



Sutton Coldfield Pokéclub Newsletter

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

Upcoming dates for your diary:

10 November	Club Meeting	10am – 12pm	£2.00
1 December	Club Meeting	10am – 12pm	£2.00
8 December	Club Meeting	10am – 12pm	£2.00
15 December	City Championships	All Day Registration 9.30am to 10.30am	£4.00

Tournaments

On 15 December we will be hosting a City Championships Tournament. We are expecting this event to be oversubscribed so please book with Joanna as soon as possible to reserve your place.

We have also been given approval to host a Regional Championships. This will be the first time we have hosted a Regional competition and it is likely to be the biggest Pokémon tournament ever held in the West Midlands. There will be many players travelling from all over the country to attend this event. Due to the large number of players we are expecting we will have to change the venue and the tournament will be held in the main hall at the United Reformed Church at the back of the Gracechurch Centre in Sutton Coldfield town centre. The event will take place on 23 March 2013 and we will start taking bookings for this event in January.

Both these events will give you the opportunity to earn Championship points which you will need if you are hoping to qualify for the World Championships to be held in Vancouver, Canada in August 2013. See overleaf for more details about Championship points.



Your Pokémon Club staff are Joanna, Glenn and Chris



League Season dates

The Pokémon play year is split into a number of league seasons based on gym names which you may recognise from the Pokémon DS games. The 2012/2013 league seasons are as follows:-

Aspertia	22 October to 25 November	Virbank	3 December to 6 January
Castella	13 January to 17 February	Nimbasa	25 February to 31 March
Driftveil	8 April to 12 May	Mistralton	20 May to 23 June
Opelucid	1 July to 4 August	Humilau	12 August to 15 September

If you attend at least one league meeting in a season you will be awarded one play point for each season that you attend. Playing in a tournament does not count as attending a league meeting. Play Points for tournaments are awarded separately.

Play Points

There is currently a problem with Play Points for League attendance in the previous two seasons, Freeze and Legend, being registered for the current year. The Pokémon Company are looking into this and will hopefully resolve the issue soon but unfortunately you may need to wait until this is sorted or until the end of the Aspertia season before you can order a badge case.

Badge Cases

During the year you will receive league badges for attending league meetings and you can now order a case to keep your badges in. The badge cases are free of charge, one per player, per year.

As long as you have been reported as attending a league season you can order a case. To order a badge case you will need to login to the Pokémon website with your trainer account. On the My Play Pokémon tab, find the Leagues section and click on Order Badge Case. Select Pokéclub as your league and select the next available season in which you will want to collect your case from the league based on the dates above.

Badge cases will be sent to the league and you will be able to collect them from Joanna when they get delivered.

Championship Points

Championship points are awarded for finishing in the top few places at premier tournaments such as BattleRoads, City Championships, Regional and National Championships. You will need to earn 400 Championship points to qualify for the World Championships.

If you win a Battleroads you can get 15 points, a City Championship will get you 60 points, a Regional Championship 120 points and winning the Nationals will get you 500 points. Points can also be awarded for 2nd place, 3rd place and so on but it depends upon the number of players in the age group. If there are only 5 players in a group then only 1st and 2nd place will receive points but if there are 8 players, points will be awarded for 1st down to 4th. Full details of the number of points available for each type of tournament and placing can be found on the Pokémon website at...

<http://www.pokemon.com/us/play-pokemon/championship-series/championship-points/>

At Sutton Coldfield we will run a number of tournaments throughout the year but you won't be able to earn 400 championship points just by winning all our events. So, if you are serious about trying to qualify for Worlds you will need to travel around the UK to compete in other tournaments – unless of course you win the UK Nationals!