



# The Professor's Minute

Welcome to the Pokémon League! A Pokémon League provides a nearby place for you to get together with other fans of both the Pokémon Trading Card Game and the Pokémon video games, and have some fun. Using your own cards and Pokémon video games, you can play, trade, and even earn cool prizes! The best part is that you can do all this with other Pokémon players who love collecting and playing just as much as you do.

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## Latest News



### Pokemon Leagues

See our calender updates for all the Pokemon in our area.



### League Cup Tournaments

Pokémon TCG League Cup tournaments are smaller events that give players an opportunity to earn Championship Points and practice their skills for larger competitions. The Pokémon TCG League Cup events are held throughout the year.



### Pokemon Video Championships

On December 1, 2016, the format will change to Pokémon Sun and Pokémon Moon, and all video game players will compete using those games through the remainder of the Championship Season.

#### .League Spot Light...

The Red Barn Pokemon League RBPL  
League Owner Jeff

The RBPL or Red Barn Pokemon League is a newly established league at the Red Barn in Greenville, SC. This league is located in the Cherrydale area of Greenville at 121 State Park Rd Greenville, SC 29609. League meets on Tuesdays from 6p-8p. They have the latestest Pokemon card sets and other Pokemon related products. Check them out!

#### League Spot Light...

Da Zoo Games  
See Ray for Pokemon Information

Da Zoo Games is a new Pokemon League in Easley. Located at 1003 Gentry Memorial Hwy. Easley, SC 29640. The league meets every Wednesday from 6p -9p. The play area is safe for families to play Pokemon. Da Zoo Games has a wealth of Pokemon products and snacks for purchase. Check them out!

Find more information on our...

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EasleyPokemonGym/> or our website at [www.easleypokemongym.tk](http://www.easleypokemongym.tk)



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## Season And Tournament Schedule

### Event List

#### January

January 21st Easley League Challenge - Standard format. Easley Library  
304 Biltmore Rd, Easley, SC 29640. Registration from 930a-1030a.

January 22nd Anderson League Challenge Standard format Planet  
Comics 2704 N Main St, Anderson, SC 29621. Registration 230p-3p.

Pokemon Sun and Moon Pre-Release Weekend!

January 28th - Planet Comics Anderson - 2704 N Main St, Anderson, SC  
29621 - Registration 1p

January 29th - Planet Comics Anderson - 2704 N Main St, Anderson, SC  
29621 - Registration 230p

#### February

February 18th - Easley League Challenge - Expanded format. Easley  
Library 304 Biltmore Rd, Easley, SC 29640. Registration from 930a-  
1030a.

February 25th- Anderson League Challenge Expanded format Planet  
Comics 2704 N Main St, Anderson, SC 29621. Registration 230p-3p.

### League Promos

Changes have taken place again in our league. In order to receive  
Pokemon promo cards you must play games to get them. We now have  
some new leader boards. Please see our league leaders for more  
information.

### Pokemon Trainer Accounts

Have you activated your Pokemon Trainer Account? The Pokemon  
Trainer Account is an option at Pokemon.com. With an active trainer  
account you can receive special league prizes for participating in league  
events, track your points by attending leagues and other official Pokemon  
events. For more information see our league leaders.

### **Newsletter and Pokemon League Contact:**

**Jeff Crump, Professor, League Owner, Tournament Organizer**  
**Phone: 864-324-2369 or Email: easleypokemongym@gmail.com**  
**Website: www.easleypokemongym.tk**

## Changes In Our Pokemon League

There have been some changes in the way we now distribute Pokemon League  
Promos...

Players choose if they want to follow the Casual or Competitive track and are  
awarded stamps based on their activities :

Casual -

Option 1:

Players earn two stamps for battling a new opponent. Only two stamps per  
opponent per week are awarded.

Option 2:

Players earn two stamps for a new single type deck used during League play.  
Only two stamps per deck type per week are awarded.

Competitive -

Option 1:

Players earn three stamps for every win during League play. Only three stamps  
per opponent per week are awarded.

