



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.

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2016

Latest News



Pokemon Leagues

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



League Christmas Party

Our annual League Christmas party is fast approaching. December 15th, 2016 from 530p-830p we'll have our party. See our league leaders if you would like to volunteer for this event.



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 Central League
League Owner Rudy!

The Central League is a great league. Located at Geek Out Games 1276 Eighteen Mile Rd, Central, SC 29630, near the Walmart in Central. The league is every Wednesday from 530p-8p. Check them out! Get your Pokemon cards and other related products here.

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!



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Season And Tournament Schedule

Season List

Evolutions: Season 1 - November 1st through November 30th

Evolutions: Season 2 - December 1st through December 31st

Evolutions: Season 3 - January 1st through January 31st

Tournament List

November 19th - Easley League Challenge. Registration 9:30a till 10:30a. Easley Library, Main Meeting Room, 304 Biltmore Rd, Easley, SC 29640.

December 17th - Easley League Challenge. Registration 9:30a till 10:30a. Easley Library, Main Meeting Room, 304 Biltmore Rd, Easley, SC 29640.

Event

November 5th, 2016 - Da Zoo Games - We will have a fund-raising Pokemon tournament for Operation Pikaclaus. There will be a \$5 entry fee. The tournament will be unlimited. The tournament will be from 6p-9p. There will be some prizes we will give away to our winner. All the money raised will go to buying theme decks to donate to Country Santa to be distributed to kids in our area that love Pokemon.

League Promos

Every week that you come to league and check in with the leader table, you receive a league promo or code card. Checking in also ensures you being listed as attending the league season.

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
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Website: www.easleypokemongym.tk

Mythical Pokemon VG Downloads

November Download

Genesect, which first appeared in the Unova region. Head to a participating GameStop store to pick up a code for Genesect. Then, once you get the Mythical Pokémon, collect the Drives that change the type of its Techno Blast move in Pokémon Omega Ruby and Pokémon Alpha Sapphire by talking to a character in Mauville City.

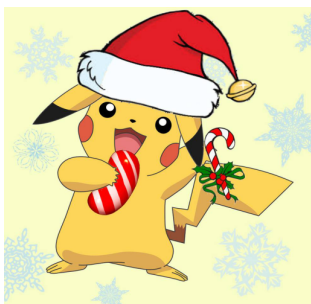
Get Genesect at participating GameStop stores beginning November 1, 2016. Visit GameStop to pick up a code that will unlock Genesect for your Pokémon Omega Ruby, Pokémon Alpha Sapphire, Pokémon X, or Pokémon Y game. Be sure to redeem your code in your game by February 28, 2017!

December Download

Get the elegant Meloetta via Nintendo Network! The Melody Pokémon first appeared in the Unova region, complete with the capability of changing from Aria Forme to Pirouette Forme in battle when it used the move Relic Song. Don't miss your chance to have the graceful Meloetta perform in your Pokémon Omega Ruby and Pokémon Alpha Sapphire game! Visit the Move Tutor in Mauville City to teach it Relic Song to transform it into Pirouette Forme once again!

Receive Meloetta via Nintendo Network beginning December 1, 2016, for your Pokémon Omega Ruby, Pokémon Alpha Sapphire, Pokémon X, or Pokémon Y game. The Pokémon will be available only until December 24, 2016, so don't miss this opportunity!

League Christmas Party



We are planning our annual Pokemon League Christmas party. The League Christmas party will be on December 15th, 2016 from 530p until 830p. While we plan another fun filled event we need volunteers again this year. Those interested in helping with our party please see Mr. Jeff.

We'll need volunteers for games, food or snacks, decorations, etc. This year I hope that we can gather materials for some Pokemon related decorations.

We plan to have lots of Pokemon fun and maybe a craft for the holiday.



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ARG Circuit Series



An ARG Circuit Series is the largest, open-entry trading card tournament series featuring six TCG games. Featuring Cardfight! Vanguard, Dragon Ball Z, Force of Will, Magic the Gathering, Pokemon, and YuGiOh! Attracting fans of all ages to compete for Circuit Championship qualifications and thousands of dollars in additional prizes!

Each trading card game offers participation play mats, and qualifications to their game's Invitational.

