



# THE PROFESSOR'S MINUTE

Pokémon League is a fun and accessible way for Pokémon fans to get together and have some fun! League events are open to all Pokémon TCG and video game players regardless of experience level or skill. 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.



SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2019

## Latest News



### September 2019

September Promo card for this season will be the trainer card, Enhanced Hammer, # 112. Be sure to get a new score sheet at the beginning of each month and update your score sheet often.



### October 2019

October Promo card for this season will be the trainer card, Max Potion, #130a. Be sure to get a new score sheet at the beginning of each month and update your score sheet often.

Cosmic Eclipse will release on November 1st. We will have prerelease events in our area from October 19th through October 27th.

The set will feature Tag Team cards of Venusaur & Snivy-GX, Braixen & Charizard-GX, Blastoise & Piplup-GX, Solgaleo & Lunala-GX, and a Tag Team trio of Dialga & Palkia & Arceus-GX (which will also be what the set's Elite Trainer Box is themed after).

The set will feature over 230 cards, including nine new Tag Team Pokémon-GX, seven more regular Pokémon-GX, the first Tag Team Supporter cards, more than 20 Trainer cards, and a new Special Energy card (Draw Energy from Remix Bout).

This will likely be our last Sun & Moon set. Japan should get its first Sword & Shield series set in December, which we'll then get in February 2020.

Each Pokémon TCG: Cosmic Eclipse Build & Battle Box (pre-release pack) includes:

- A 23-card Evolution pack featuring key cards from current and prior sets, including 1 of 4 alternate-art promo cards
- 4 Pokémon TCG: Cosmic Eclipse booster packs
- 1 deck-building tip sheet
- We supply the energy

The following dates have been scheduled:

Easley - Cost \$30

• Captain Kimberly Hampton Memorial Library 304 Biltmore Road Easley, South Carolina 29640 (864) 324-2369

October 19 - 1p  
October 24 - 545p

Greenville - Cost \$30

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

October 20 - 1p  
October 22 - 530p  
October 26 - 1p  
October 27 - 3p



Greenville - \$26

• Boardwalk 1175 Woods Crossing Rd. Suite #6 Greenville, SC 29607 (864) 297-6924

October 19 - 6p

Anderson - Cost \$30

• Planet Comics 2704 N. Main St Anderson, SC 29621 (864) 261-3578

October 19 - 2p  
October 20 - 2p  
October 26 - 2p  
October 27 - 2p

Find more information on our...

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



## Pokemon Event Central

### September

14- Red Barn League Challenge - 1p - 2p Registration - Entry is Free - Greenville (Standard) - The Red Barn 2333 N. Pleasantburg Dr Suite A, Greenville, SC 29609  
 21-Easley League Challenge - 930a - 1030a Registration - Entry is Free - (Standard) Captain Kimberly Hampton Memorial Library 304 Biltmore Road Easley, South Carolina 29640  
 21 - Boardwalk League Challenge - 6p - (Standard) 1175 Woods Crossing Rd Ste. 6, Greenville, SC 29607 - (Standard) Registration 5p-6p.  
 22 - Boardwalk League Cup - 11a - 1145a Registration - \$15 Entry (30 Player Cap) - (Standard) 1175 Woods Crossing Rd Ste. 6, Greenville, SC 29607  
 28 - Planet Comics - 1633 Woodruff Rd, Greenville, SC 29615 - Standard - 1p-2p Registration. \$8 Entry Fee.

### October

12- Red Barn League Challenge - 1p - 2p Registration - Entry is Free - Greenville (Standard) - The Red Barn 2333 N. Pleasantburg Dr Suite A, Greenville, SC 29609  
 13 - Planet Comics - 1633 Woodruff Rd, Greenville, SC 29615 - Standard - 1p-2p Registration. \$8 Entry Fee.  
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 20 - Prerelease  
 22 - Prerelease  
 24 - Prerelease  
 26 - Prerelease  
 27 - Prerelease

Dates and formats of tournaments listed are for reference and are subject to change at the Tournament Organizers discretion. Any change of information will be announced in our media outlets as time permits. This is for reference only.

## Pokemon Trainer Account - League Promo Cards

Pokémon provides a way to connect Pokémon players all around the world by giving them the ability to open Pokémon Trainer Club accounts. With the Pokémon Trainer Club account, players can enjoy some member-exclusive benefits. You can also get access to exclusive prizes and events at Pokémon League.

