the championship winning roster . On 23 October 2015 , it was announced that HuHi would be stepping up to the active roster , having fulfilled the role of a sub for the entirety of the previous split , while Pobelter left the team shortly afterwards . On 28 October , it was announced that Blurred Limes had been released from the organization , with " a breach of trust " cited as the mean reason behind the

decision . On 31 October , it was announced that Doublelift had been released after four years of being involved with the organization . Attitude problems and conflict within the team were cited as the main motivators . Doublelift was announced as the newest member of Team SoloMid shortly afterwards .

On 11 November 2015 , former analyst and strategic coach Zikz was announced as CLG 's new head coach , and on 20 November 2015 , the organization announced that Trevor " Stixxay " Hayes , formerly of CLG Black , would be the fifth player for the team at IEM San Jose , although he was not announced as the starter for 2016 . At the tournament , CLG would beat out both Unicorns of Love and Jin Air Green Wings 2 @-@ 0 , before falling to Origen in the final , marking the first time a North American team had beaten a Korean team in a series .

On 17 April 2016 , CLG won their second consecutive NA LCS championship , defeating longtime rivals Team Solomid 3 @-@ 2 in the grand finals .

== == CLG.EU == ==

On 20 December 2011 , Counter Logic Gaming and European organization Absolute Legends announced a merger . The roster of Mike " Wickd " Petersen , Stephen " Snoopeh " Ellis , Henrik " Froggen " Hansen , Peter " Yellowpete " Wüppen , and Mitch " Krepo " Voorspoels became Counter Logic Gaming Europe . A month later , on 30 January 2012 , the two organizations decided to separate , but the European roster elected to stay under the Counter Logic Gaming brand . The team 's first challenge would be in the Kings of Europe online tournament , placing first after defeating Russian juggernauts Moscow Five in the final . The team experienced immense regional success over the next few months , consistently beating top European teams FnaticRC , Moscow Five , against All authority , and SK Gaming , and winning several tournaments , including the Corsair Vengeance Cup , In2LOL Kickoff EU , and Absolute Pro League March .

On 10 June 2012 , Counter Logic Gaming Europe flew to Anaheim , California to participate in the 2012 MLG Spring Championships . Beaten out of the Winners Bracket by Team SoloMid , CLG.EU defeated both Team Curse EU and Orbit Gaming to advance to round six of the Losers Bracket , where they fell to Counter Logic Gaming Prime , going home with a fifth / sixth @-@ place finish . After only six days of rest , the team flew out to Jönköping , Sweden to participate in DreamHack Summer 2012 . In the group stage , CLG.EU placed first , defeating Moscow Five , Absolute Legends , and Mebdi 's Minions , and then defeated FnaticRC to advance to the Grand Final . There , CLG.EU defeated Moscow Five once again in dominating fashion , securing their first major offline title .

After a successful year in the European Challenger Circuit , accruing a large number of circuit points , Counter Logic Gaming Europe was one of eight European teams to qualify for the Riot Season 2 European Regionals in August 2012 , and flew out to Germany to compete for a spot at the Riot Games Season 2 World Championship . Despite being the heavy favorites coming into the event , CLG.EU fell to SK Gaming , dropping down in the bracket to play for the final worlds seed against Fnatic . The team took a clean victory , and secured themselves a spot in the Season 2 World Championship . Later that month Counter Logic Gaming EU was one of two European teams invited to attend the 2012 OGN Summer Championship . The team went undefeated in group play , going 3 @-@ 0 against CLG Prime , LG @-@ IM , and MVP Blue . CLG.EU defeated World Elite in the quarterfinals and NaJin Sword in the semifinals . Matched up against Azubu Frost in the final series of the tournament , CLG.EU almost took victory before losing three games in a row , and was only able to take home second place .

Counter Logic Gaming EU traveled to Los Angeles in October 2012 to compete in the Riot Games Season 2 World Championship . In the group stage , CLG.EU looked dominant while taking games off of Team Dignitas and Saigon Jokers . Advancing out of Group B as the second seed , the team faced World Elite in the round of eight . This match was marred by technical issues and had to be postponed due to power failures and connection problems . In the deciding third game , CLG.EU were finally able to secure victory . The team maintained their form through the first game of their semifinal against Azubu Frost , but were outmatched in games two and three , losing out overall .

They finished in third / fourth place and were awarded prize money of \$ 150 @, @ 000 .

