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Pokemon Prerelease In April

Pokemon Forbidden Light Prerelease Tournaments being scheduled for the end of April.

Red Barn Ultra Prism Season 2 League Challenge

League Challenge Tournament at the Red Barn 2333 N Pleasantburg Dr Greenville. Standard tournament. Free entry. Registration from 11a-1130a.

Planet Comics will be hosting Pokmeon 2018 ARG Easter Eggstravaganza!

Planet Comics 2704 N Main St
Anderson SC 29621 (864) 261-3578
When: Saturday March 24th -
Registration open at 11am 12p



Forbidden Light will contain over 130 cards, including 8 new Pokémon-GX, 5 new Prism Star cards and several Pokémon native to the Alola and Kalos regions. The Forbidden Light expansion will be released on May 4, 2018. The set will feature Ultra Necrozma-GX, Xerneas GX, Lucario-GX, Greninja-GX, Zygarde-GX, Yveltal-GX, Naganadel-GX, Volcanion, and Arceus Prism Star.

Prerelease tournaments will be held the last week of April. Prerelease dates will be announced on our website at www.easleypokemongym.ml and our Facebook page.

Pokemon Leagues

Out of the 15 Pokemon Leagues in South Carolina, 7 Pokemon Leagues are here in the Upstate. The other 8 Pokemon Leagues in the South Carolina they are not as centralized as they are in our area. Columbia has one league, several in Myrtle Beach, one in Charleston, one in Augusta. In 2018 we expect to add several Pokemon Leagues and Pokemon Clubs in the Upstate. Greenville Tech has agreed to establish a Pokemon Cub. Plans are in the works for a Pokemon League in West Union, SC. We have a unique Pokemon Community here in Upstate, SC. We are honored to have you all in our Pokemon Family. We look forward in continuing to have many Pokemon adventures with you. Thank you for supporting our leagues.



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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 under the event locator or at easleypokemongym.ml – Pokemon Tournament Central page or on the leagues Facebook pages.

March

- 10 – League Challenge – Standard – Greenville
- 17 - Charlotte Regional Championships 2018 - 7:30am - Charolette, NC
- 24 - ARG Easter Eggstravaganza - 11a Registration - Planet Comics Anderson

April

- 7 – League Challenge – Standard - Anderson
- 14 – VGC Spring Series Tournament – Easley
- 21 – Prerelease – Greenville/Easley
- 21 – Prerelease – Anderson
- 22 – Prerelease – Anderson
- 28 – Prerelease – Greenville
- 28 – Prerelease – Anderson
- 29 – Prerelease – Anderson

May

- 19 – League Challenge – Standard – Greenville
- 26 – League Cup Tournament – Anderson

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

Pokemon Tournament Central - Continued

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
- 27 – Prerelease – Anderson
- 28 – Prerelease – Anderson

November

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

December - No Tournaments

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 March 25, 2018. We'll have more information closer to the event.



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Rules for the Pokémon VGC 2018 Season



The official Play! Pokémon rules and formats for the 2017-2018 season of Video Game Championships (VGC) tournaments have been updated for Ultra Sun and Ultra Moon by the official site and this update will be applied from 1 January 2018. The updates to the VGC 2018 rules are as follows:

- The standard battle format style will be Double Battles using Pokémon Ultra Sun and Ultra Moon.
- Pokémon can now hold a Mega Stone or Soul Dew as well as any other item that have been officially released via Pokémon Sun, Moon, Ultra Sun and Ultra Moon however every Pokémon must hold a different item.
- A player's team cannot contain two Pokémon with the same National Pokédex number and any Pokémon in the National Pokédex can be used except Mythical Pokémon, Special Legendary Pokémon and Ash-Greninja provided they are caught or hatched in the game or received at an official event in Sun, Moon, Ultra Sun or Ultra Moon.
- If Pokémon have a Regional variant, either form may be used.
- Players may be penalised or disqualified due to not updating their system or Ultra Sun or Ultra Moon game to the latest update.
- Battles will be conducted using 5 minutes of "Your Time" instead of 10 minutes. This is a time limit that is only deducted while each player is making a decision on a Pokémon move or switching Pokémon. In order to maintain an enjoyable tournament environment this time limit might changed later in the season based on feedback from VGC tournament organisers.
- Pokémon that are below and above Level 50 will be auto-leveled up and down to 50 for the duration of battle.
- Before entering official Play! Pokémon tournaments each player's Team lists should be completed using the language to which that player's game is set.

