



THE PROFESSOR'S MINUTE EXTRA

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.

January - February 2018

Latest News



Pokemon Leagues

See our calendar updates for all the Pokémon in our area.



Easley League Challenge

The Easley League Challenge will be held February 17th, 2018. Registration starts at 930. This is a Standard Tournament.



Sun & Moon - Ultra Prism Prerelease

We have multiple prerelease tournaments in our area for the next Pokémon TCG set, Sun & Moon Ultra Prism.



Sun & Moon—Ultra Prism

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* 6 Prism Star cards featuring a new game mechanic

* 10 Pokémon-GX, including 5 Ultra Beasts

* 18 Trainer cards and 3 Special Energy cards

It is the first expansion to be centered around Pokémon Ultra Sun and Ultra Moon, which was released about one month beforehand. The expansion introduces the new Prism Star mechanic. Ultra Prism will be released on February 2, 2018.

We will have Ultra Prism prerelease tournaments in Easley, Greenville and Anderson starting January 20th, 2018. Check out our Facebook, website and additional articles for more information.



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Prerelease Tournament Season

2018 Sun & Moon—Ultra Prism

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Easley

Tournament Name: Sun & Moon—Ultra Prism Prerelease - Easley

Tournament ID: 18-01-001278

Date: January 20, 2018 - Registration: 1:00PM to 1:30PM

Location: Captain Kimberly Hampton Memorial Library 304 Biltmore Road Easley, South Carolina 29640

Cost: \$30

Greenville

Tournament Name: Sun & Moon—Ultra Prism Prerelease - Greenville

Tournament ID: 18-01-001279

Date: January 27, 2018 - Registration: 1:00PM to 1:30PM

Location: The Red Barn 2333 N. Pleasantburg Dr Suite A, Greenville, SC 29609

Cost: \$30

Anderson

Tournament Name: Sun & Moon—Ultra Prism Prerelease - Anderson

Location: Planet Comics 2704 N. Main St Anderson, SC 29621

Cost: \$25 (plus tax) Preregister; \$30 (plus tax) DOE

Prerelease Dates:

*Tournament ID: 18-01-001280

Date: January 20, 2018 - Registration: 2:00PM to 2:30PM

*Tournament ID: 18-01-001282

Newsletter and Pokemon League Contact:

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

Prerelease Tournament Season - Continued

Date: January 21, 2018 - Registration: 2:30PM to 3:00PM

*Tournament ID: 18-01-001281

Date: January 27, 2018 - Registration: 2:00PM to 2:30PM

*Tournament ID: 18-01-001283

Date: January 28, 2018 - Registration: 2:30PM to 3:00PM

At each prerelease each player will receive:

Each Prerelease box includes:

- 22-card Evolution pack featuring key cards from current and prior sets
- 4 Sun & Moon—Burning Shadows booster packs
- 1 of 4 alternate-art promo cards
- 1 deck-building tip sheet

Every participating player will receive 3 Ultra Prism boosters at the conclusion of the event.

ULTRA PRISM



Ultra Prism will feature over 150 new cards. Additional Ultra Beasts are making an appearance. More than a dozen full-art cards can also be found.

Prism Star cards, are a powerful new type of Pokémon and Trainer card that are being introduced into the game. To balance their power, only one of each Prism Star card is allowed in a player's deck, compared to the usual limit of four. These cards are also discarded into the Lost Zone, rather than the discard pile. Lunala is one example and is able to bypass the evolution phase as it is now a Basic Pokémon.



However, unlike GX-cards, players only get one prize card for knocking out a Prism Star card, even though they have abilities and attacks comparable to other types of powerful Pokémon cards. For instance, the Solgaleo Prism card lets players distribute energy from their discard pile equal to the number of Pokémon their opponent has in play. That means that a player can quickly power up Solgaleo (or other Pokémon in their deck) and then hit an opponent with an attack that does 160 damage.

I believe that this new game mechanic will make Ultra Prism an exciting set to play and change the game.



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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 change 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:
- Any Pokémon that lists "From: Nursery Helpers" on its Summary screen and that is contained in a Master Ball or a Cherish Ball.



Rules for the Pokémon VGC 2018 Season - Continued

-Any of these Pokémon that has the following in-game level:

- Dragonite under Lv. 55.
- Tyranitar 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.

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

Anderson League Cup

Our Anderson Crimson Invasion League Cup will be at Planet Comics 2704 N. Main St Anderson, SC 29621 -(864) 261 3578. It will be held on February 15, 2018. The cost will be \$15 (plus tax) per player. This is a standard format tournament.

First place in each age division will receive a Champion mat from Pokemon (If the mats are available we will give them out at the tournament and if not they will be mailed to you.). Each player will receive a League Cup promo (if supplies are available. If they are, only while supplies last.) Booster packs will be provided for additional prizes.

