

# General Scoring System

The tournament will be held using a Swiss and top cut tournament system.

Each match will be held in a best-of-3 format, which means that once one player has won two games, then the match is over and the result will be recorded and entered into RK9.

Swiss rounds progress depending on conventional win conditions to make pairings easier: if your game screen says that you're the winner (twice in Bo3), you will enter into the tournament system that you won the round

However, the AP you earn will be tallied up throughout all Swiss rounds. The 8 players who earned the most AP will advance to Top Cut - even if someone went 0-X!

In case multiple people are tied on AP for Top 8 seeds, these players' final Swiss standing will be used as tiebreaker.

AP are unlocked by fulfilling certain requirements during a match.

The full list of requirements are:

- Knock out all of your opponent's Pokémon: 10 AP
- Don't use a Shield: 5 AP
- Anytime you send out a Pokémon, you read its Pokédex entry: 3 AP
- Bring 3 Pokémon to the match that all share a type: 2 AP
- Bring 3 shiny Pokémon to the match: 1 AP
- Bring 1 shiny Pokémon to the match: 1 AP
- Bring 3 unevolved Pokémon to the match: 1 AP
- Bring 3 evolved Pokémon to the match: 1 AP
- Bring 1 Purified Pokémon to the match: 1 AP
- Bring 1 Shadow Pokémon to the match: 1 AP
- Send your opponent a gift immediately before or after your match: 1 AP

You can only unlock a certain achievement once per match.

To earn an achievement you only need to do it for one game. For instance, you would only need to play one game without using a shield in order to gain 5 AP, and you're then free to use them in your other one or two games. However, doing it in two games within the same match does not award you extra points.

At the end of each game, you would "tick off" a certain achievement as having been completed. You can then ignore it for the rest of the match, and at the end of the match, the number of points you earn for the round would be the sum of each of those. In spreadsheet form, here's how I would imagine this:

Achievement	Completed	Points Earned
Knock out all of your opponent's Pokémon: 1 AP	x	10
Don't use a Shield: 5 AP		
Anytime you send out a Pokémon, you read its Pokédex entry: 3 AP	x	3
Bring 3 Pokémon to the match that all share a type: 2 AP		
Bring 3 shiny Pokémon to the match: 1 AP		
Bring 1 shiny Pokémon to the match: 1 AP		
Bring 3 unevolved Pokémon to the match: 1 AP		
Bring 3 evolved Pokémon to the match: 1 AP	x	1
Bring 1 Purified Pokémon to the match: 1 AP		
Bring 1 Shadow Pokémon to the match: 1 AP	x	1
Send your opponent a gift immediately before or after your match: 1 AP	x	1
<b>Total:</b>		<b>16</b>

If two players finish Swiss Rounds with the same number of AP and tiebreakers are needed to determine who will make top cut, then the usual Swiss standings method will be used as a tiebreaker.

## Top Cut

During top cut, the AP system will not be used; match results will be determined using the usual Single Elimination system based on match wins

## Recording Matches

All players should record all of their matches from the point of team selection being locked in to the point of the results screen. These recordings may be used by judges to resolve disputes, and may be required for the purposes of team checking. It is a player's responsibility to know how to record the screen on their own device.

## Disputes due to technical issues

If the outcome of a game appears to have been affected by technical issues, players are encouraged to discuss this and mutually decide on a resolution as per section 5.5 of the [GO Tournament Rules](#)

If there is no clear consensus between the two players, then players may request a judge's attention to resolve the dispute and may be asked to provide a recording.

## Tied and void Games

If a game is tied, then it is considered void and is not considered part of the Best-of-3 set; a player must outright win two games for the set to be finished.

These voided games do not count towards AP; they are essentially considered to have never happened.

