



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.

MAY-JUNE 2019

Latest News



May 2019

May Promo card for this season will be the Naganadel #108. Be sure to get a new score sheet at the beginning of each month and update your score sheet often.



June 2019

June Promo card for this season will be Field Blower 125a. Be sure to get a new score sheet at the beginning of each month and update your score sheet often.

Standard Format Announced For The 2020 Season

At the beginning of every Championship Series season, Pokémon Organized Play removes older expansions from competition in the Standard format, with the goal of maintaining a healthy competitive environment. This rotation challenges existing players to create new strategies and enables new players to get involved in Play! Pokémon events using the most recent releases.



The 2020 season starts July 1, 2019, so players can get an early start on working toward the 2020 Pokémon World Championships. However, the rotation will not occur until August 15, 2019. Importantly, this means that the 2019 Pokémon World Championships, which take place August 16–18, will be the first major event to use the 2020 format and rules as currently listed. For other competitions taking place this summer, be sure to check the event's rules and regulations before attending.

The Standard format for the 2020 season will consist of the following expansions:

- Sun & Moon—Ultra Prism and any expansions released afterward
- Black Star Promo cards numbered SM94 and up

Cards from the following products are also legal:

- Dragon Majesty
- Pokémon TCG: Detective Pikachu

Starting with the 2020 season, cards from McDonald's Collections will be legal in the Standard format if they're functionally identical to a card that is currently legal in the Standard format. For example, Magnemite (McDonald's Collection 2018, 8/12) is functionally the same card as Magnemite from Sun & Moon—Ultra Prism, so it can still be used in the Standard format.

New expansions become legal for tournament play on the third Friday of the month they are released.

The Expanded Format for 2020

The Expanded format will remain unchanged for the 2020 season. Players should double-check what format is being used before choosing a deck to bring to their local events.

The Expanded format for the 2020 season will consist of the following expansions:

- Black & White and any expansions released afterward
- Black Star Promo cards numbered BW01 and up, XY01 and up, and SM01 and up

Cards from the following products are also legal:

- Generations
- Double Crisis

Find more information on our...

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EasleyPokemonGym/> or our website at www.easleypokemongym.gq



Standard Format Announced For The 2020 Season - Continued

- Dragon Vault
- Shining Legends
- Dragon Majesty
- Pokémon TCG: Detective Pikachu
- Black & White Trainer Kit and any Trainer Kits released afterward
- McDonald's Collection 2011 and later

New expansions become legal for tournament play on the third Friday of the month they are released.

Pokemon Event Central

May

- 2 – Easley League Smash Brothers
- 9 – Easley League Professor's Challenge
- 11 – Red Barn League Challenge – Greenville (Expanded)
- 11 – VGC Easley - Easley (Ultra Series)
- 11 – Platform 42 Pokemon TCG Tournament (Standard)
- 18 – Easley League Challenge – Easley (Standard)

June

- 6 – Easley League Smash Brothers
- 8 – Red Barn League Challenge – Greenville (Standard)
- 13 – Easley League Professor's Challenge
- 15 – League Challenge – Easley (Expanded)

Pokemon Comes To Greer and Spartanburg Area

Pokémon Dragon's Minute

Greetings

Greetings, Pokémon community members!

I am Bo Finley, a Pokémon Professor, Organizer and Trading Card Game Judge based in Spartanburg County, South Carolina. I returned to Pokémon after an eight-year hiatus. Outside Pokémon, I am employed with Tractor Supply Company and serve as a volunteer firefighter.

I look forward to meeting Pokémon members at our area events.

I am working on Pokémon Leagues and events in the Greer and Spartanburg County areas in South Carolina. I would like to share with you what we are doing now and in the future.

Platform42, Greer, South Carolina

Platform42 is a game store in Greer. It relocated to its present location at 104 Middleton Way, Suite E, Greer, South Carolina 29650-1323, in December. The store has interest in having a Pokémon League and tournaments.