Any questions, send an email to easleypokemongym@gmail.com.

Registration will be from 11a - 12 noon. Entry fee \$15 (plus tax) for all age divisions.

Precompleted deck lists are helpful. Please bring your Pokemon Trainer ID, if you do not have one please go to Pokemon.com and obtain one or we can assign you one.





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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.

January

20 – Ultra Prism Prerelease – Anderson
20 – Ultra Prism Prerelease – Greenville
21 – Ultra Prism Prerelease – Anderson
27 – Ultra Prism Prerelease -Greenville
27 – Ultra Prism Prerelease – Anderson
28 – Ultra Prism Prerelease – Anderson

February

10– Crimson Invasion League Cup – Anderson
17 – League Challenge – Standard – Easley

March

17 – League Challenge – Standard – Anderson

April

7 – League Challenge – Standard - Greenville
14 – VGC Spring Series Tournament – Easley
21 – Prerelease – Greenville
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 – Standard – Easley
23 - VGC Ssummer Series Tournament – 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 Pikaclaus Charity Tournament – Unlimited – Greenville
17 – League Challenge – Standard – Greenville
24 – League Cup – Standard – Anderson

December - No Tournaments

Leagues Supported By The Following...

<p><i>The Red Barn</i> 2333 N.Pleasantburg Dr, Greenville, SC 29609 (864) 412-7887</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	<p><i>Boardwalk</i> 1175 Woods Crossing Rd, Greenville, SC 29607 (864) 297-6924</p> <p><i>Boardwalk offers a large selection of games and has a great selection of Pokemon TCG and related products.</i></p>
<p><i>Da Zoo Games</i> 1003 Gentry Memorial Hwy. Easley, SC 29640 (864) 553-0190</p> <p><i>Games for the entire family. Pokemon singles and other Pokemon products available.</i></p>	<p><i>Planet Comics</i> 2704 N Main St, Anderson, SC 29621 Comics, Games, Pokemon Singles and TCG Merchandise</p> <p><i>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.</i></p>



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Pokemon Trainer Accounts

Have you activated your Pokemon Trainer Account?

Pokémon Trainer Club accounts are used not only by the Pokémon.com website itself but also by the Pokémon Trading Card Game Online, Pokémon video games through Pokémon Global Link, and organized Play! Pokémon events and tournaments.

The central access point for user Pokémon Trainer Club accounts is found on the main Pokémon.com website. It is located on the lefthand side of the website where visitors are encourage to "Sign in". After signing in, the "Sign in" image is replaced with a small image of the user's Avatar picture. Selecting the image provides users access to their Pokémon.com Pokémon Trainer Club.

Avatar

Users may customize their own unique Trainer image or "Avatar", which represents them online. Player Avatar images are used not only within the Pokémon.com website and the Pokémon Trading Card Game Online but also by the Pokémon Trading Card Game Online forum.

Messages

Users will receive messages when there are new releases and events. When a new message has been received, the envelope next to the user's name will be open.

Profile

The User profile page provides access to all Pokémon Trainer Club account settings and organized Play! Pokémon information. Like the summary page, it lists user Stamp level, link to the Trainer avatar image editor, a list of recent Stamps earned, and six favorite Pokémon. It also displays the user's Friend list, recently redeemed Avatar items, recently played Pokémon.com online games and high scores, and recently watched Pokémon anime episodes.

Down the lefthand side of the page are links to user setting not necessarily specific to the Pokémon.com website itself. It is a central repository for all Pokémon user accounts.

"Profile overview" contains general account settings.

"PGL Settings" allows users to adjust their Pokémon video games settings for the Pokémon Global Link.

"Pokémon TCG Online Settings" provide user access to setting not directly available in the downloadable Pokémon Trading Card Game Online.

"Play! Pokémon Settings" provide user access to organized Play! Pokémon information and settings.

NOTE: Be certain to select "Email Preferences: I would like to receive

Pokemon Trainer Accounts

marketing email messages..." under "Profile overview" in order to receive the a monthly e-mail newsletter, which often contains Redeemable codes for in-game rewards in both the current Pokémon video games and the Pokémon Trading Card Game Online.

Child accounts

Adult parents may create and manage separate accounts for each of their children in the parent Pokémon Trainer Club account, which is accessible through the adult's "User profile". While The Pokémon Company International strives to be child friendly, parents may further restrict access to certain website and in-game Pokémon Trading Card Game Online features. For examples, some in-game features such as "Public Chat" and "Private Messaging" in the Pokémon Trading Card Game Online are always inaccessible with a child account, while other in-game features may be further restricted by the adult parent such as "Friend Chat", "Game Chat", "Shopping", and "Trading".