By creating a new account to join the Pokémon Trainer Club online, you can earn trainer tokens, be a part of organized Pokémon play, get the latest Pokémon news, and customize your trainer appearance and so on. Creating a new account is simple, easy and convenient.

Go to [www.pokemon.com](http://www.pokemon.com) to sign up today. If you have any questions please see our league leaders.

### Prize Support & Check In

You must get a new score card or score sheet every month to earn promo cards for games you have played. Stop by the leaders table to check-in every week and update your information as your Pokemon ID, your active Pokemon Trainer Account status, and any other information you need to update. Find out the new league updates. Only takes a minute.

If you want your Pokemon!Play points for the season you attend and you MUST check in at the leader table.



## Play!Pokemon - The Spirit of the Game

The Pokémon Trading Card Game is a game of skill, enjoyed for its complex strategies, it's entertaining characters, and an unmatched atmosphere of friendly competition. A Pokémon Trading Card Game tournament is to determine the skill level of each player involved, the ultimate goal is to ensure that everyone participating is having fun.

Regardless of the size of the prizes of the tournament, adherence to the Spirit of the Game helps to ensure that all participants, players, spectators, and event staff at a Pokémon Trading Card Game event, have an enjoyable experience. This spirit of the game should guide the conduct of players as well as the tournament judges as they interpret and enforce the rules.

The Spirit of the Game is composed of the following:

- **Fun:** The Pokémon Trading Card Game is a game, and games are meant to be fun for all parties involved. When a game ceases to be fun, players find other things to do.
- **Fairness:** Games cease to be fun when players break the rules to achieve victory. A player should prefer to lose a game than to win by cheating.
- **Honesty:** Players of any game should strive to act honestly while playing that game. If a player inadvertently breaks a rule during a game and becomes aware of the error before his or her opponent or a judge, that player should make the opponent and the judge aware of the misplay.
- **Respect:** Players, spectators, and staff should be treated with the same respect that players would expect for themselves. Distracting an opponent or a judge to gain advantage shows disrespect to everyone involved in a Pokémon Trading Card Game event.
- **Sportsmanship:** Winning or losing with grace is vital to the enjoyment of a game. The desire to continue playing a game can be soured by players that berate their opponents after winning or losing a match.
- **Learning:** Players should strive to help each other increase their Pokémon Trading Card Game play skills. It is not a player's responsibility to make his or her opponent's plays for that opponent. However, discussing strategies, offering deck tips, or constructively critiquing game play decisions after the match has been completed helps both participants to become better players.

When players don't follow the Spirit of the Game it can make for an unpleasant gaming experience for everyone involved. Play!Pokemon organizers in our area are coordinating efforts to ensure that all participants in our Pokemon Trading Card Game tournaments are adhering to the Spirit of the Game philosophy. Those who violate the Spirit of the Game will be dealt with on a case by case basis. We ask that all of our players review the Spirit of the Game. Encourage each other and help us continue to make our Pokemon Community here in the Upstate of South Carolina, the best Pokemon Community in the World!

## Pokémon Sword & Shield

The first details of the Pokémon Trading Card Game's Sword & Shield saga have been revealed through retailer listings in Japan. First is the Pokémon Starter Set V which are five collections of cards in a deck featuring various Pokémon V cards. This is due for release November 29th. Next up is the first Sword & Shield set. In Japan these are separated into two sets simply named Sword and Shield respectively. They are due for release on December 6th 2019 and will contain 60 cards each.

Following that, the first expansion set has been revealed for Sword & Shield, labeled as S1a. This set is called V Rising and will contain at least 70 cards. It is due for release on February 7th 2020 in Japan





## Pokémon Distributions - Video Games

If you're on the lookout for rare Pokémon, you should stay up to date on special Pokémon distributions. The Pokémon you get from them are usually quite different from any you can obtain in normal game-play. Some may be Shiny Pokémon, while others may know moves that Pokémon of their species can't normally learn. They are also often found in a Cherish Ball, a special Poké Ball that can't be obtained by other means.

These Pokémon may be available via the Nintendo Network, a code card from a participating retailer, a QR Code, or by visiting a specific real world event. The events that began most recently are listed first.

