

# BORDEAUX, France March 8-9th 2024

## PROFESSOR CUP

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## SWISS ROUNDS FORMATS

There will be 3 swiss rounds pods, one for each game : TCG, VGC and GO, followed by only one top cut phase to crown one champion.

## Trading Card Format

TCG FORMAT	
"Welcome in Paldea"	
Round Time	50 min – Swiss
Match Format	Best of three
Deck List	Required - Closed Deck List
Deck Size	40 cards – 4 Prizes
Legal Regulation Mark	G Onwards
Legal Rarities	Holo Cards (except supporters), Rule Box Cards, Ace Spec cards, Promo Cards are not allowed. <b>Note : Baxcalibur</b> exists in a non-holo version in a pre-release kit, but it's not legal because it's a holo card in the main set. <b>Quagsire</b> exists in a holo version in a promotional pack and is legal as it non-holo in the series "Stellar Crown"
Maximum quantity of Each Cards	2 (Expect Basic Energies)
Ban Cards	Dusclops 19/64 Shrouded Fable Festival Ground 149/167 Twilight Masquerade
Extra Rule	You must build a deck around <u>2 different types</u> NO MORE, NO LESS. You must have the same amount of Pokémon cards for each type.  <i>Example :</i> The two types I choose for my deck are <b>Fairy</b> and <b>Darkness</b> . I have 10 Fairy types Pokémon cards, I must also have 10 Darkness types Pokémon cards.  <b>NOTE : Yes ... We know Fairy doesn't exist anymore</b>

## Video Game

VG FORMAT	
<i>"Kanto meets Paldea"</i>	
Round Time	In-game timer
Match Format	Best of three
Ruleset	Regulation H
Battle Format	Double battle (4 vs 4)
Rental teams	Permitted
Team Lists	Required - <u>Open team list format</u>
Team building restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>"Little Cup"</b> : Only Pokémon that have not yet evolved may be included in the team.  <i>Note : Pikachu cannot be played because it already evolved from Pichu.</i>  <i>Tauros cannot be played because it cannot evolve.</i></li> <li>• Only <u>Generation 1</u> (Kantonian pokémons including forms or regional variants) and <u>Generation 9</u> (Paldean pokémons including forms or regional variants) are permitted.            Example : Paldean Wooper counts as a Generation 2 Pokémon. It is not legal.            Galarian Meowth counts as a Generation 1 Pokemon. It is Legal.</li> <li>• Terastallizing is permitted</li> </ul>
Banned Pokémon	None
Banned Items	Eviolite

## Pokémon GO

GO FORMAT	
"Welcome in P.A.L.D.E.A"	
Round Time	In-Game timer
Match Format	Best of three
Team List	Required - <u>Open Team list format</u>
Team Size	6 Pokemon – 3 Battling
League Type	Super League
Banned Pokemon	None
Extra Rule*	<p>A) <u>"The letter rule"</u></p> <p>Each Pokemon's team must have their first letter (in English) starting with the letter P, A, L, D or E.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- You must only have one Pokemon starting with the letter P.</li> <li>- You must only have one Pokemon starting with the letter L.</li> <li>- You must only have one Pokemon starting with the letter D.</li> <li>- You must only have one Pokemon starting with the letter E.</li> <li>- You must only have <b>two</b> Pokemon starting with the letter A.</li> </ul> <p>B) <u>"The type rule"</u></p> <p>You can't have two Pokemon with the same type.</p> <p><u>Example</u> : If you choose <b>P</b>ikachu, you can't choose <b>A</b>mpharos.</p> <p>If you choose a Pokémon with two types, you can't choose another Pokemon of either of those two types.</p>

*\*Subject to change if there are updates from Niantic.*

**To participate in the professor cup, you need the Basic certification of the professor program and to assist to all Day 1 seminars and workshops of one selected track (English or French).**

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### TOP CUT

## SCHEDULE

Professor Cup Finals will be revealed as followed:

**Top 8 Details : January 15th**

**Top 4 Details : February 1st**

**Finals Details : February 15th**

For this professor cup, players who do not advance to the top cut will have a chance to still participate in the remaining phases of the cup !

## TOP 8 SELECTION

**Top players will be selected based on their respective swiss rankings and also the global attendance for each game.**

Example :

Attendance <b><u>200 professors</u></b>	100 TCG (50%)	50 VG (25%)	50 GO (25%)
Players advancing to Top 8	<b>4</b> (50%)	<b>2</b> (25%)	<b>2</b> (25%)

There will be 1 selected professor from each game minimum guarantee.

## TOP 8

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### "BLAINE'S QUIZ"



**Phase 1 : "???"**  
10 Questions



**Phase 2 : "???"**  
10 Questions



**Phase 3 : "???"**  
10 Questions

#### A) Basics

Top Cut professors will fight in a 30 questions multiple answers quiz. The 4 professors obtaining the best results will advance to top 4.

#### B) Timing

The quiz is not a speed quiz. Each question will have a sufficient amount of time to be answered to facilitate questions understanding for all players.

#### C) Help

Professors may choose another team mate in the attendance for the duration of the top 8.

#### D) 3 Phases

Blaine's quiz will be separated into 3 phases of questions. The main themes will be revealed later.