On 29 November 2012 , Counter Logic Gaming EU attended IPL 5 in Las Vegas , and began the tournament with a winning streak against North American teams CLG Prime , Team FeaR , and Team SoloMid . The eventual winners of the tournament , World Elite , pushed CLG.EU into the Losers Bracket , where they faced Season 2 World Champions , Taipei Assassins , who beat the Europeans and eliminated them from the tournament , leaving them with a disappointing final placement of fifth / sixth . In December 2012 , just before the new year , CLG.EU decided not to renew their contract , and parted ways with the Counter Logic Gaming organization . On 25 January 2013 , the team announced that they had joined Evil Geniuses .

= = = = CLG Black = = = =

On 30 April 2012 , Counter Logic Gaming announced that it was looking for players to form a League of Legends B team . The roster for this team , Counter Logic Gaming Black , was finalised on 12 May 2012 , made up of Devon " Hoodstomp " Mark and Austin " LiNk " Shin of Orbit Gaming , Lyubomir " Bloodwater " Spasov of 4Not.Fire , Christopher " Zuna " Buechter of mTw.NA , and Benny " Sycho Sid " Hung . After strong showings in various online events , CLG Black attended their first offline tournament , the GIGABYTE Esports LAN on 15 June 2012 . Despite a loss to Team SoloMid in the group stages , strong showings against Team Green Forest and Team Curse allowed the team to advance to the playoffs . There , after reaching the finals , CLG Black lost to Team SoloMid once again , taking second place . On 14 July 2012 , CLG Black participated in Leaguecraft ggClassic # 2 . Having advanced to the playoffs , they defeated Curse Gaming , but lost to Team Dynamic , dropping into the Losers Bracket . The team fought through the Losers Bracket , and faced Team Dynamic in the finals , losing once again , and finishing second .

On 25 August 2012 , after a second round loss to Team Dignitas , Counter Logic Gaming Black faced Team Dynamic once more in the quarterfinals of the 2012 MLG Summer Championship , using Jason " WildTurtle " Tran in place of LiNk , who was unable to attend , and were beaten . This was the last major tournament for this short @-@ lived CLG Black lineup ; Hoodstomp announced his retirement on 16 October , and on 28 December 2012 , CLG Black officially disbanded . Bloodwater , Zuna , and Sycho Sid went on to play for Team Vulcun , while LiNk was moved up to the Counter Logic Gaming Prime roster , eventually replacing Michael " bigfatlp " Tang .

In January 2015 , CLG formed a new secondary League of Legends team , under the moniker CLG Black , made up of Jonathan " Westrice " Nguyen , Thomas " Thinkcard " Slotkin , Brandon " Easy " Doyle , Trevor " Stixxay " Hayes , and Kenny " I KeNNy u " Nguyen . The team defeated Rock Bottom Gorillas and Team Liquid Academy In the North American Challenger Series Spring Qualifier , successfully qualifying for the Spring Split of the Riot Games NA Challenger Series , the second tier of professional League of Legends in North America . Westrice announced his retirement from professional play on 24 February 2015 before the start of the split , and was replaced by Samson " Lourlo " Jackson . After placing last in Spring , CLG Black was forced to participate in the qualifier for the Summer Split . William " Scarra " Li replaced Easy in the off @-@ season , playing his first official match on 3 June 2015 . After winning the first game of the qualifier , " Stixxay " was banned by Riot Games for two weeks due to his in @-@ game behaviour . Counter Logic Gaming Black lost both subsequent games , using Parsa " Frost " Baghai as a substitute , and so failed to qualify for the following North American Challenger Series Summer Split .

On 5 November 2015 , it was announced that CLG Black was once again recruiting , with Thinkcard as the only returning player . On 10 December , Tony " Zlkz " Gray confirmed a final roster of I KeNNy U , Thinkcard , Tyson " Innox " Kapler , Yuri " KEITHMCBRIEF " Jew and Petar " Unlimited " Georgiev in a comment on the / r / CLG subreddit . Three days later , the team was knocked out of the 2016 NACS Spring Split Open Qualifier by Team Liquid Academy , once again failing to qualify . The team has since been disbanded .

