

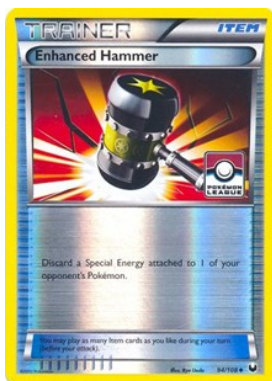


# THE PROFESSOR'S MINUTE

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.

JULY - AUGUST 2019

## Latest News



### July 2019

July Promo card for this season will be the trainer card, Enhanced Hammer, #94. Be sure to get a new score sheet at the beginning of each month and update your score sheet often.



### August 2019

August Promo card for this season will be the trainer card, Max Potion, #128a. Be sure to get a new score sheet at the beginning of each month and update your score sheet often.

Unified Minds is the name of our SM11 set! It will release in America, Europe, and elsewhere on August 2nd. According to the set description, it will feature Rowlet & Alolan Exeggutor-GX, Mew & Mewtwo-GX, Espeon & Deoxys-GX, Umbreon & Darkrai-GX, and Garchomp & Giratina-GX. There will be eight Tag Team cards, nine additional Pokémon-GX, more than 25 Trainer cards, and two new Special Energy cards.

The set will yet again break the record for the largest English set ever, with "over 230 cards."



Each Pokémon TCG: Unified Minds Build & Battle Box (pre-release pack) includes:

- A 23-card Evolution pack featuring key cards from current and prior sets, including 1 of 4 alternate-art promo cards
- 4 Pokémon TCG: Unified Minds booster packs
- 1 deck-building tip sheet
- We supply the energy

The following dates have been scheduled:

#### Easley - Cost \$30

- Captain Kimberly Hampton Memorial Library 304 Biltmore Road Easley, South Carolina 29640 (864) 324-2369

July 20 - 1p

July 25 - 6p

#### Greenville - Cost \$30

- Red Barn 2333 N. Pleasantburg Dr Suite A, Greenville, SC 29609 (864) 412-7887

July 23 - 6p

July 27 - 1p

July 28 - 2p

#### Greenville - \$26

- Boardwalk 1175 Woods Crossing Rd. Suite #6 Greenville, SC 29607 (864) 297-6924

July 20 - 6p

#### Anderson - Cost \$30 (plus tax)

- Planet Comics 2704 N. Main St Anderson, SC 29621 (864) 261-3578

July 20 - 2p

July 21 - 2p

July 27 - 2p

July 28 - 2p

Find more information on our...

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EasleyPokemonGym/> or our website at [www.easleypokemongym.gq](http://www.easleypokemongym.gq)



## Pokemon Event Central

### July

- 4 - No Pokemon League Easley
- 11 - Easley League Professor's Challenge
- 13 - Red Barn League Challenge - Greenville (Standard)
- 20 - Easley League Challenge - Easley (Expanded)
- 20 - Prerelease
- 21 - Prerelease
- 22 - Prerelease
- 27 - Prerelease
- 28 - Prerelease

### August

- 1 - Easley League Smash Brothers
- 8 - Easley League Professor's Challenge
- 10 - Red Barn League Challenge - Greenville (Expanded)
- 16-18 - 2019 Pokémon World Championships - Washington, DC
- 17 - Easley League Challenge - Easley (Standard) - Tentative

Dates and formats of tournaments listed are for reference and are subject to change at the Tournament Organizers discretion. Any change of information will be announced in our media outlets as time permits. This is for reference only.

## Pillsbury Pokemon Sugar Cookies!

Pillsbury has created a delicious treat for Pokémon fans in the form of Pillsbury Ready to Bake! Pokémon Shape Sugar Cookies.

Each box of these yummy snacks contains 24 pre-cut cookies with Pokémon decorations. There are red cookies that look like Poké Balls and cookies that sport a yellow silhouette of Pikachu's iconic head. And because these cookies are ready to bake right out of the package, they're fun and easy to make. There's even a Pokémon-themed activity on the back of the box, so you can hone your puzzle-solving skills while you wait for the cookies to bake.

