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## Upcoming Pokemon League Seasons

May 2018 - Forbidden Light Season 1, Promo Card will be Registeel #68

Card Number: 68  
Rarity: Promo Card  
Type: Steel  
HP: 130  
Stage: Basic

Attack 1: [1 Steel] Turbo Arm (30)  
Attach a basic Energy card from your discard pile to 1 of your Benched Pokemon.

Attack 2: [2 Steel, 1 Colorless] Iron Hand (90) If Regice is on your Bench, heal 30 damage from this Pokemon

Weakness: Fire x2  
Resistance: Psychic -20  
Retreat Cost: 3



Jun 2018 - Forbidden Light Season 2, Promo Card will be Torterra #9

Card Number: 9  
Rarity: Promo  
Card Type: Grass  
HP: 180  
Stage: Stage 2

Attack 1: [2 Grass, One Colorless] Giga Drain (50)

Heal from this Pokemon the same amount of damage you did to your opponent's Active Pokemon.

Attack 2: [3 Grass, 1 Colorless] Earthquake (180)

This attack does 20 damage to each of your Benched Pokemon. (Don't apply Weakness and Resistance for Benched Pokemon.)

Weakness: Fire x2  
Resistance: None  
Retreat Cost: 4



## The Pokemon League's Website - The Professor's Minute Website

The Pokemon League website, The Professor's Minute is an information hub for Pokemon that is taking place here in the Upstate of South Carolina. The website has a wealth of information to keep every player informed of what Pokemon events are going on in our communities. On the Professor's Minute website you will find the current calender and news letter you can print from the home page. You will also find the Pokemon League calender that has Pokemon events in our area and usually Pokemon events with in 100 miles from the Easley Pokemon League. Other sources on our website are Pokemon League information, Player Resources, Pokemon Players Buyers Guide, Pokemon League Blog, Pokemon League Forum, Newsletter Archive, Pokemon League contact and Pokemon League

Location.

A great feature of our website is Pokemon League Tournament Central page to see what events are coming up in the near future. You may RSVP to these events. When you do you will receive an email of the event details, a reminder of the event, and if the event was cancelled, you will also receive a notification in your email.

The Professor's Minute website is a very useful tool for the Pokemon Players of our area and the whole Pokemon Community. The Professor's Minute website can be found at [www.easleypokemongym.ml](http://www.easleypokemongym.ml). Check it out today. Be sure to check out the new forum area of our website.

For more information on Pokemon Leagues and Pokemon events see our website [www.easleypokemongym.ml](http://www.easleypokemongym.ml) or our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EasleyPokemonGym/>. You may also email us at [easleypokemongym@gmail.com](mailto:easleypokemongym@gmail.com).



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## Pokemon Tournament Central

Tournament dates subject to change. Additional tournaments may be added or deleted to the current schedule. Information about specific tournaments will be release at the time they occur. Find tournament information at [pokemon.com](http://pokemon.com) under the event locator or at [easleypokemongym.ml](http://easleypokemongym.ml) – Pokemon Tournament Central page or on the leagues Facebook pages. (You may RSVP to tournaments in our area by using the Pokemon Tournament Central Page.)

### May

13 - Ultra Prism League Cup - Planet Comics - Anderson  
26 – League Challenge – Standard – Greenville

### June

16 - League Challenge - Easley  
23 - VGC League Challenge (Summer Series) - Easley

### July

14 – League Challenge – Standard – Anderson  
21 – Prerelease – Greenville  
21 – Prerelease – Anderson  
22 – Prerelease – Anderson  
28 - Prerelease – Greenville  
28 – Prerelease – Anderson  
29 – Prerelease – Anderson

### August

11 – League Challenge – Standard – Greenville  
25 – League Cup – Standard – Anderson

### September

15 – League Challenge – Standard Easley

### October

13 – League Challenge – Standard - Anderson  
20 – Prerelease – Greenville  
20 – Prerelease – Anderson  
21 – Prerelease – Anderson  
27 – Prerelease – Greenville