Platform42 will host a Pokémon Trading Card Game Standard format tournament on Saturday, 11 May. The entry fee is \$5.00. Registration is from 5:15pm (17:15) to 5:45pm (17:45). It will be followed by a players meeting and the tournament. Decks will be checked during registration. Decklists are available online to complete before registration and will be available onsite during registration. Each player will receive one Pokémon Trading Card Game booster pack for playing. Top players in each division will receive additional booster packs based on their finish.

Pokemon Comes To Greer and Spartanburg Area

Platform42 has Pokémon open play Saturday evenings starting at 5:00pm (17:00). Pokémon Trading Card Game and video game players having interest in playing and would like to support interest in forming a new Pokémon League are encouraged to come play.

For more information about Platform42, call 864-334-5393 and/or visit <http://www.platform42.com>.

Spartanburg County, South Carolina

We are seeking to expand Play! Pokémon into Spartanburg County.

We are seeking clean, safe public venues that would like to host Pokémon Leagues and tournaments. Any game store that sells the Pokémon Trading Card Game or any library, community center, or public location that is clean and safe that has interest in Pokémon Leagues and tournaments supporting the Pokémon Trading Card Game and video games will be considered.

We need Pokémon Trading Card Game and video game players who would like to play in the Spartanburg County area. A short-term objective is to have a group of players meeting occasionally to play, talk Pokémon, and plan for Pokémon organized play in Spartanburg County.

If you have interest for Pokémon in Spartanburg County, I would like you hear from you.

Contact

Here is how you can reach me:

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Email: bopokemondragon@gmail.com

Website (Team Dragon): <https://teamdragon.club>

Pokemon Video Game Tournament

The Pokemon Video Game League challenge will take place May 18th, 2019. Resitration is from 1p-2p and entry is FREE. This tournament will take place at the Captain Kimberly Hampton Memorial Library 304 Biltmore Road Easley, South Carolina 29640, in the main meeting room directly after the Pokemon Easley TCG League Challenge.

Ruleset Overview

- All matches are to be played as Double Battles in Pokémon Ultra Sun & Ultra Moon.
- All Pokémon must have the black clover icon, meaning they must be caught or hatched in Sun, Moon, Ultra Sun or Ultra Moon, or obtained from an event distribution in these games.
- For all series formats, GS Cup rules apply, meaning only two restricted Pokémon can be used per team: Mewtwo, Lugia, Ho-oh, Groudon, Kyogre, Rayquaza, Dialga, Palkia, Giratina, Reshiram, Zekrom, Kyurem, Xerneas, Yveltal, Zygarde, Solgaleo, Lunala, Necrozma
- Mythical Pokémon are banned.
- The "your timer" system has been changed, with the maximum player time increased from 5 minutes to 7 minutes.
- Z-crystals are allowed
- Mega stones are allowed
- Red Orb and Blue Orb are allowed

Be sure to see our Facebook page and website for more information.



Pokemon Trainer Club Account

About Pokémon

Pokémon is a line of media properties which is published and owned by Japanese video game company Nintendo. It was founded in 1996 by Satoshi Tajiri and since then it has become the second most successful and lucrative video game-based media franchise in the world. The products of Pokémon include anime, manga, trading cards, toys, books, and other media.

Pokemon established the Play!Pokemon program to create Pokemon Leagues for players to further interact and connect with each other.

About Pokémon Trainer Club Account

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.

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.

How can you create a new account to join the Pokémon Trainer Club online?

Before you begin, you will need to prepare the following:

- A computer with internet access.
- You need to have a valid email address.

Detailed instructions:

- Go to the website of Pokémon at www.pokemon.com and then choose your country. Take the United States as an example. Click on the button marked "United States".
- Click on the link at the topic of the web page marked "JOIN THE POKEMON TRAINER CLUB NOW!".
- Select your country and your date of birth from the drop-down menus and then click on the button marked "Continue".
- Enter your first name and last name into the required boxes, create a username and a screen name for your account, create a password and confirm it, and enter your email address into the required box.
- Tick the first box if you want to display your profile publicly, tick the second box if you want to receive emails from Pokémon, and set your Pokémon global link preferences and Pokémon social preferences.
- Tick the first box to indicate that you accept the terms of use of this website, tick the second box to indicate that you accept the term of use for the Pokémon global link website, and then click on the button marked "Submit".
- Follow instructions to complete the account creation process.