You can find Pillsbury Ready to Bake! Pokémon Shape Sugar Cookies in stores now, but don't wait. They'll only be around until the end of August 2019!

## Pokemon Trainer Account - League Promo Cards

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. You can also get access to exclusive prizes and events at Pokémon League.

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.

Go to [www.pokemon.com](http://www.pokemon.com) to sign up today. If you have any questions please see our league leaders.

### Prize Support & Check In

You must get a new score card or score sheet every month to earn promo cards for games you have played. Stop by the leaders table to check-in every week and update your information as your Pokemon ID, your active Pokemon Trainer Account status, and any other information you need to update. Find out the new league updates. Only takes a minute.

If you want your Pokemon! Play points for the season you attend and you MUST check in at the leader table.

## 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
- 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.



## Play!Pokemon - The Spirit of the Game

The Pokemon Trading Card Game is a game of skill, enjoyed for its complex strategies, it's entertaining characters, and an unmatched atmosphere of friendly competition. A Pokémon Trading Card Game tournament is to determine the skill level of each player involved, the ultimate goal is to ensure that everyone participating is having fun.

Regardless of the size of the prizes of the tournament, adherence to the Spirit of the Game helps to ensure that all participants, players, spectators, and event staff at a Pokémon Trading Card Game event, have an enjoyable experience. This spirit of the game should guide the conduct of players as well as the tournament judges as they interpret and enforce the rules.

The Spirit of the Game is composed of the following:

- **Fun:** The Pokémon Trading Card Game is a game, and games are meant to be fun for all parties involved. When a game ceases to be fun, players find other things to do.
- **Fairness:** Games cease to be fun when players break the rules to achieve victory. A player should prefer to lose a game than to win by cheating.
- **Honesty:** Players of any game should strive to act honestly while playing that game. If a player inadvertently breaks a rule during a game and becomes aware of the error before his or her opponent or a judge, that player should make the opponent and the judge aware of the misplay.
- **Respect:** **Players, spectators, and staff should be treated with the same respect that players would expect for themselves. Distracting an opponent or a judge to gain advantage shows disrespect to everyone involved in a Pokémon Trading Card Game event.**
- **Sportsmanship:** Winning or losing with grace is vital to the enjoyment of a game. The desire to continue playing a game can be soured by players that berate their opponents after winning or losing a match.
- **Learning:** Players should strive to help each other increase their Pokémon Trading Card Game play skills. It is not a player's responsibility to make his or her opponent's plays for that opponent. However, discussing strategies, offering deck tips, or constructively critiquing game play decisions after the match has been completed helps both participants to become better players.

When players don't follow the Spirit of the Game it can make for an unpleasant gaming experience for everyone involved. Play!Pokemon organizers in our area are coordinating efforts to ensure that all participants in our Pokemon Trading Card Game tournaments are adhering to the Spirit of the Game philosophy. Those who violate the Spirit of the Game will be dealt with on a case by case basis. We ask that all of our players review the Spirit of the Game. Encourage each other and help us continue to make our Pokemon Community here in the Upstate of South Carolina, the best Pokemon Community in the World!

## Pokemon On The Web

Pokemon Resources:

**How To Play – (Great for Parents)** - <http://www.pokemon.com/us/pokemon-tcg/play-online/tutorial/>

**Pokémon** - <http://pokemon.com>

**Easley Pokemon Gym Website:** <http://easleypokemongym.gq>

**League Facebook Page** - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EasleyPokemonGym/>

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**Pokebeach** - <http://pokebeach.com/>