= = = Dota 2 = = =

On 2 February 2012 , Counter Logic Gaming picked up the unsigned eXperience Gaming roster , made up of Jonathan " Loda " Berg , Joakim " Akke " Akterhall , Jesper " Mirakel " Nyhlén , Per Anders Olsson " Pajkatt " Lille , and Alexander " Pinoy " Pettersson , under the name CLG Dota . On 2 March 2012 , exactly a month later , Johan " smulgullig " Gidmark replaced Pinoy after the former acted as a stand @-@ in for the team for minor online events . From March to August , after success in relatively minor online tournaments , CLG Dota 's schedule was dominated by various more prolific online tournaments , either of the form of a group stage followed by playoff finals , or of a round @-@ robin tournament . The first of these was Star Ladder Star Series Season 1 , running from 12 March to 29 April 2012 . Counter Logic Gaming placed third in the group stage , beating Darer at playoffs before losing to both Natus Vincere and Moscow Five in the Winners Bracket and Losers Bracket Finals , finishing third .

The second and third of the tournaments were ProDOTA World League Season 1 and The Premier League Season 2 , taking place from 13 April to 5 August , and 17 April to 8 July 2012 respectively . In the former , CLG Dota placed third in the European group stage , and beat Orange Esports and Team Infused in the playoffs , before losing to PotM Bottom in both the Winners Bracket and Grand Finals , taking home second . In the latter , which was a round @-@ robin tournament , the team finished second behind Natus Vincere . On 18 May 2012 , In the middle of these two tournaments , Loda and smulgullig left the team , and CLG picked up Rasmus " MiSeRy " Filipsen and Dominik " Lacoste " Stipic to replace them . From 21 June to 12 August 2012 , after the additions to their roster , CLG Dota took part in The Defense Season 2 . CLG finished second in their group behind Quantic Gaming , qualifying for the playoff stage . There they defeated mTw and mousesports to reach the Winners Bracket Final , where they lost to compLexity Gaming . The team met mousesports again in the Losers Bracket Final , but was defeated , taking home third place .

On 29 September 2012 , Counter Logic Gaming was one of fourteen teams invited to attend the 2012 edition of The International , the roster 's first and only LAN tournament . The event was run by Valve , the developer of Dota 2 , and took place at PAX Prime in Seattle , with a \$ 1 @,@ 600 @,@ 000 prize pool . The team was knocked out of the tournament in the group stage after being beaten by teams including Evil Geniuses and LGD Gaming . CLG Dota 's placing was ninth to twelfth , and the team returned home with nothing . On 15 October 2012 , the organization announced that MiSeRy and Pajkatt were leaving to join LGD.int. No replacements were announced . Later that month , on 29 October , Akke also left the team to join No Tidehunter , and Counter Logic Gaming Dota officially disbanded .

== = Halo == =

On 10 November 2014 , Counter Logic Gaming announced that they had acquired Shoot to Kill 's Halo roster , made up of Richard " Heinz " Heinz , Halo veteran Tom " OGRE2 " Ryan , Paul " SnakeBite " Duarte , and Matthew " Royal 2 " Fiorante , alongside their coach , Chris " Royal 1 " Fiorante . Counter Logic Gaming Halo was picked up before the start of the official Halo Championship Series (HCS) . After joining the organization , CLG Halo found immediate success , taking successive victories in ESL 's HCS Pre @-@ Cup Tournaments # 1 and # 2 , beating other top teams including Evil Geniuses , OpTic Gaming , and Cloud9 . Despite being eliminated in the round of sixty four by Evil Geniuses at HCS Season One Cup # 1 , the team recovered in December 2014 at the first HCS LAN Event : Iron Games Columbus , claiming first place after facing Evil Geniuses once more in the finals , and becoming the first winners of an HCS LAN event .

After this strong run , CLG Halo came into HCS S1 Cup # 2 as first seed , but was upset by Denial eSports in the quarterfinals . In January 2015 , due to their previous success , the team was able to hold on to their seeding going into the second LAN event of the season : UGC St. Louis . After reaching the Winners Bracket Final , they faced off against Denial , and were again defeated . After defeating Evil Geniuses in the Losers Bracket Final , the team had to face Denial once more in the Grand Final , and were once more defeated by them , claiming second . Despite repeatedly failing to win a tournament , CLG 's relative consistency netted them the first seed for HCS S1 Cup # 3 , and the team looked to reassert themselves here . After breezing through the first few rounds , CLG

found themselves in the finals against a familiar Denial team . CLG were finally able to overcome their opponents , and won their first official HCS Online Cup on 11 January 2015 .

