



Upstate Pokemon Leagues

A Growing Pokemon Community...

Pokemon Leagues of Upstate SC

September - October 2015



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CHALLENGE - EASLEY LIBRARY.
REGISTRATION 930AM.

OCTOBER 29TH -POKEMON
LEAGUE HALLOWEEN PARTY -
530P-830P



Trainer Year Schedule And League Challenges Schedule

Season Schedule

Mossdeep Gym Season:

August 3 – September 7

Sootopolis Gym Season:

September 14- October 19

If there are any changes we will let you know. Upon the start of a new season be sure to see the league leaders and get your scorecard set up. All players with a season scorecard will be first priority to prize support being given out.

League Challenges!

The following is a League Challenge schedule. These dates are subject to change.

September 19th
October 24th (*Central/Clemson*)

All league challenges registration starts at 930a through 1030a. The tournament will run all day. Prizes for the top cut in each division will be determined at the time of the tournament. All league challenge tournaments are free.



PLAY! POKÉMON

Pika Ribbon Campaign

We will take some time to look at all the points of the Pika Ribbon Campaign (PRC) that encourages fair play among other qualities in our players. There are 7 points to the PRC that players can commit to as part of the program.

This month we are looking at point 2 of the Pika Ribbon Campaign, Fair Play.

Play Fair - Winning is without value if

victory has been achieved unfairly or dishonestly. Cheating is easy, but brings no pleasure. Playing fair requires courage and character. It is also more satisfying. Fair Play always has its reward, even when the game is lost. Playing fair earns you respect, while cheats are detested. Remember: It's only a game. And games are pointless unless played fairly.

We will be posting the Pika Ribbon

Campaign points on our league website at <http://easleypokemongym.tk> as this program is developed.



Shiftry Banned

As of September 1, 2015, Shiftry will be banned from all sanctioned Play! Pokémon tournaments that use the Expanded format. This card has created an undesirable play environment because it:

- Creates a strategy that frequently wins on the first turn of the game

- Creates a non-interactive play environment where the opponent has little impact on the outcome of the match.

Shiftry's previous Evolutions, Seedot (XY—Flashfire, 5/106) and Nuzleaf (XY—Flashfire, 6/106), are Grass-type Pokémon, so it's possible to evolve to Shiftry in one turn using the Forest of Giant Plants (XY—Ancient Origins, 74/98) Stadium card. With the help of Devolution Spray (Black & White—Dragons Exalted, 113/124), Super Scoop Up (XY—Furious



Fists, 100/111), and Recycle (Black & White—Emerging Powers, 96/98), players can use the Giant Fan Ability repeatedly to get rid of all of the opponent's Pokémon—and win the game in one turn.

More information can be found at <http://pokemon.com>.

Source *Pokemon.com*.

Upstate Pokemon League Locations

A Pokémon League is a casual playgroup officially sanctioned by Pokémon, USA, inc. Being a casual event, a League is the perfect opportunity to get your feet wet in the world of the Pokémon TCG and Pokémon Video Game. Players will receive a score card at the beginning of each League "Season" which is used to track their play within the League. Experience levels of players range from beginners to advanced players. Being a casual event, however, everyone is always willing to help out a newer player and explain the nuances of the game. Current player ages run from 7 years old and up!

There are several leagues here in Upstate, SC.

They are located at:

Captain Kimberly Hampton Memorial Library

304 Biltmore Road
Easley, South Carolina 29640
(864) 850-7077
Every Thursday: 5:30pm 8:30pm

Central-Clemson Library

105 Commons Way
Central, SC 29630

(864) 850-7077
Second and Fourth Monday
6:00pm 8:00pm

Planet Comics

2704 N. Main St
Anderson, SC 29621
(864) 261-3578
Every Friday: 6:00pm 8:30pm
<http://planetcomics.net>

Players may visit all leagues if they wish. These leagues have free entry. See our Facebook page and website for more information about these wonderful leagues.

League Halloween Party

This years Halloween party will be on October 29th starting at 530pm and run till 830pm. At the Easley library. It is scheduled in the main meeting room of the Library. Last year we had so much fun. We are asking for the players of our league to help out and again make this one of the best league events of our year. Some of the items we will have (as available)...

- Pictures with the Green Screen
- Pokemon Card Game, Pokemon Video Game and other Pokemon Related Games
- Prizes
- Treats
- Halloween Contest (for the

- best Pokemon Costume)
- Pokemon Picture Area
 - Fun

How you can help? That's easy! Sign up with a league leader on the treats and items you can donate from the list below. Bring them in as soon as you can to the league leaders so we may begin better planning for our party.

- Items Needed:
- Cup Cakes (Pokemon related, if possible)
 - Drinks
 - Snacks
 - Plates
 - Cups
 - Utensils
 - Pokemon Party Decorations.

(See Mr. Jeff for fun Pokemon crafts we can do to make these decorations.)

- Prizes (Pokemon related preferably)

If you would like to volunteer for the Halloween party committee, see Mr. Jeff.

More information to come...



Spotting Fake Cards

There are lots of ways to tell if a card is fake, but here are some ways to spot a counterfeit card:

1. The BIGGEST telltale sign that a Pokémon card is fake is the enlarged ENERGY symbols on the card.

The Energy symbols on the cards are found:

- *on top, to the right of the HP
- *to the left of the Attacks
- *on the bottom (Weakness/Resistance/Retreat)

Some fake cards have a larger Energy symbol that takes up the entire circle. It stands out as significantly different from real cards.

2. Another really easy way to spot fake cards is to look for the accent over the "e" in the word Pokémon within the text of the card.

3. The font used on fake cards are usually slightly different in type/size. It

is most easily noticed when looking at the attack's damage. On a fake card, the damage is usually printed in a thinner font than on the real cards. On a real card, the damage amount is a darker, bolder number, and you can usually tell the difference if you know what to look for.

4. Other signs that a card is fake:

- *spelling errors
- *ridiculously high HPs or Attacks
- *missing copyright and trademark symbols

5. Sometimes, in an attempt to avoid these (above) telltale signs that a card is fake, counterfeiters will scan the real cards and try to reproduce them exactly. Here are some additional ways to tell that a card is fake:

- *fuzzy, bad quality print - check the text and/or the images
- *grainy card backs (the side with the Pokémon logo) vs. the crisp design of a real one

*rough edges - cards are cut poorly/cheaply

*card texture - feels grainy when you rub it with your thumb

6. Most of the time, fake cards are printed on thinner, low quality card stock. Sometimes, you can easily tell that they're flimsy and too bendable. Other times, it may not be that easy to notice.

*In this case, perform the "light test".

*Hold a card up to a very bright light.

*Can you see the light through it?

*When looking at the front of the card, can you see the image of the back? If yes, you have a fake card!

NOTE: A poor quality fake card may exhibit several of these telltale signs. And on the flip-side, a really good fake may not exhibit any noticeable signs at all. Always trust your instinct and use common sense.

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For more information please visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TechShackGaming/timeline>.

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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 to have some fun. Free and open to all.

The Captain Hampton Memorial Pokémon League meets every Thursday from 5:30pm until 8:30pm. Watch the League Facebook page, Newsletters or League website for updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/EasleyPokemonGym/>

League Website
<http://easleypokemongym.tk>