You can also add your child to your established Pokemon Trainer Account. It is safe and you control all aspects of the child's account. Pokemon believes in a child's safety. Pokemon has placed safety measures in the account to protect your child.

If you need help, you can talk with one of the Pokemon League Leaders for assistance.

Summary

The Pokémon Trainer Club account is a great way to connect with other Pokémon players. Together, you can have discussions about playing Pokémon and chat with them. It is fun. In order to get special Pokemon items offered by Pokemon or receive your Pokemon Play points, Championship Points from Tournaments you must have a trainer account. Having a Pokemon Trainer Account also helps the league obtain more prize support to give to the players.

Signup at Pokemon.com and use your Pokemon ID you have received from the Pokemon League. For players with new accounts, please see Professor Jeff for a Pokemon Promo card that hasn't been released in our Pokemon Leagues.

PokeTech - Fun Pokemon Apps

There are many ways to enjoy playing Pokemon. These are the five best Pokemon Apps available.

1. **Pokemon GO** - Pokémon GO is a free Pokémon game for Android and iOS devices. The game requires the player to actually move around in order to catch Pokemon. Visit PokeStops and Gym to discover rare Pokemon. Available on Android and iOS.
2. **Pokemon Duel** - Pokémon Duel is an official Pokémon strategy board game for iOS and Android devices. You have to create your own deck of figure cards and challenge users from all over the world to hit the leaderboards. Available on Android and iOS.
3. **Pokemon Shuffle Mobile** - Pokemon Shuffle Mobile is a match-3 Pokemon collecting game. Match Pokemons in order to perform attacks and collect the ones you win in order to build your troop of Pokemon for your next match. Available on Android and iOS.
4. **Pokémon: Magikarp Jump** - This game stars Magikarp, the infamous first generation Pokemon known for being the worst Pokemon ever. In this game though, Magikarp gets the main role, as you will have to train him to raise its jump power to help him win every contest. Available on Android and iOS.
5. **Camp Pokémon** - Explore the amazing world of Pokemon and its many regions using this app! You will have to carry out different activities and play fun games to discover new regions and complete your pin collection. Available on Android and iOS.

Try out these exciting and fun Pokemon games.

Pokémon Trade and Play Day

Another Trade and Play Day is being scheduled for GameStop and Best Buy. Pokémon Sun & Moon: Unbroken Bonds will arrive in stores beginning on May 3rd and on Saturday, May 4th — participating GameStop locations will be conducting their Trade & Play Day from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. (your local time).

On May 11, 2019 participating Best Buy store from 11a - 2p to trade Pokémon cards and enjoy other fun activities. Card trading is intended for participants under 16.

While supplies last, participants will receive a booster pack that consists of a three-card mini pack, activity sheet, Pokémon coin and guide.

Easley and Greenville Pokemon Gym Badge Reviled

The Easley and Greenville Pokemon Gyms have developed their own Pokemon Gym Leader Badge. It's called the elemental Badge. Players may challenge the Gym Leader only during certain times of the month. Here are the rules to challenge the Gym Leader.

Easley and Greenville Pokemon Gym

Challenging the Easley Pokemon Gym is open to all players. Pokemon Players will have to sign up to challenge the Easley or Greenville Pokemon Gym Leader. Challengers are accepted the fourth Thursday of the month for the Easley Gym and the fourth Tuesday for the Greenville Gym. Only two players will be invited to the Gym Leader challenge. Signing up does not guaranty acceptance into the Gym Leader Challenge. The Easley and Greenville Gym Leader may change the number of challengers during the day of the Gym Leader Challenge.

TCG Rules

- HAVE FUN! This is supposed to be an enjoyable activity, please don't get stuck in semantics or rules-lawyering.
- Any TCG format may be used in the Gym Leader Challenge.
- Pokemon TCG Decks are not announced before the battle.
- The Gym Leader is not allowed to retreat Pokemon.
- When beginning the challenge you must continue until the game is



Easley and Greenville Pokemon Gym Badge Reviled - Continued

complete.

