



Sutton Coldfield Pokéclub Newsletter

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

Upcoming dates for your diary:

28 September	Club Meeting	10am – 12pm	£2.00
12 October	Club Meeting	10am – 12pm	£2.00
19 October	Club Meeting	10am – 12pm	£2.00

New Season – New age groupings

The new season has begun and so new age groupings are now in place as follows:-

Juniors	Born in 2003 or later
Seniors	Born in 1999, 2000, 2001 or 2002
Masters	Born in 1998 or earlier

TCG Tournament changes

For the new season Battleroad tournaments will now be associated with Pokémon league locations and will be called "League Challenges". Leagues will have the opportunity to run a League Challenge tournament at the end of each league season – we expect the first ones to be run around the end of November.

Regional and National tournaments will now use best-of-three match play in swiss rounds with a time limit of 50 minutes and 'ties' will be reintroduced into tournaments. League Challenges, City Championships and Pre-release events will still be able to use single match rounds.

Championship events will also have a maximum top cut of 8 players.

Player rewards

The existing player rewards program (where you get sent shiny energies etc.) will be discontinued in the new season.

Championship Points

If you are thinking of going to next year's TCG World Championships, the points requirements have changed. Juniors will now need 400 points, Seniors 450 points and Masters will need 500 points.

For the VG World Championships, invitations will be based on the top ranked players who have earned championship points from the online, Regional and National tournaments.

Card Rotation

The new season also means that new rules are in place as to what cards you may use in tournaments. Each year the Pokémon Company phases out older sets to ensure that the game stays fresh and to encourage players to come up with new ideas and strategies.

The new Modified format for the 2013-2014 season only allows cards from the Next Destinies set onwards and promo cards numbered BW33 and higher. This means cards from Black and White, Emerging Powers and Noble Victories will no longer be eligible for tournament play unless they have since been reprinted. There are still some cards from these early Black and White sets and a few promos that are still allowed because they have been reprinted in some of the newer sets such as Kyurem from Noble Victories which was later printed as a special promo card numbered BW44.

The following trainer cards will no longer be allowed:- Energy Switch, Full Heal, Plus Power, Pokédex, Pokémon Communication, Revive, Super Scoop Up, Crushing Hammer, Recycle and XTransceiver. Trainer cards from older sets that have been reprinted in newer sets can also still be used including Max Potion that was reprinted as a secret rare card in Plasma Freeze.

Don't get rid of all your old cards yet though, Pokémon are expected to announce later in the season some new tournament formats for the 2015 season that will allow you to use cards from any Black and White set.

For a complete list of cards, set by set, that can be used for tournament play see this page on our website <http://suttoncoldfieldpokeclub.weebly.com/tournament-legal-cards.html>

Autumn EX Tins

Look out in the shops in September for the new EX tins that will be available, allowing everyone to get their hands on either Deoxys EX, Thundurus EX or Lugia EX.

DS News

Release date for X and Y is 12 October. The new games will feature mega evolutions and will also introduce a new type of Pokémon- Fairy Pokémon.

Before the new games are released you can get 3 shiny legendaries at level 100 by taking your DS to a Game shop and selecting the mystery gift option.

Dialga is available from 30 August to 12 September
Palkia is available from 13 September to 26 September
Giratina is available from 27 September to 11 October