## Pokemon Tournament Central - Continued

27 – Prerelease – Anderson  
28 – Prerelease – Anderson

### November

10 – Operation Pikaclaus Charity Tournament – Unlimited – Greenville  
17 – League Challenge – Standard – Greenville  
24 – League Cup – Standard – Anderson

### December - No Tournaments

## The Red Shed Coffee Shop

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The Red Shed Coffee Shop is now open at the Captain Hampton Memorial Library in Easley. Be sure to get to league early and get to the shop for a great cup of coffee, food, snacks, or a drink. The Red Shed has cool Pokemon products for sale. Be sure when you see Lee or Blake, tell them your with the Pokemon League and thank them for their support of the Pokemon League.

## Pokemon GO Community Day



Every month Niantic creators of Pokemon GO will be holding Pokemon GO Community Days. We hope to be part of these events and serve the communities we live. We'll try and get out and play together in our local community parks and other places on Pokémon GO Community Day. For just a few hours each month, we'll can encounter a special Pokémon in the wild. During these hours, there's a chance to learn a previously unavailable move for that Pokémon or its evolution, as well as earn some Community Day bonuses. Celebrate what it means to be a part of the Pokémon GO community, learn about our own community and make new friends along the way! We'll announce events for Pokemon GO Community Day as they arrive. The next Pokemon Go Community Day is May 19, 2018 and June 16, 2018. See our Facebook page and website for more information.



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## The Enginge That Drives Your Pokemon Deck

Staples are the suggested cards that every player should have in their deck. Many of these cards allow for draw support (to get the cards that you need out) and help your deck become more consistent when your battling other players. Opinions vary when it comes to staple cards that are to be used in your deck. Players must think of strategies of the cards in their decks that will complement or work well with each other.

Every year, a rotation of some Pokemon TCG card sets rotate from the Standard format into an Expanded Format. This is to keep the game fresh and exciting.

The standard rotation for the 2018 season took effect on September 1, 2017 (US) and the sets that have left the Standard format are Primal Clash, Roaring Skies, Double Crisis (mini set), and Ancient Origins. Standard will consist of the sets Breakthrough and on.

For Staple cards, this means the following cards that have left the Standard Format at the last card set rotation were:

Shaymin-EX, Lysandre, VS Seeker, Trainers Mail, Hex Maniac, Teammates, Acro Bike, Dive Ball, Level Ball, Sky Field, Faded Town, Silent Lab, Forest of Giant Plants \* (Not only has Forest of Giant Plants been rotated out, but it is banned in the Expanded format as well.), Rough Seas, Unown, Double Dragon Energy, Shield Energy

The staples for the 2018 season, for the Standard Format should include some of the cards on our list. If you have any other suggestions please let us know.

List of all staples for the 2017/2018 season :

### Pokémon

1x Sudowoodo GRI  
1x Oricorio (Supernatural Dance) GRI  
1x Oricorio (Vital Dance) GRI  
4x Tapu-Lele GX GRI  
2x Alolan Vulpix GRI  
2x Tapu Koko SM31  
1x Oranguru SUM  
2x Remoraid BKT  
2x Octillery BKT

### Trainers

4x Professor Sycamore  
4x N  
4x Guzma  
2x Brigitte  
2x Professor Kukui  
2x Skyla  
2x Hala  
2x Lilly  
2x Mallow  
2x Wally  
2x Pokémon Fan Club  
2x Shauna  
1x Brocks Grit  
1x Delinquent  
1x Pokémon Center Lady  
4x Kiawe  
4x Hau

### Items

4x Ultra Ball

4x Aqua Patch  
4x Puzzle of Time  
4x Rare Candy  
4x Max Elixir  
4x Float Stone  
4x Fighting Fury Belt  
4x Choice Band  
4x Rescue Stretcher  
4x Nestball  
4x Max Potion  
3x Field Blower  
2x Super Rod  
2x Escape Rope  
2x Switch  
2x Professors Letter  
3x Special Charge

### Stadiums

4x Aether Paradise  
Conservation Area  
4x Altar of the Moone

4x Brooklet Hill  
4x Po Town

### Special Energy

4x Burning Energy  
4x Double Colorless  
4x Rainbow Energy  
4x Splash Energy

### Key Terms:

Breakthrough - BKT  
Guardians Rising - GRI  
Sun and Moon - SUM and SM

As always if you have any suggestions to add to our list, please feel free to send us a message.