ARG Circuit Series: Autumn Events

ARG Pokemon Circuit Series (Nov. 6 - Atlanta, GA)
COST: \$25 USD | REG: 8:30 AM ET | START: 9:30 AM ET
<http://www.facebook.com/events/232341160497528/>

ARG Pokemon Circuit Series (Nov. 20 - Charlotte, NC)*
COST: \$25 USD | REG: 8:30 AM ET | START: 9:30 AM ET
<http://www.facebook.com/events/1298945696784706/>

ARG Pokemon Circuit Series (Dec. 4 - Richmond, VA)
COST: \$25 USD | REG: 8:30 AM ET | START: 9:30 AM ET
<http://www.facebook.com/events/1657118357950594/>

ARG Pokemon Circuit Series (Dec. 17 - Orlando, FL)*
COST: \$25 USD | REG: 10:00 AM ET | START: 11:00 AM ET
<http://www.facebook.com/events/1004808762951170/>

ARG Pokemon Circuit Series (Dec. 18 - Orlando, FL)*
COST: \$25 USD | REG: 8:30 AM ET | START: 10:00 AM ET
<http://www.facebook.com/events/870429026420620/>

Visit our website for more details and to save money by pre-registering:
<http://www.ARGcircuitseries.com/>

* We are seeking Pokemon TCG Professors to judge each event as well as help with promoting them locally. We pay \$80 USD plus a promotional item and if the event lasts over eight hours, \$10 USD for each additional hour. Read the pinned post on the Facebook event pages for details.

MASTERS DIVISION PRIZE PAYOUT

1st Place \$400 cash, Champion Mat, Invite to ARG Invitational*.
2nd Place \$200 cash, Top Cut Playmat, Invite to ARG Invitational*.
3rd & 4th Place \$100 cash, Top Cut Playmat, Invite to ARG Invitational*.
5th-8th Place \$50 cash, Top Cut Playmat, Invite to ARG Invitational*.
9th-16th: ARG Invitational Invite if attendance is over 32 players.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR PRIZE PAYOUT

Senior Division Prizes (Based Upon Attendance):

1 to 3 Players: 18 Booster Packs in Prize Pool + ARG Invitational Invites + ARG Gear
4 to 8 Players: 1 Booster Box in Prize Pool + ARG Invitational Invites + ARG Gear
9 to 16 Players: 3 Booster Boxes in Prize Pool + ARG Invitational Invites + ARG Gear
* Every additional 8 players past 16 will add 1 additional Booster Box to the Prize Pool.

Junior Division Prizes (Based Upon Attendance):

1 to 3 Players: 18 Booster Packs in Prize Pool + ARG Invitational Invites + ARG Gear
4 to 8 Players: 1 Booster Box in Prize Pool + ARG Invitational Invites + ARG Gear
9 to 16 Players: 3 Booster Boxes in Prize Pool + ARG Invitational Invites + ARG Gear
* Every additional 8 players past 16 will add 1 additional Booster Box to the Prize Pool.

Standard Format: Single game format with swiss rounds. Rounds will be thirty(30) minutes + 3 turns to complete the match.

Top Cut will be based off attendance. 14 & Under will be awarded final standings based on swiss.

Deck list will be collected at the beginning of round one, once players are seated.

Players that lose a game in a Best 2-of-3 match always have the option to play first in the next game of the match.

The prize schedule is pretty much the same in the other events. See the website <http://www.argcircuitseries.com/pokemon.html> for more details.



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A New Pokémon VGC Format Starts in December



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, where we'll be breaking down new Pokémon and tactics.

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

Trainer Card Review



Maxie's Hidden Ball Trick

Keep Maxie's Hidden Ball Trick (133/160) around in case your hand starts to get low on cards. If it's the last card you're holding and you play it, you get to draw five cards and put any Fighting-type Pokémon from your discard pile onto your Bench! For example, if Primal Groudon-EX gets Knocked Out, you can use Maxie's Hidden Ball Trick to get it back in

play—and avoid the rule that ends your turn!

Leagues Supported By The Following...

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.

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.

Geek Out Games
1276 Eighteen Mile Rd, Central, SC
29630
Pokemon Singles and TCG
Merchandise

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