## Definition of specific Achievements

### Knock out all of your opponent's Pokémon: 10 AP

*To earn this achievement for your match, you must win at least one game during the match by knocking out all three of your opponent's Pokémon, or by your opponent forfeiting.*

- **If my opponent forfeits, do I still get the points?**

Yes. An opponent forfeiting is considered equivalent to them idling and allowing you to knock out all of their Pokémon.

- **If I win my game from tiebreakers because of a timeout, do I still get the points?**

No. You must knock out all three of your opponent's Pokémon in order to win the points.

- **If I win two games in a match, do I get 20 AP?**

No. You can only gain 10 AP per match from this.

### Don't use a Shield: 5 AP

*To earn this achievement for your match, you must play at least one game without using either of your shields.*

- **Do I need to go the entire best-of-3 set without using shields?**

No. You only need to play one of the games without shields in order to earn the 5 AP

- **If I play two games in my set without using shields, do I earn 10 AP?**

No. You can only earn this achievement once per match.

- **Do I need to win the game in which I didn't use shields to win these points?**

No. You can lose the game and still earn these points.

## **Anytime you send out a Pokémon, you read its Pokédex entry: 3 AP**

*To earn this achievement for your match, you must play at least one game in which you read each of your Pokémon's Pokédex entries out loud each time you send out that Pokémon.*

- **Which Pokédex entry do I need to read?**

You can read that Pokémon's Pokédex entry either from Pokemon.com, any Pokémon video game, or any Trading Card with a Pokédex entry for that Pokémon. This can be in any language which it has been officially translated into. It is recommended that you decide your favourite Pokédex entry for each of your six Pokémon before the match to be able to read them out faster.

- **Do I need to do this in every game of the set to earn points?**

No. You only need to do this for one game of the set to earn the 3 AP

- **How can I prove that I did this?**

You should be in voice chat with your opponent throughout all of your games so they can verify this. If you are unable to join voice chat for any reason, please alert judges so they can assess your reason for this.

- **Which voice channel should I use?**

The tournament Discord server has many voice channels which serve as a "virtual table" for you and your opponent to discuss. For instance, if in round 3 you show as being at table 5 on RK9, then you and your opponent should go to voice channel "Table 5".

- **If I switch out a Pokémon, then later switch it back in again, do I need to read its Pokédex entry again?**

Yes.

- **My opponent and I are both trying to read the entries at the same time. It's really confusing!**

Good luck with that :)

## **Bring 3 Pokémon to the match that all share a type: 2 AP**

*To earn this achievement for your match, you must play at least one game in which all three of your Pokémon have a type in common.*

- **Do dual-type Pokémon need to share both types, or only one?**

The three Pokémon need only share one of their types between them; for instance, Dunsparce, Pidgeotto and Diggersby would earn these points, as all three share the Normal type.

- **If I play two games in the match meeting this requirement, do I earn 4 AP?**

No. This achievement can only be gained once per match.

- **My opponent says they brought three Fairy-type Pokémon to the game, but I never saw their third Pokémon. How do I know they were telling the truth?**

We expect all Professors to adhere to the Professor Core value of honesty. However, players should also be careful to make sure their games are being recorded, so this may be verified.

- **Can I bring two fire type Pokémon to game 1, then one different fire type Pokémon to game 2, to earn this achievement?**

No. All three must be brought to the same game.

## **Bring 3 shiny Pokémon to the match: 1 AP**

*To earn this achievement for your match, you must play at least one game in which all three Pokémon brought to the game are Shiny*

- **If I do this, can I also claim the next achievement (Bring 1 shiny Pokémon)**

Yes. In this case, you would earn 2 AP total from those two achievements.

## **Bring 1 shiny Pokémon to the match: 1 AP**

*To earn this achievement for your match, you must play at least one game in which one of the Pokémon brought to the game is Shiny*

- **If all three of the Pokémon brought to this game are shiny, can I claim this?**

Yes, you would claim both this achievement and the previous achievement for a total of 2 AP

## Bring 3 unevolved Pokémon to the match: 1 AP

*To earn this achievement for your match, you must play at least one game in which all three of your Pokémon are Pokémon which are not fully evolved*

- **What does “unevolved” mean here?**

Unevolved Pokémon are those which have a further evolution stage - for instance, Vigoroth would count as it can still evolve into Slaking.