**Bulbapedia** - <http://bulbapedia.bulbagarden.net/wiki/>

**Sixprizes** - <http://www.sixprizes.com/>

**Pokemon Bank** - <http://www.pokemonbank.com/en-us>

**Pokemon Card Sales** - <http://trollandtoad.com>

## Operation Pikaclaus - Share The Love of Pokemon

Every year around Christmas time we try as a league to gather Pokemon Theme decks to give to organizations in our community to give to kids less fortunate during the holidays. We try and share the love of Pokemon with everyone in our



community who love Pokemon. The Red Barn Pokemon League will host what is called Operation Pikaclaus. We try and collect donations of Pokemon Theme decks and we hold a charity tournament to buy Pokemon Theme Decks. We usually start right after Thanksgiving through the first of December. We try and chose an organization that will distribute these Pokemon Theme decks to kids in the local area. So this year. I thought we would start earlier and collect Pokemon Theme Decks, Pokemon Toys and other Pokemon gifts to donate to our local Salvation Army in Easley, SC. It is my hope that we can gather these Pokemon related items before the end of Thanksgiving to be donated to the Salvation Army for distribution by Christmas. If you can help in any way, by either donating a Pokemon related gift or helping with this project, please see Professor Jeff. It is my goal that we secure a number of Pokemon Theme decks that equal a case to donate to the Salvation Army this year. Donations of Pokemon related gifts will be accepted at our leagues. The Salvation Army has families that request for Pokemon items when they register for assistance for the holidays. Please, I ask that you consider donating a Pokemon Gift. It would brighten a child's holiday.

## Pokemon GO Eeveelutions

Evolve Eevee into Leafeon & Glaceon with Nicknames in Pokémon GO

- Leafeon: Linnea

- Glaceon: Rea

This will only work once to obtain those Eeveelutions

## 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.

To qualify for challenging the Easley and Greenville Gym Leader you must complete a Pokemon League Gym Leader Challenge Sheet. To complete the sheet you must earn a total of 600 points. After earning 600 points a player may challenge the Easley or Greenville Gym Leader for the Elemental Badge. When you have reached 600 points see Professor Jeff to schedule your Gym Challenge Match. Points accumulate with every Pokemon League attendance. There are no deadlines to gain 600 points. Points count for Trading Card and Video Games played during Pokemon League. The Gym Leader Match maybe a Trading Card Game or a Video Game using the current Pokemon Games. Pokemon Video Games will use current Pokemon Championship Rules.

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.





## Easley and Greenville Pokemon Gym Badge Reviled - Continued

- Pokemon TCG Decks are not announced before the battle.
- When beginning the challenge you must continue until the game is 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 loose the battle, you may obtain another Gym Challenge Sheet and start to earn another 600 points before challenging the gym leader again.

### 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 chose 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:

July 21st (Sunday) 4p-7p EST - Featured Pokemon Mudkip  
August 3rd (Saturday) - Featured Pokemon TBA

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

## Pokemon World Championships 2019

The 2019 Pokémon World Championships are returning to Washington, DC, from August 16 to 18. The best players from all over the world will compete for the title of Pokémon TCG, Video Game, or Pokkén Tournament World Champion—and for their share of the prizes!



Event location: Walter E. Washington Convention Center 801 Mount Vernon Place NW Washington, DC 20001 Halls D & E

The Pokémon World Championships are an invitation-only event. Check out the Pokémon TCG Player Info, VGC Player Info, and Pokkén Tournament Player Info pages at <https://www.pokemon.com/us/play-pokemon/worlds/2019/about/> to learn more about how you can qualify for this year's event.

You can have a great time at the Pokémon World Championships even if you aren't competing in the main event by attending as a spectator. You can see all the battles in person and participate in side events throughout the three-day event.

Entry to this event will require a badge for all attendees, both competitors and spectators. Information about purchasing spectator badges will be available soon. Be sure to check the Pokémon Information page at <https://www.pokemon.com/us/play-pokemon/worlds/2019/about/> often to get the latest on the spectator badges for this event.

You can watch the game of your choice by visiting the channels below while a tournament is taking place. Don't forget to give the channels a follow so you know when an event is occurring!

All: [Twitch.tv/Pokemon](https://www.twitch.tv/Pokemon)  
TCG: [Twitch.tv/PokemonTCG](https://www.twitch.tv/PokemonTCG)  
VGC: [Twitch.tv/PokemonVGC](https://www.twitch.tv/PokemonVGC)  
Pokkén Tournament DX: [Twitch.tv/PokkenTournament](https://www.twitch.tv/PokkenTournament)

## 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

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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.

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29621  
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SC 29615  
(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.*