Manual Hack Check considerations have been updated for the 2018 format and a player can be penalised or disqualified if that player is using any of the following Pokémon shown below:

Rules for the Pokémon VGC 2018 Season - Continued

- Any Pokémon that lists "From: Nursery Helpers" on its Summary screen and that is contained in a Master Ball or a Cherish Ball.
- Any of these Pokémon that has the following in-game level:
 - Dragonite under Lv. 55.
 - Tyrantitar under Lv. 55.
 - Bisharp under Lv. 52.
 - Braviary under Lv. 54.
 - Mandibuzz under Lv. 54.
 - Hydriegon under Lv. 64.
 - Volcarona under Lv. 59.
- Any Pokémon with a move, Ability, Nature or other attribute that cannot be obtained through normal gameplay or official event.
- Any of the following Pokémon that has Hidden Power as a Fighting type move:
 - Type: Null or Silvally
 - Tapu Koko, Tapu Lele, Tapu Bulu and Tapu Fini
 - Nihilego, Buzzwole, Pheromosa, Xurkitree, Celesteela, Kartana and Guzzlord
 - Poipole, Naganadel, Stakataka, and Blacephalon.

We are scheduling Pokemon VG tournaments for Spring and Summer. See our website at www.easleypokemongym.ml for more information.

Source: https://bulbanews.bulbagarden.net/wiki/VGC_2018_rules_have_been_updated_for_Ultra_Sun_and_Ultra_Moon

Enjoy a Snack and Some Exclusive Pokémon TCG Cards!

For a limited time, Pokémon fans will be able to find 12 different collectible Pokémon Trading Card Game cards in boxes of participating General Mills Fruit Flavored Snacks and Fruit Roll-Ups. Look for specially marked boxes where you'll find tasty treats—and a pack of three Pokémon TCG cards! Inside each pack is two common cards and a special foil card that you can only find in these participating General Mills products.

Common cards you can find include Jigglypuff, Magikarp, Charmander, Riolu, Alolan Vulpix, Alolan Diglett, Alolan Sandshrew, and Alolan Geodude. And keep an eye out for the exclusive foil cards: Jangmo-o, Cosmog, Rockruff, and Pikachu. Ah, yes! There's nothing like the satisfaction of a full stomach and a bolstered Pokémon TCG deck! Start munching and collecting, Trainers!



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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
 Latios or Latias - September 2018
 Reshiram or Zekrom - October 2018
 Ho-Oh or Lugia - November 2018

More information on our website at www.easleypokemongym.ml.

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When: Saturday March 24th

Registration open at 11am - Registration closes at 12:00pm

Round 1 begins at 12:30pm

Fee: \$20 (plus tax)

Format: Standard Constructed

Swiss rounds based on attendance with a top cut.

Swiss rounds 30 minutes, best of 1 game. Top cut rounds 60 minutes best of 3 games.

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Cap at 72 players

Prizing:

1st Place: Exclusive Champion CLOTH Playmat, ARG Invitational Invite, Packs Scaled by attendance

2nd-8th Place: Exclusive Top 8 CLOTH Playmats, ARG Invitational Invite, Packs Scaled by attendance

Each entry will automatically get 2 packs and add 2 packs into the prize pool!

Mandatory Decklist: Each player must present a Decklist completely filled out & subject to random deck checks.

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 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.

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.

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

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.