- **Do evolutions not yet in GO count?**

Yes - Pokémon like Dunsparce would count because it could still evolve into Dudunsparce. If in doubt, check the Pokémon's entry in the [Pokemon.com Pokédex](https://pokemon.com/pokedex) to check if it has an evolution

- **Do Pokémon have to be the lowest evolution stage in their line?**

No - Pokémon like Vigoroth or Pikachu would count as they are still able to evolve, even though they have pre-evolutions

- **Do Mega Evolutions count as evolutions?**

No - Pokémon like Sableye are considered fully evolved, even though it is able to Mega Evolve into Mega Sableye

## Bring 3 evolved Pokémon to the match: 1 AP

*Bring 3 Pokémon which are not the lowest in their evolution line to a single game*

- **Do Pokémon not able to evolve, such as Stunfisk, count?**

No. The Pokémon must be an evolution.

- **Do Pokémon which have evolved once, but are still able to evolve, such as Ivysaur, count?**

Yes.

## **Bring 1 Purified Pokémon to the match: 1 AP**

*Bring at least one Pokémon to a game that is Purified*

- **Can I claim this if I bring 2 or 3 Purified Pokémon to the game?**

Yes.

## **Bring 1 Shadow Pokémon to the match: 1 AP**

*Bring at least one Pokémon to a game that is Shadow*

- **Can I claim this if I bring 2 or 3 Shadow Pokémon to the game?**

Yes.

## **Send your opponent a gift immediately before or after your match: 1 AP**

*Send your opponent a gift at any point during the round*

- **Can I send the gift between games?**

Yes, as long as it does not delay the matches!

- **I was already friends with my opponent and just sent a gift so can't do it again.**



In that case, you're unfortunately unable to claim this point!

- **My opponent removed me as friends before I was able to send a gift!**

Please do not do this.

## **General Questions**

- **Can we stream our match on Twitch or some other platform? If yes, do we have to ask our opponent before doing that? And what if they deny? Can we just mute on the stream their voice and continue to stream?**

Yes, we would love for the event to be streamed!. We ask for the sake of integrity that the match be streamed with a 5 minute delay. As for if you are denied by your opponent, you will need to ask them what they are comfortable with. You will be asked to respect all players' wishes in this matter.

- **How exactly are we going to report our achieved points per set and how are they verified? Are we expected to record our game + voice chat?**

There will be a Google Form that you will fill out at the end of each round. This will be used to verify points if there is any question regarding which points were awarded. The answers you provide in these forms will be added to a spreadsheet that will be visible to all participants. It will be all players' responsibility to monitor the points to ensure they are reported accurately and to notify staff of any errors.

- **What format will be used for the tournament?**

The tournament will be used in Great League format as per the [official tournament rules](#). All matches will be best of 3.

- **I won games 1 and 2 of my set but I still want to play game 3 to earn more points. Can I?**

No. The match ends once one player has won two games.

- **If winning the match isn't what determines the final standings, is there an incentive to win?**

Winning all your matches is not the ultimate goal, but consider that the highest source of AP requires you to win one game in a set, and that winning both game 1 and game 2 would deny your opponent an opportunity to earn those 10 AP; it is up to you as a player to deduce where winning or losing would best grant you points.

- **I have staffed four events, however they are not on my player dashboard. Can I still register for this event?**

Please contact the Organizer, Darrell Illenberg, for clarification.

- **What time limits are there?**

Battles use the in-game time limits

Players are expected to connect with their opponents as quickly as possible.

Players should limit their time of selecting teams to 2 minutes per game.

This is needed to ensure that the tournament proceeds at a swift pace