Option 2:

Players earn four stamps for every win during a sanctioned tournament.

Leader-board Achievements:

Leader-boards will be separated into sections to earn the TCG Promotions.

When a player completes one of the sections they will receive a promotional  
card.

Certain badges can be earned when completing sections of the leader boards.  
They are Boulder Badge, Cascade Badge, Thunder Badge, Rainbow Badge,  
Soul Badge, Marsh Badge, Volcano Badge, Earth Badge and Pikachu Promo

Players will receive one Promo card for filling in each of the 20 circles in each  
season. You will want to mark the Leader-boards in a way that allows you to  
mark each circle three times so the players can earn all three promo cards for  
each season.

Basically, now you have to be playing games in order to earn  
Pokemon League Promos. We will have other chances through  
out the year to earn other promos and special awards as  
Pokemon sends them to us. If you have any questions please see  
our league leaders.



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## Pokemon League Cups



Pokémon TCG League Cup tournaments are smaller events that give players an opportunity to earn Championship Points and practice their skills for larger competitions. The Pokémon TCG League Cup events are held throughout the year.

The Pokémon TCG League Cup events do not require an invitation or qualification. All players who have Trainer Club accounts and are in good standing with the Play! Pokémon rules are welcome to participate. Players need to bring their own 60-card deck. League Cup may use either the Standard format or the Expanded format, at the discretion of the Tournament Organizer.

Players may be charged an entry fee determined by the Tournament Organizer. See event listing or contact the Tournament Organizer for details.

Prizes are awarded to the top players in each of three age divisions (Junior, Senior, and Masters). Check with the Tournament Organizer for more details on what, if any, additional prizes may be offered.

Participants will receive 2 Play! Points just for playing.

### League Cup Schedule

High Point League Cup 2619 S Main St High Point, NC 27263

January 07, 2017

192 miles from Easley, SC

<https://www.pokemon.com/us/play-pokemon/pokemon-events/17-01-000784/>

Cape Fear Games League Cup 4107 Oleander Dr Willmington, NC 28403

January 08, 2017

320 miles from Easley, SC

<https://www.pokemon.com/us/play-pokemon/pokemon-events/17-01-000783/>

The Next Level Games League Cup 2064 Gallatin Rd North Madison, TN 37115

January 08, 2017

356 miles from Easley, SC

<https://www.pokemon.com/us/play-pokemon/pokemon-events/17-01-000780/>

Wasteland Gaming League Cup 3700 Satellite Blvd Suite #7B Georgia 30096

January 16, 2017

117 Miles from Easley, SC

<https://www.pokemon.com/us/play-pokemon/pokemon-events/17-01-000799/>

Quest Comic Shop League Cup 225 Lovvorn Rd Georgia, 30117

January 21, 2017

191 miles from Easley, SC

<https://www.pokemon.com/us/play-pokemon/pokemon-events/17-01-000805/>

Elite Trainers of Myrtle Beach League Cup 4050 Socastee Blvd Unit D/Unit E Myrtle Beach, SC 29588

January 29, 2017

260 miles from Easley, SC

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/810279249063173/>

More information can be found at [Pokemon.com](http://Pokemon.com).

## Pokemon Card Review



### Snorlax GX

This is Snorlax-GX and is found in the Pokémon Sun & Moon set, coming out in February 2017. It is a Black Star Promo SM05. Snorlax is a GX Pokémon. What is a Pokémon-GX? Pokémon GX are a new game mechanic that is coming in Pokémon Sun & Moon. Pokémon GX are going to be replacing Pokémon-EX in newer sets. Most of them so far have the 2-Prize clause (you KO a Pokémon-GX, you take 2 Prizes) that

the EX had, but they also have seemed to have more HP than the current Pokémon EX. Snorlax-GX has 190 HP. There's also some variance in terms of what Stage the GX are at and for now, Snorlax-GX operates like a Basic Pokémon.

