



Sutton Coldfield Pokéclub Newsletter

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Welcome to our May newsletter. Remember to check our website for updates to event dates and other news at www.suttoncoldfieldpokeclub.weebly.com

Upcoming dates for your diary:

3 May	Flash Fire Prerelease	Registration 2.00pm – 2.30pm £20.00 <i>Note the later start time</i>
10 May	League Meeting	10.00am – 12.00pm £2.00
17 May	League Meeting	10.00am – 12.00pm £2.00
24 & 25 May	UK Nationals	Event City, Manchester
7 June	League Challenge Tournament	Registration 10.00am – 10.30am £3.00
21 June	League Meeting	10.00am – 12.00pm £2.00

Regional Champions

We now have three Senior Regional Champions from our league this season. Jack Eccles (Aberdare), Jordan Pugh (Wakefield) and Corey Kirkham (London)

UK National Championships

This year's UK National Championships will be held at Event City, Manchester on 24th and 25th May

The Play Points requirements for this year's TCG Nationals are.

Masters - 10 Points, Seniors - 5 points, Juniors - 5 points

Remember, you must have a Trainer Account setup on pokemon.com linked with your Player ID number. Please check your account and make sure you have enough Play Points. If for some reason your Play Points don't show or if there is a problem with your online account please let Joanna know as soon as possible.

You will not require any Play Points to compete in the VGC but you should still have a valid trainer account.

It is intended that both the TCG and VG tournaments will be run over both days, which means players will have to choose which event they want to participate in. The organisers are hoping that all players will attend both days to make it a true Pokémon weekend and something to remember. Top cut for all age groups is likely to take place on the Sunday but for those players who don't make it into top cut there will be other side events to take part in, both for TCG and VG.

The organisers are still finalising the details and as soon as any official statements are made we will post the information in the news section on our website so please check regularly for any updates.

Preparation for Nationals

The most important thing is remember to take your deck with you. Get your cards together the night before and put them in your bag and we suggest you complete a deck registration form before you go. If you need to borrow or trade any cards to put together your winning deck try to make sure you have them before the day itself rather than depending upon others to remember to bring the cards you want to the event.

If you're competing in the VG don't forget your DS and make sure it's fully charged before you leave home.

Remember that your card sleeves need to be in perfect condition with no marks or bent corners. It's worthwhile investing in a new set of sleeves for the event – it is Nationals after all. You should be able to buy sleeves at the event but it will probably be cheaper to buy some before you go.

If during the tournament you damage or split a sleeve and you are using the Ultrapro Matte sleeves, see Glenn at the event as he will have with him a number of spares in different colours which might save you having to buy a new set of sleeves.

Also, don't forget to take your dice and make a note of your player ID before you go.

X and Y Flash Fire

The new X and Y Flash Fire set of cards will be released on 7 May. This set contains 106 cards and will feature a number of new Pokémon and more mega evolutions. Look out for Charizard EX and Mega Charizard EX. One card that is receiving a lot of hype is Pyroar, a stage 1 fire Pokémon that has an ability preventing damage from attacks done by basic Pokémon and that includes EX Pokémon.

XY giveaway at Game shops

If you haven't already done so, don't forget to pop into your local GAME shop to get a serial code that will allow you to receive either Magmar or Electabuzz in your *Pokémon X* or *Pokémon Y* DS game. *Pokémon X* players can get the Fire-type Pokémon Magmar when they enter their codes, while *Pokémon Y* players will receive the Electric-type Pokémon Electabuzz. Once you have the serial code, enter it in your game, then visit a Pokémon Center to pick up your Pokémon.

When you visit GAME stores, you can also pick up a cool Pokémon TCG sampling pack for free! Each sampling pack contains a special foil Pikachu, plus one randomly selected common card from the Pokémon TCG: XY expansion. Get your sampling pack while supplies last.