Current Distributions:

### Pokémon: Shiny Lunala

Games: Pokémon Ultra Sun and Pokémon Sun  
Distribution Method: Pokémon Pass app at GameStop stores  
Event Period: October 21–November 10, 2019  
Poké Ball: Cherish Ball  
Held Item: Gold Bottle Cap  
Level: 60  
Nature: Random  
Ability: Shadow Shield  
Moves: Moongeist Beam, Psyshock, Moonblast, and Moonlight

### Pokémon: Shiny Solgaleo

Games: Pokémon Ultra Moon and Pokémon Moon  
Distribution Method: Pokémon Pass app at GameStop stores  
Event Period: October 21–November 10, 2019  
Poké Ball: Cherish Ball  
Held Item: Gold Bottle Cap  
Level: 60  
Nature: Random  
Ability: Full Metal Body  
Moves: Sunsteel Strike, Zen Headbutt, Noble Roar, and Morning Sun

### The Pokémon Pass

The Pokémon Pass app connects you with great Pokémon digital rewards when you visit participating retailers in your area. Sign in with your free Pokémon Trainer Club account, and then get notified of upcoming events happening at a store near you. When you visit the store, use your phone's camera to scan codes to unlock gifts, such as in-game items for Pokémon: Let's Go, Pikachu! and Pokémon: Let's Go, Eevee! and photo stickers for your phone.



Pokémon Pass is free to download and use for Android devices and the iPhone. To use the app, you'll need to enable location services and grant permission for the app to use your phone's camera. You'll also need a free Pokémon Trainer Club account, which you can create on Pokemon.com. The features of Pokémon Pass are currently available only in the United States.

Download the app today to receive a POKÉMON Detective Pikachu photo sticker based on the movie! Place the sticker and snap a photo with the app's camera function to add Pokémon flair to your shot!

With Pokémon Pass, add a little Pokémon fun to your next trip to the store!

## Jessi & James Card Added To Banned List

Jessie & James from Hidden Fates has been banned in the Expanded format.

Similarly to Delinquent, which was banned from the Expanded format earlier in the year, there are combos with Jessie & James that can discard a player's whole hand before they take their first turn—especially in conjunction with Weezing. When this kind of strategy is effective and can be executed successfully a high percentage of the time, it creates an unhealthy environment.

The ban will go into affect on September 6th. No other cards were banned in Standard or Expanded.

## Pokemon On The Web

Pokemon Resources:

How To Play – (Great for Parents) - <http://www.pokemon.com/us/pokemon-tcg/play-online/tutorial/>

Pokémon - <http://pokemon.com>

Easley Pokemon Gym Website: <http://easleypokemongym.wix.com/easleypokemongym>

League Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EasleyPokemonGym/>

Pokebeach - <http://pokebeach.com/>

Bulbapedia - <http://bulbapedia.bulbagarden.net/wiki/>

Sixprizes - <http://www.sixprizes.com/>

Pokemon Bank - <http://www.pokemonbank.com/en-us>

Pokemon Card Sales - <http://trollandtoad.com>

Pokemon Banned Card List - <https://www.pokemon.com/us/pokemon-tcg-banned-card-list/>

## Operation Pikaclaus - Share The Love of Pokemon

Every year around Christmas time we try as a league to gather Pokemon Theme decks to give to organizations in our community to give to kids less fortunate during the holidays. We try and share the love of Pokemon with everyone in our community who love Pokemon. The Red Barn Pokemon



League will host what is called Operation Pikaclaus. We try and collect donations of Pokemon Theme decks and we hold a charity tournament to buy Pokemon Theme Decks. We usually start right after Thanksgiving through the first of December. We try and chose an organization that will distribute these Pokemon Theme decks to kids in the local area. So this year. I thought we would start earlier and collect Pokemon Theme Decks, Pokemon Toys and other Pokemon gifts to donate to our local Salvation Army in Easley, SC. It is my hope that we can gather these Pokemon related items before the end of Thanksgiving to be donated to the Salvation Army for distribution by Christmas. If you can help in any way, by either donating a Pokemon related gift or helping with this project, please see Professor Jeff. It is my goal that we secure a number of Pokemon Theme decks that equal a case to donate to the Salvation Army this year. Donations of Pokemon related gifts will be accepted at our leagues. The Salvation Army has families that request for Pokemon items when they register for assistance for the holidays. Please, I ask that you consider donating a Pokemon Gift. It would brighten a child's holiday.