He's also has three attacks, one of which is a highlight of his Pokémon-GX status. Collapse starts off strong at 3 colourless energy for 80 damage, though it does put Snorlax-GX to Sleep. Luckily, Thunderous Snore can be used while he's Asleep! Unfortunately, it costs 5 Energy and can't be used unless Snorlax-GX is Asleep. But on top of that, he can deal 180 damage with that second attack - enough to instantly knock out any Pokémon-EX that isn't a Mega or Wailord-EX!

The third attack, the GX Attack. Think of this as a TCG version of the Z-Moves from the games. In this case, it's Pulverizing Pancake-GX, which does 210



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## Pokemon Card Review - Continued

damage for 5 colourless energy. But what's the catch? Well, it does put Snorlax-GX to Sleep - nothing too different from Collapse, but then what's to prevent me from using it again? This attack is like the Z-Moves in TCG - and that means that you can only use a GX Attack once PER GAME!!

Right now, you can expect Pokémon GX to be like the ACE SPEC cards from back in the Boundaries Crossed and Plasma sets - some will be powerful, and some will be underwhelming. For now, it's an interesting game mechanic and as we watch other Pokémon GX come out in later sets we'll see how he compares to other Pokémon GX.

## A New Pokémon VGC Format For 2017

New rules and regulations for the 2017 Pokémon Video Game Championship Series (VGC) season featuring the Pokémon Sun and Pokémon Moon video games. This new competitive format will be the official format for all VGC events, all the way up to the 2017 Pokémon World Championships. New rules typically go into effect at the beginning of the calendar year, but this year we're moving up the start of the new format to December 1, 2016.

In the 2017 Championship Series season, all battles will be Double Battles. Players must compose their teams using only Pokémon found in the Alola Regional Pokédex that have been caught in Pokémon Sun and Pokémon Moon. This means that even if you have a Pokémon found in the Alola Regional Pokédex from a previous game, you'll have to catch it again in Pokémon Sun or Pokémon Moon for it to be eligible for competition. Some Legendary Pokémon will not be allowed, including Solgaleo and Lunala. Mythical Pokémon will not be allowed either, including Magearna. Other Pokémon that have yet to be revealed may also be banned from competition.

Pokémon will not be allowed to hold Mega Stones, so Mega Evolution will not be allowed. However, Pokémon will be able to hold Z-Crystals, allowing the use of new and powerful Z-Moves.

If you're looking to practice using the 2017 Pokémon VGC format, head over and start battling on the Pokémon Global Link, where you can play using this rule set year-round using the new "Championship Battles" format. This format will be available right away when Pokémon Sun and Pokémon Moon launch on November 18, 2016.

This season, a new player time system will be used to control the length of each battle. Similar to a chess clock, each player will have 10 total minutes to choose their moves within a game. You'll need to manage your time carefully throughout the match to make sure you have plenty of time

in later rounds!

2017 VGC format summary:

- All battles played with Pokémon Sun or Pokémon Moon
- Double Battles
- Alola Regional Pokédex
- Z-Crystals allowed
- Mega Stones not allowed
- Some Legendary and Mythical Pokémon banned, including Solgaleo, Lunala, and Magearna
- 10-minute player time system

Look forward to much more analysis and coverage of the 2017 Pokémon VGC season all year long at [Pokemon.com/Strategy](http://Pokemon.com/Strategy), where we'll be breaking down new Pokémon and tactics.

Good luck to everyone participating in the 2017 Pokémon Video Game Championship Series season!

## Leagues Supported By The Following...

The Red Barn

121 State Park Rd, Greenville, SC 29609

(864) 412-7887

The Red Barn located in the Cherrydale area 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.

Indigo Ridge Coffee Shop Easley Library  Coffee, Snacks, Cool Pokemon Swag. See the Indigo Ridge Coffee Shop Coupon on our calendars for 10% off of your purchase. See the coffee shop for details.	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.
	Planet Comics 2704 N Main St, Anderson, SC 29621 Comics, Games, Pokemon Singles and TCG Merchandise
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 Pickens County Library system, Captain Hampton Memorial Library staff, we thank you for all that you have do 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.