

Sawgrass Wars – Deal Structure Options

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Below are three possible deal structures for *Sawgrass Wars*. Each protects the value of the IP while giving flexibility on how the transaction is structured. The goal is a win-win that allows production to move forward while ensuring the story’s worth is reflected.

Outright Sale	Option Agreement	Hybrid / Step Deal
• One-time purchase of rights • Buyer owns all rights going forward	• ~10% upfront as option fee • Right to purchase within 12–18 months	• Lower upfront fee • Balance due upon greenlight or production start
• \$300k–\$360k total • Clean sale	• \$30k–\$40k upfront (non-refundable) • \$300k–\$360k if exercised	• \$50k–\$75k upfront • \$200k–\$300k on greenlight
• Clean and simple • Immediate payout	• Lower upfront exposure for buyer • Keeps valuation intact	• Middle ground • Shows flexibility • Protects upside
• Seller loses all future control • No backend	• If option not exercised, seller only keeps option fee	• More complex contract • Payment contingent on production

All numbers are flexible within reason, but the overall valuation of *Sawgrass Wars* reflects its market worth. These models offer pathways to move forward depending on budget and risk appetite. **Important:** Any agreement must preserve 'Created by KURT WEICHERT' credit in opening and closing titles, and retain book publishing and merchandise rights for the creator.

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