## Pokemon Halloween Party

Halloween is just around the corner. We are getting ready for the 9th Annual Pokemon League Halloween Party! This will be a potluck party. We are asking players and families to please bring to the Halloween party, Halloween related treats, candy, and drinks to help us make this party a success. We have had some amazing parties in the past few years thanks to the huge support of our players. If you would like to help with these parties please let a league leader know.

This will be a safe and fun Family event. The Easley Pokemon League Halloween party will be on October 31st - 530p -830p - Come dressed as your favorite Pokemon Character.







### Pokemon GO Community Days

Pokemon GO is designed to get people out and playing together at a certain time, each limited-time event will offer featured Pokémon with a unique and exclusive move that will spawn for three hours, alongside a resource bonus - such as double XP, Stardust or Lure Modules - as incentives to get out there and playing.



The heightened player activity might make it easier to take on Raids and Gyms, so keep that in mind during the three hour period, as well as making savvy use of the resource multiplier in effect with things like Lucky Eggs and Stardust, too.

Pokemon GO Community Days:

The September Community Day will take place on Sept. 15 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in your local time. This Pokemon GO Community Day will feature the Sinnoh region grass-type starter, Turtwig.

The October Community Day will take place on October 12 from 11 AM to 2 PM Local Time. The feature Pokemon has not been announced. Please stay tune.

During the month of September there will be Ultra Bonus Weeks for most of September. Week 1 - Johto Jourey, Week 2 Global Challenges, Global Hatches, Week 3 - A Unova Unveiling.

#### Week 1: Johto Journey

Trainers can enjoy a chance to work on their Johto Pokédex while exploring and raiding. Put on your walking shoes, as Pokémon never before seen in Eggs in Pokémon GO will be hatching during this time.

**Date + Time**  
September 2, 2019, at 1 p.m. to September 9, 2019, at 1 p.m. PDT

#### Features

If you're extraordinarily lucky, you might hatch Unown forms U, L, T, R, and A from 10 km Eggs. Raikou, Entei, and Suicune will return to raids, along with other Johto Pokémon. If you're lucky, you might encounter Shiny Sorent and Shiny Gligar!

**Bonuses**  
2x Incubator effectiveness

#### Week 2: Global Challenge, Global Hatches

Pokémon from across the globe will join in the celebration this week, along with a special appearance by a Mythical Pokémon that will be available to challenge in raids.

**Date + Time**  
September 9, 2019, at 1 p.m. to September 16, 2019, at 1 p.m. PDT

#### Features

Regional Pokémon Farfetch'd, Kangaskhan, Mr. Mime, and Tauros will hatch from 7 km Eggs. If you're lucky, you might hatch Shiny ones! These Pokémon will remain available from Eggs until the end of week 3—September 23, 2019, at 1 p.m. PDT. All Deoxys forms will make their first appearances outside EX Raids. Need a good team to take on Deoxys? Other Pokémon appearing in raids will help you build a good team to challenge the DNA Pokémon.

**Bonuses**  
2x Incubator effectiveness

#### Week 3: A Unova Unveiling

All your research has paid off! Professor Willow has informed us that some Pokémon originally discovered in the Unova region are now appearing in the world of Pokémon

### Pokemon Go Community Days - Continued

GO!

**Date + Time**  
September 16, 2019, at 1 p.m. to September 23, 2019, at 1 p.m. PDT

#### Features

Mewtwo with the special move Psystrike will be available to challenge in five-star raids. If you're lucky, you might encounter a Shiny Mewtwo! Need a good team to take on Mewtwo? Other Pokémon appearing in raids will help you build a good team to challenge the Genetic Pokémon. The Gear Pokémon Klink, originally discovered in Unova, will also appear in raids. You might even encounter a Shiny Klink! You may also find Shiny Patrat and Shiny Lillipup!

**Bonuses**

2x Incubator effectiveness  
Jirachi Has Awoken!  
We're excited to announce that Jirachi is now available for all Trainers via Special Research!

For those who have already completed the exclusive Pokémon GO Fest Special Research and have caught the Wish Pokémon, completing this new Special Research will earn you Candy to power up your Jirachi.

Our website and Facebook pages will have the latest information when announcements are made by Niantic.

### Leagues Supported By The Following:

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 carry's a great selection of Pokemon, Magic the Gathering, War Hammer, Dragon Ball Super, 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  
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Boardwalk  
1175 Woods Crossing Rd, Greenville, SC  
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(864) 2976924

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Pokemon 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.*