**For this Professors' Cup, players who do not advance to the finalist stage will still have a chance to participate in the remaining phases of the cup. All other professors who are not qualified for the top 8 can participate in the quiz. The best ones will be able to help the finalists during the top 4 and perhaps win some prizes...**

**TOP 4**  
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**"LOOKER'S SPYMASTER"**



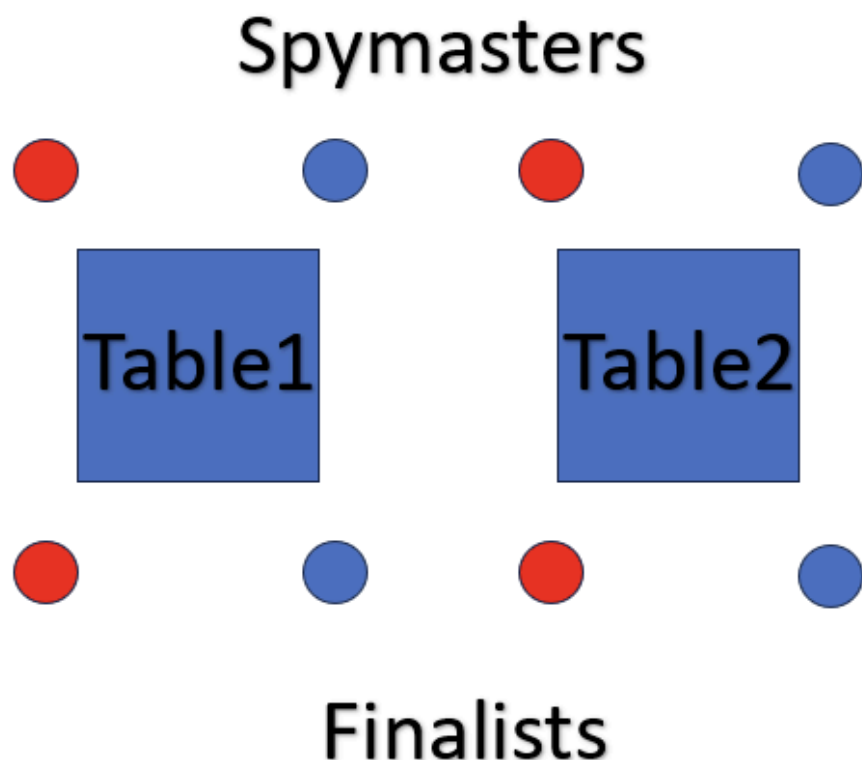
A) Basics

Top ' players will fight in a game of wit where they will be paired with another professor to find a series of words to unlock their spot in finals. Careful not to discover Giovanni's forbidden word or they will lose.

Roles : Spymasters = Partner and Field Operatives = Finalists

B) Set Up

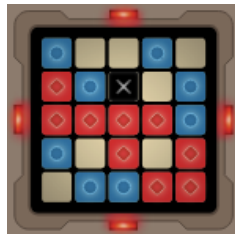
Finalist Professors will be split up into four teams. Each of them chooses a partner to be their spymaster. The spymasters sit on the same side of the table. The Field Operatives sit across from their spymasters. There will be two tables with two teams.



On each table there will be 25 random words related to the Pokemon World placed in a 5-by-5 square.

Each game has one key that reveals the words to be guessed on the table. The field operatives can't see it. The key corresponds to the grid on the table. Blue squares correspond to words that Team Aqua must guess. Red squares correspond to words that Team Magma must guess. Pale squares are the remaining words not to be found, and the black square is Giovanni's word from Team Rocket who should never be found at all. If one team finds Giovanni's word, they lose.

### ***The Key***



### ***Words on the table***

*The following words are just an example of what the game may look like*

PIKACHU	ASH	MISTY	VENUSAUR	LATIOS
BROCK	GASTLY	M MIME	GARY	KEKLEON
RAICHU	BELLSPROUT	LAPRAS	OAK	PSYDUCK
AMA-AMA	BLASTOISE	PETER	MANKEY	STARYU
LATIAS	SMOGO	RAYQUAZA	AVALUGG	METAGROSS

### C) Rules

The starting team has 9 words to guess. The other team has 8. The starting team will give the first clue of the game.

Spymasters know the secret identities of the 25 words. Their field operatives don't.

Spymasters take turns giving one-word clues and a number of connected words ONLY. A clue may relate to multiple words on the table. Field Operatives tries to guess which word(s) their spymaster meant. When the field operative touches a word, the spymaster reveals its truth. If the word(s) is (are) guessed correctly, they may continue guessing, until they run out of ideas for the given clue or until they hit a wrong word. Then it is the other team's turn to give a clue and guess. The first team to find all words wins the game.

*Example: Two of your words are "PIKACHU" and "PICHU". Both of these are electric type Pokémon, so you as the spymaster give the following clue to your teammate : "electric" and the number "2" (= two connections around the word "Electric")*

- The clue must be only **one** word. Players are not allowed to give extra hints.
- The clue **cannot be any of the words visible on the table.**
- The clue cannot give in any sorts the location of the word on the table.
- They can't say part of a word as a clue

*Example : « Star » can't be a clue if the word is « starmie » is visible on the table.*

If one of the Field operatives guesses **Giovanni's word** ... the game is over and that team loses the game.

### D) Time

Field operatives have 2 minutes per turn to discover the words from their spymaster's clues.

### E) Format

Best of 3 Games - Maximum of 1 hour.



## **FINALS**

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### **The UNITE Game**



The two finalists will be playing a best of three games of pokémon UNITE. They will be playing in a 5 VS 5 team game.

Both finalists will first be able to pick 1 coach, each that will also be part of the 5 team members (some experienced professors will be pre-selected as coaches and will be revealed later on).

To complete the team, the finalists and their coach will be able to pick 3 more players in the attendance. They will have a 15 min briefing session in order to elaborate their strategies and get ready to BATTLE!

#### **Rules during battle prep :**

- Only a selection of Pokemon licenses will be available to be picked (is yet to be determined)
- All items allowed and auto-maxed
- Emblems will not be permitted
- Blind pick mode
- Best of 3