- Once the battle begins you are not allowed to leave the battle for any reason. The only exception is for Junior and Seniors if the parent calls the game due to leaving league or other reason.
- You must also follow all aspects of the Pokemon Spirit of the Game and show sportsmanship at all times.
- If you win an Easley/Greenville Gym Badge, you must wait a year before challenging the Gym Leader again.
- If you lose the battle, you can sign up to battle in the next month.

VGC Rules

All Video Game Gym Leader Challenges will use the 2019 Video Game Championships Ultra Series rules and will include the following rules:

- All battles will be Double Battles played in Pokémon Ultra Sun and Pokémon Ultra Moon.
- All Pokémon from National Pokédex No. 001 through 807 are allowed, with the following restrictions:
- Mythical Pokémon and Ash-Greninja are not permitted.
- Players may only include two of the following Pokémon in their teams: Mewtwo, Lugia, Ho-Oh, Kyogre, Groudon, Rayquaza, Dialga, Palkia, Giratina, Reshiram, Zekrom, Kyurem, Xerneas, Yveltal, Zygarde, Cosmog, Cosmoem, Solgaleo, Lunala, Necrozma.
- Pokémon must have the Alola symbol, showing they were caught in the Alola region.
- Duplicate Pokémon are not allowed.
- Duplicate held items are not allowed.
- All Pokémon are set to Lv. 50, including Pokémon below Lv. 50.
- Players will have 7 minutes of Your Time, up from 5 minutes in 2018.
- All moves and items obtainable through normal game-play are permitted.

These rules and challenge protocols may change in time. The Gym Leader decisions are final. In the event a game can not be completed for whatever reason, the Gym Leader may reschedule the match. Players may choose between TCG or VGC to win a badge, but cannot choose both. If you win the gym badge in either TCG or VGC you must wait one year before you can challenge the gym leader again.

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:

May 19th (Sunday) 3p-6p EST - Featured Pokemon Torchic
June - 8th (More Information To Follow)

During Pokemon Go Community Day in May, you will also receive 3x Catch Stardust and three-hour Lure bonuses. Torchic will appear more frequently in the wild. Lure Modules will last three hours for the duration of the event. You may encounter a Shiny Torchic if you're lucky!

Torchic's exclusive move is currently hidden. As usual, Fast TMs and Charged TMs will not grant exclusive moves during Community Day. To learn the exclusive move, you must catch or evolve the featured Pokemon during Community Day hours and up to one hour after the event.

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

Detective Pikachu Movie Release

Just in case the prospect of seeing the first live-action Pokémon movie on the big screen isn't enough, fans will be able to get a special Pokémon Trading Card Game promo card when they show up at theaters to see POKÉMON Detective Pikachu! This card features Detective Pikachu enjoying a cup of his favorite hot beverage—coffee from the Hi-Hat Cafe! It's sure to be a highlight of your Pokémon TCG collection, so don't miss your chance to get one by attending a showing of the movie at your local theater during opening weekend.



Movie Synopsis:

A young man joins forces with Detective Pikachu to unravel the mystery behind his father's disappearance. Chasing clues through the streets of Ryme City, the dynamic duo soon discover a devious plot that poses a threat to the Pokémon universe.

Ryan Reynolds lends his vocal chords to the titular talking Pokémon, and in a recent video it's suggested that he went pretty method for the character. Joining him in his investigation are Justice Smith as Tim Goodman, Kathryn Newton as a reporter called Lucy Stevens, Ken Watanabe as Detective Yoshida, Omar Chaparro as a trainer called Sebastian, Karan Soni as Jack and DJ Diplo as himself.

Detective Pikachu is set to release in theaters May 10, 2019.

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
TCG Merchandise

Boardwalk
1175 Woods Crossing Rd, Greenville, SC
29607
(864) 2976924

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

EMPIRE GAMES
118 N McDuffie St, Anderson, SC
29621
Phone: (864) 3289418

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clean environment to enjoy your
favorite tabletop games with
yourfriends!

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104 Middleton Way, Suite 3 Greer, SC
29651
(864) 416-1293

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.