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## Event Pokemon - Legendary Pokemon Year

The Event Pokemon are very rare Pokemon given out over the Nintendo Network, at select locations, or with codes, during a usually limited time frame for in Pokemon Sun and Moon. Occasionally, Items are given out as well.

### Upcoming Events

- Celebi - Sep. 22, 2017 - Sep. 21, 2018
- Magearna - Never-ending, Sun/Moon
- Dialga or Palkia - February 2 - 28, 2018
- Regigigas or Heatran - March 1, 2018
- Raikou or Entei April 2018
- Xerneas or Yveltal - May 2018
- Zygarde - June 2018
- Tornadus or Thundurus - July 2018
- Groudon or Kyogre - August 2018
- Latos or Latias - September 2018
- Reshiram or Zekrom - October 2018
- Ho-Oh or Lugia - November 2018

More information on our website at [www.easleypokemongym.ml](http://www.easleypokemongym.ml).

## May and June Legendary Distribution

Two Legendary Pokémon originally discovered in the Kalos region join the fun in May!

Head to a participating GameStop store from May 4–27, 2018, where you can get a code that will allow you to obtain Yveltal in Pokémon Ultra Sun or Pokémon Sun, or Xerneas in Pokémon Ultra Moon or Pokémon Moon.

## Pokemon World Championships 2018

The Pokemon World Championships will run from August 24-26 from the Music City Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Trainers for both the 3DS games and the Trading Card Game will look to advance to this event through various Championship Series events. Those who earn enough Championship Points will punch their ticket in and compete for their share of a \$500,000 prize pool.

We will update you in the next Professor's Minute Newsletter.

## Pokémon North America International Championships

The 2018 Pokémon North America International Championships are the fourth and final International Championships event of the 2018 Championship Series season. The event is one of the largest of the entire 2018 season and features exciting competition for both Pokémon Trading Card Game and Video Game Championships (VGC) players. This year's competition will take place at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio, on July 6-8, 2018. Huge amounts of Championship Points and thousands of dollars in prizes will be on the line in both the Pokémon Ultra Sun and Pokémon Ultra Moon VGC and Pokémon TCG competitions.

## Leagues Supported By The Following...

The Red Shed Coffee Shop is now open at the Captain Hampton Memorial Library in Easley. Get to the shop for a great cup of coffee, snacks, or a drink. The Red Shed has cool Pokemon products for sale. Located inside the Library.

Boardwalk  
1175 Woods Crossing Rd,  
Greenville, SC 29607  
(864) 297-6924

Boardwalk offers a large selection of games and has a great selection of Pokemon TCG and related products.

Da Zoo Games  
1003 Gentry Memorial Hwy.  
Easley, SC 29640  
(864) 553-0190

Games for the entire family. Pokemon singles and other Pokemon products available.

The Red Barn  
2333 N.Pleasantburg  
Dr, Greenville, SC 29609  
(864) 412-7887

The Red Barn located across from Home Depot on N. Pleasantburg Dr carries a great selection of Pokemon, Magic the Gathering, War Hammer, Jewelry and Art. Coffee and snacks as well. Safe and clean. Very family friendly.

Planet Comics  
2704 N Main St, Anderson, SC 29621  
Comics, Games, Pokemon Singles and TCG Merchandise

The Pickens County Library system, Captain Hampton Memorial Library staff, we thank you for all that you do and have done for the league over the years. Heath we really appreciate all your efforts and hard work in our league. May we continue to find more Pokemon adventures into the future.