On 25 January 2015 , CLG was taken out by Cloud9 in the semifinals of HCS S1 Cup # 4 , netting them another top 4 finish . In each of the next three HCS S1 Cups , # 5 , # 6 , and # 7 , CLG was eliminated by the newly formed Noble Black roster , leading fans to question whether CLG Halo would still perform well at LAN . On 21 February , at Gamers For Giving 2015 , CLG met Noble Black in round four . Despite their troubles in the online cups , CLG swept their opponents to advance to the next round . After losing a close series against OpTic Gaming , the team was forced into the Losers Bracket , where they beat eLevate , Cloud9 , and OpTic to meet Evil Geniuses in the Grand Final . Evil Geniuses took a flawless series against Counter Logic Gaming Halo , and also took the first seed going into the HCS Season One Finals . At the HCS Season One Finals at PAX East , CLG lost to Evil Geniuses in the Winners Bracket Final , before defeating Noble Black in the Losers Bracket Final . Facing Evil Geniuses for a second time in the tournament on 8 March 2015 , CLG Halo was again outclassed , ending both the tournament and the season with another second @-@ place finish .

On 13 March 2015 , Heinz confirmed on Twitter that he had been released . Counter Logic Gaming announced later that day that they had acquired Denial eSports ' Scottie " Cloud " Holste to take his place . In April , at the first LAN of HCS Season Two : Iron Games Atlanta 2015 , CLG Halo defeated Cloud9 , before losing yet another series to Evil Geniuses , and falling into the Losers Bracket . There , CLG was defeated by Winterfox , and claimed fifth place after beating out OpTic Gaming in a consolation match , their first below second placing at an HCS LAN . Following HCS Season Two Cup # 1 , Ogre2 went on vacation , leaving the team with sub Weston " Clutch " Price to fill his role for the next two cups , in which the team placed top 16 and top 8 respectively .

OGRE2 's return would not immediately lead to better fortunes for Counter Logic Gaming , as the team finished top 8 in HCS S2 Cup # 4 . However , on 7 June 2015 , they earned their highest placing of the season , finishing third in HCS S2 Cup # 5 . They repeated this finish in HCS S2 Cup # 6 , before finishing top 8 in HCS S2 Cup # 7 , the final cup of the season . Later in June , CLG went into HCS LAN Indianapolis holding fifth seed , and was knocked out of the Winners Bracket relatively early on by Cloud9 . Despite an impressive Losers Bracket run , they were beaten in the Grand Final by Evil Geniuses . This second @-@ place finish was enough to secure them the fourth seed going into the HCS Season 2 Finals , which started on 24 July 2015 . At the finals , CLG was once again forced into the Losers Bracket , this time by Evil Geniuses . Wins against OpTic Gaming , Cloud9 , and Denial eSports took the team into the Grand Final , where they met Evil Geniuses for the last time that season . CLG managed their first and only Season Two victory against Evil Geniuses , but lost the second , deciding series , relegating Counter Logic Gaming Halo to successive second place season finishes .

On 2 December 2015 , the organization announced the release of Cloud , and the acquisition of Bradley " Frosty " Bergstrom , and on 28 January 2016 , it was announced that OGRE2 was being replaced by Tony " Lethxl " Campbell .

== = Counter @-@ Strike : Global Offensive == =

== = = CLG.CS == = =

Counter Logic Gaming 's potential expansion into Counter @-@ Strike : Global Offensive was first discussed publicly in a December 2014 interview of George " HotshotGG " Georgallidis , who commented , " We 're looking at all avenues . Right now we 're really interested in CS : GO and Dota 2 , and hopefully we 'll be expanding to those areas very soon . " This ambition became reality when , in early 2015 , CLG signed the ex @-@ mouseSpaz roster of Tarik " tarik " Celik , James " Hazed " Cobb , Stephen " reItuC " Cutler , Pujan " FNS " Mehta , and Peter " ptr " Gurney as CLG.CS. The team 's first major event under the CLG banner was the first of three annual majors , ESL One Katowice 2015 , where they dropped out in the group stages of the tournament . The team

had decent success over the next few months , winning the CEVO Season 6 LAN Finals , and coming in fifth / sixth place at ESEA Global Finals Season 18 , losing to European teams Fnatic and mousesports .

