

LITTLE LEAGUE POKÉPITCHERS / CRANIDOS CUP

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The LLPP format is equivalent to the VGC Regulation G ruleset, which limits every team to have **one restricted Pokémon** per team. This is *not* a National Dex format, so you are also limited to Pokémon available in Scarlet and Violet. Like the VGC ruleset and unlike true Little Cup, Pokémon are auto-adjusted to level 50 so there are no restrictions on level-up movepools.

VGC rules

- Double Battle format
- Build a team of 6 and bring 4 to each battle
- Pokémon are automatically adjusted to level 50
- Pokémon must be obtainable in Scarlet or Violet
- Species clause: No two Pokémon can share the same Pokédex number
 - e.g., you cannot have two Bulbasaur or the two regional forms of Vulpix together
- Item clause: No two Pokémon can hold the same item
 - Eviolite is not banned! You only get one, so choose your Eviolite holder carefully
- Tournaments will ideally be a best of 3, ~~open~~ closed (!) teamsheet format
- General rules summary here: <https://victoryroad.pro/sv-rules-regulations>

Restricted Pokémon

These unevolved Pokémon are particularly powerful due to their high base stat total (BST), Ability, typing, movepool, or any combination of these. To limit their total domination of this format, ***you are restricted to including only one of the following on your team.***

Scyther



Did you know Scyther has the same BST as its evolutions, Scizor and Kleavor?? Boasting the highest BST (500) of any of the legal unevolved Pokémon in this format, Scyther proves to be a hyper-offensive menace that few Pokémon can really take on comfortably. Scyther is a prime candidate for the Eviolite slot just to abuse that BST but it can also go all-in on offense with items like Choice Band, Life Orb, or Clear Amulet. Technician-boosted Dual Wingbeat can easily OHKO through Focus Sash, a common item in this format. That all said, Scyther is burdened by a poor Bug/Flying defensive typing and its offensive pressure can be compromised by Intimidate and Fake Out (just like in regular VGC lol).

Murkrow



Already a Regulation A staple in normal VGC rules, Murkrow can be an equally or even more annoying support option in this format with Prankster-boosted moves like Tailwind, Quash, Haze, Rain Dance/Sunny Day, and Taunt. Base offensive stats of 85 are also very potent against the other baby Pokémon - expect high base power moves like Brave Bird and Hurricane to take many surprise KOs.

Misdreavus



With an Eviolite equipped, Misdreavus can be incredibly difficult to get rid of before it gets a chance to disrupt opponents' gameplans with moves like Will-O-Wisp, Thunder Wave, and Trick Room. If it's not disrupting, it can also smack the babies around with a strong Shadow Ball coming from its base 85 Sp. Atk.

Girafarig



Girafarig doesn't quite have the tools that its older brother Farigiraf uses to dominate the regular VGC format since it is missing the Ability Armor Tail. However, its high BST and access to Inner Focus allows it to still perform reliably as a Trick Room setter, just without the ability to protect its partner from Fake Out disruption. Psychic and Hyper Voice coming from its base 90 Sp. Atk. and boosted by Nasty Plot also make it very difficult for opposing Pokémon to hold up against without good resistances or immunities.

Gligar



Gligar doesn't have Poison Heal like its singles hotshot big bro Gliscor, but slapping an Eviolite on this little scorpion can still let Gligar checkmate some of the big threats in this format (especially Fighting-types) without any trouble. If you lose your Water- or Ice-type offensive threat early, Gligar can potentially be impossible to get rid of, making it an easy Pokémon to put in the restricted category.

Qwilfish (Hisui)



Hisuian Qwilfish only has one weakness - Ground - which can already be difficult to slot onto a team. Holding an Eviolite and the Intimidate Ability, H-Qwilfish can quickly deplete an opposing

team's offensive pressure and can strike back with powerful physical moves coming off its base 95 Attack. Keep note that H-Qwilfish is allowed as a restricted pick but Johtonian Qwilfish is banned outright since it cannot evolve.

