



Sutton Coldfield Pokéclub Newsletter

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

Upcoming dates for your diary:

23 November Club Meeting

10am – 12pm £2.00

Please note we may change this to become a League Challenge Tournament instead of a club meeting if we get approval – updates to this and any December Club meeting dates will be posted on our website.

21 December City Championship

Registration 9.30am – 10.15 2pm £5.00

This tournament will be held at the URC in Sutton Coldfield, at the back of the shopping centre

New TCG Rules

8 November will see the release of the latest expansion set 'Legendary Treasures'. We also expect the new XY-Kalos starter kit to be launched the same day which introduce new regulations to TCG gameplay as follows:-

First Turn

Flip a coin before drawing your opening hand. The winner of the coin flip now decides who goes first.

Also, whoever goes first now can't attack on his or her first turn. The player going second will be able to attack on their first turn.

So, if you win the flip, decide carefully if you want the first turn or not as you will be making the decision before you know what cards you have in your hand. Your decision should be based on the type of deck you have and what you hope your starter Pokémon may be and also what deck your opponent is playing if you already know their deck from seeing it played in an earlier round.

Pokémon Catcher

If you use Pokémon Catcher you will now need to flip a coin when you play it. If heads, switch 1 of your opponent's Benched Pokémon with his or her Active Pokémon. If tails, Pokémon Catcher has no effect.

Although the text on the card does not say this, Pokémon have issued an erratum to the rules.

Because Pokémon Catcher is now dependant on a coin flip we expect to see it played a lot less.

Professor Juniper and Professor Sycamore

A new trainer card is being introduced, Professor Sycamore. This card does the same as Professor Juniper and has exactly the same text.

A rule has been added that you may not include both of them in your deck. That is, you may have up to 4 copies of Professor Juniper or up to 4 copies of Professor Sycamore—but if you have *any* Professor Juniper cards in your deck, you may *not* put any Professor Sycamore cards in your deck, and vice versa.

XY Starter Sets

At the same time that the new expansion set Legendary Treasures is released you'll also be able to get your hands on the new XY Kalos starter sets.

There will be three sets available featuring either Chespin, Fennekin or Froakie

Each set will include a 60 card deck and will see the introduction of fairy type Pokémon and basic fairy type energy.



A deluxe set of each will also be available containing a booster pack from the black and white series

TCG Tournament changes

One of the new tournament changes this year will be that ties (draws) are now allowed during swiss rounds.

So, in a single match game, when time is called, play will continue for 3 more turns. If after 3 turns there is no winner then the match will be deemed as a tie – it doesn't matter if one player has taken more prize cards than their opponent. Similar rules will apply for best of 3 match play

Ties count as a third of a win and match reports will now show wins/losses/draws.

It is inevitable that in the final rounds of swiss some players may intentionally draw in order to make it into top cut. However, if you do, be careful, it may not always work out to your advantage.



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