This middling level of success was not enough for the team , and on 29 April 2015 , ptr was kicked . On 8 May the organization announced it was actively looking for a new fifth member , and on 2 June , Josh " jdm64 " Marzano rounded out the squad . The team went on to place fourth regionally in the online stage of ESL ESEA Pro League Season 1 , and so qualified for the LAN stage of the tournament . After unexpectedly taking out both Fnatic and Keyd Stars in their group , the team made it to the semifinals of the tournament , before being knocked out by Cloud9 .

The team qualified for ESL One Cologne 2015 on 2 August 2015 , as one of only two North American teams attending . CLG.CS performed surprisingly well at the event , but close losses against European powerhouses Ninjas in Pyjamas and Natus Vincere sent them out in the group stages . A string of mediocre domestic results bridged the gap to the last major of the year , DreamHack Open Cluj @-@ Napoca , where Counter Logic Gaming was knocked out of their group by Natus Vincere . The remainder of the year brought equally disappointing results for the team , culminating in a last place finish at the ESL ESEA Pro League Season 2 Finals . Shortly after , on 15 December , the organization announced that it was looking for a new fifth member , after FNS decided to step down from the roster . CLG announced Jacob " FugLy " Medina as their new fifth player and Faruk " pita " Pita as their head coach on 20 January 2016 . FugLy left on the team on 13 March 2016 . Kenneth " koosta " Suen replaced jdm64 on 13 June 2016 .

== == CLG Red == ==

On 5 July 2015 , Counter Logic Gaming announced that they had signed the ex @-@ Ubinited roster of Christine " potter " Chi , Diane " di ^ " Tran , Benita " bENITA " Novshadian , Catherine " CAth " Leroux @-@ Racette , Stephanie " missharvey " Harvey as a second , all @-@ female , Counter -Strike : Global Offensive team , called CLG Red . Six days later , CLG.CS Red placed first at Electronic Sports World Cup 2015 CSGO Women , beating out Games4u.se Female in the final .

== == Super Smash Bros. == ==

On 14 June 2015 , the organization expanded into Super Smash Bros. , picking up Northern California based Melee player Kevin " PewPewU " Toy . He attended June 's CEO 2015 and July 's EVO 2015 under the Counter Logic Gaming brand , placing ninth place in the individual categories of each . He also placing third in doubles of the former and first place at EVO . On 23 October 2015 , Counter Logic Gaming signed New Jersey based Smash 4 player Tyrell " NAKAT " Coleman . On 16 December 2015 , the organization announced that they had signed PewPewU 's friend and doubles partner , North California based Melee player Zac " SFAT " Cordini , making them among the first established Super Smash Bros. duos to be signed to the same organization . New Jersey based competitive Smash 4 player and content creator Richard " Keitaro " King Jr. joined Counter Logic Gaming as a video editor on 9 March 2016 . Southern California based Smash 4 player James " VoID " Makekau @-@ Tyson joined on 16 June 2016 .

== == Call of Duty == ==

On 2 December 2015 , Counter Logic Gaming announced that they had expanded into Call of Duty , after buying the roster of Anthony " Methodz " Zinni , Michael " Blfire " Glushenok , Aaron " CMPLX " Vetelino , and Tyler " FeLony " Johnson from Denial eSports .

The team 's primary goal was participation in Stage 1 of the 2016 Call of Duty World League (CWL) , to which end they attended the North American Pro Division Offline Qualifier . There , losses to Team EnVyUs and Team Kaliber would force CLG to attempt qualification in a second online stage . The team was one of four to qualify online , and secure a spot in the 2016 CWL .

= = Current Roster = =

As of 13 December 2015 .

= = = League of Legends = = =

= = = = Counter Logic Gaming = = = =

= = = Halo 5 : Guardians = = =

= = = Counter @-@ Strike : Global Offensive = = =

= = = = CLG.CS = = = =

Pita is the coach of the team , but he is currently standing in as they haven 't had a fifth player since the departure of Jacob " FugLy " Medina .

= = = CLG.CS Red = = =

= = = Super Smash Bros. = = =

= = = Call of Duty = = =

= = Notable Alumni = =

Andy " Reginald " Dinh (League of Legends)

Dan Dinh (League of Legends)

Yiliang " Doublelift " Peng (League of Legends)

Henrik " Froggen " Hansen (League of Legends)

Tom " OGRE2 " Ryan (Halo)