Sneasel (Johto)



Both Sneasel forms are the fastest Pokémon in the format with a whopping 115 base Speed, higher than even a lot of meta Pokémon in the regular VGC format. The original Sneasel suffers from a pretty vulnerable defensive typing but provides insane offensive pressure with STAB moves like Knock Off and Triple Axel. It can also disrupt with the fastest Fake Out in the game and doesn't get affected by opposing Fake Out or Intimidate thanks to its Inner Focus Ability (which funnily enough, Weavile does not have).

Sneasel (Hisui)



Hisuian Sneasel has the same base stats as its Johtonian counterpart, but its Poison/Fighting typing offers a strong balance of offensive coverage and surprisingly defensive ability on its own. Its Close Combat is among the strongest attacks in the format. Like its cousin, H-Sneasel can also provide Fake Out support and has Inner Focus to block opposing Fake Out flinches and Intimidate. H-Sneasel's biggest flaw is its inability to do much to Ghost-types so it will need a good Dark-type partner to cover that (it wishes it could partner up with Johtonian Sneasel but it's illegal for multiple reasons!).

Stantler



Stantler shares some strong characteristics with Girafarig like its high BST (including similar offenses) and ability to enable Trick Room easily. Stantler gets to do all this while disrupting physical attackers with Intimidate to make its opponents' lives even more miserable. A cheeky strategy is to use Stantler with Gravity and Hypnosis to put opponents to sleep one at a time. However, it is only really offensively threatening with Body Slam so it can be easily walled if it is the last Pokémon standing.

Basculin (White-Striped)



There is effectively no Pokémon in this format that can take a Tera Water Adaptability-boosted Wave Crash. White-Striped Basculin can pretty much get away with just two moves - Wave Crash and Aqua Jet - and sweep teams without much resistance thanks to Grass-type Pokémon being fairly weak in this format. Last Respects also rounds out its coverage and

threaten to reverse sweep in a lategame pinch. As a purely offensive restricted Pokémon that typically will not hold Eviolite, Basculin's biggest flaw is its frailty but who cares when it can threaten to OHKO everything all the time? Keep note that only the White-Striped form of Basculin is allowed as the Red-Striped and Blue-Striped forms do not evolve.

Banned Pokémon

Duraludon  is the only base form Pokémon that is banned due to its insane base stat total.

Base stats

HP	70	
Attack	95	
Defense	115	
Sp. Atk	120	
Sp. Def	50	
Speed	85	
Total	535	

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Other than that, no Pokémon that has evolved at least once nor any Pokémon that does not have an evolution line are allowed.



Other caveats

Cosmog  and **Kubfu**  have no restrictions on usage despite their status as Legendary Pokémon. **Meltan** is not in Scarlet and Violet but would be banned due to its status as a Mythical Pokémon as the in-game battle rulesets complicate their use in this format.

Qwilfish (Johto) , **Red-Striped Basculin** , and **Blue-Striped Basculin**  cannot evolve and therefore are not allowed in this format. However, their regional counterparts,

Qwilfish (Hisui)  and **White-Striped Basculin**  are legal (as a restricted Pokémon; see above).

Likely non-restricted meta picks

Like Incineroar or Urshifu in VGC, there are plenty of non-restricted Pokémon that have staple roles in the meta. These Pokémon can expect to have high usage since there are no restrictions on them! Some (non-exhaustive) examples:

Write-ups TBD!!

Riolu
Mienfoo
Scraggy
Growlithe (Hisui)
Foongus
Yanma
Fletchling
Magnemite
Voltorb (Hisui)
Glimmet
Porygon
Mudbray
Koffing
Vulpix (both forms)
Elekid
Magby

Queueing up practice games

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/challenge gen9vgc2025regi @@@ Not Fully Evolved, Best Of = 3, -Duraludon, *Scyther, *Stantler, *Sneasel-Hisui, *Qwilfish-Hisui, *Murkrow, *Misdreavus, *Gligar, *Girafarig, *Basculin-White-Striped, *Sneasel, Limit One Restricted



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