Pokemon trainer accounts help the Leagues grow. We recieve additional prize support for the amount of active trainer accounts that we have in our leagues. Players with active trainer accounts will also recieve special items from Pokemon when they are available.

If you have questions about Pokemon Trainer Account, please see one of our league leaders.

Pokemon League Score Sheets

Pokemon Leagues have Pokemon themed seasons in which the player plays the Pokemon trading card game and/or the Pokemon Video game to earn points towards special Pokemon League Promo cards.

League seasons start at the begining of the month and last through the end of the month. There are 12 seasons per year.

Players check in with the league leaders to obtain a score sheet to record games played. A player will earn special Pokemon League Promo cards by playing games and completeing lines on their Pokemon Score Sheet. Score sheets can also be downloaded from the league website at <http://easleypokemongym.ml>. These score sheets will last for three months or three seasons.

Checking in with the Pokemon League Leaders and obtaining your score sheet will also ensures you are getting your Pokemon Play Points in your Pokemon Trainer Account. Pokemon reports thenumber of players each season and according to the number of players that have attended the league during the month is the amount of Pokemon League promo cards that will be sent to the leagues for the new season.



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Child Safety Policy of the Pickens County Library System

Child Safety Policy

The Pickens County Library System welcomes children of all ages. The library is a public building and Library staff cannot assume the responsibility of a child's care when they use the Library. The behavior and welfare of children in the library is the responsibility of their parents, legal guardians or responsible caregivers.

The Library asks parents, guardians and responsible caregivers to observe these rules to keep their children safe:

- Children under the age of 10 must be continually accompanied by a parent, guardian or responsible caregiver.
- Children 10 and over may use the library unattended for any length of time as long as their conduct is acceptable in a library setting and code of conduct rules are observed.
- If any unattended child calls attention to him/herself, Library staff will attempt to locate the parent, guardian or caregiver and inform him/her of the situation and the policy.
- If a parent, guardian or caregiver cannot be located, the appropriate authorities will be asked to intervene.
- Children of any age with mental, physical, or emotional disabilities which may affect decision making skills or render supervision necessary must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or responsible caregiver at all times. Adults other than parents, guardians or caregivers must not loiter in the Children's area.
- Taking pictures in the Children's area or of children anywhere in the library is prohibited unless authorized by a manager.

Children must know how to reach a parent, legal guardian or responsible caregiver in case of an emergency. Children and their parents, legal guardians or responsible caregivers need to be aware of library hours.

The Library has established procedures for closing the Library. If it is apparent to a library staff member that a child (16 and under) is unattended thirty (30) minutes prior to closing, the following will be observed:

The child (16 and under) will be asked to call a parent or otherwise confirm that he or she has a ride or will be picked up no later than closing.

If a child has been left unattended at the library at closing time, or during an emergency closing, every effort will be made to contact the parents, legal guardians or responsible caregiver.

If a parent, guardian or responsible caregiver cannot be reached and has not arrived 15 minutes after closing, the child will be treated as an abandoned child and the police will be contacted. The Librarian in Charge

Child Safety Policy of the Pickens County Library System - Continued

and one other staff member will stay with the unattended child/children until the police arrive. This is compensated time for the two staff members.

Under no circumstances will library staff take a child out of the building and transport him or her to another location, or remain in the building alone with an unattended child.

If the police have been called, staff members will leave a note on the Library door stating, "Unattended child is in the custody of the _____ City Police", with a contact number. Names will NOT be stated on the sign.

Parents or guardians of unattended children will be contacted by the Library Director or Assistant Library Director and given a copy of the Safe Child Policy. Any additional incidents will be reported to the appropriate authorities.

The Board of Trustees authorizes the Library and staff to exercise or impose restrictions at their discretion when circumstances arise that are not addressed above. Failure to comply with the Child Safety Policy may result in exclusion from the Library and/or legal action.

Amended policy approved March 19, 2015

New Pokemon League In Upstate South Carolina

We have an ever growing Pokemon Community here in the Upstate of South Carolina. We now have 8 Pokemon Leagues in the Upstate. We are proud to announce that the Pelham Road Pokemon League has been officially sanctioned. The league owner is Christopher Kuss. The league meets at the Greenville County Library Branch located on Pelham Road. The league meets several times a month, days and hours may vary. So please check our calendar for the latest information. This new Pokemon League already has a good membership starting up.

The next Pelham Road Pokemon League meeting will meet:

January 16, 2018 3-6 pm,
January 23, 2018 3-6:30 pm,
February 12, 26, March 6, 2018 3-7 pm

Let's show our support for the newest Pokemon League in our Pokemon family. If you can attend this league please do so.



PLAY!
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