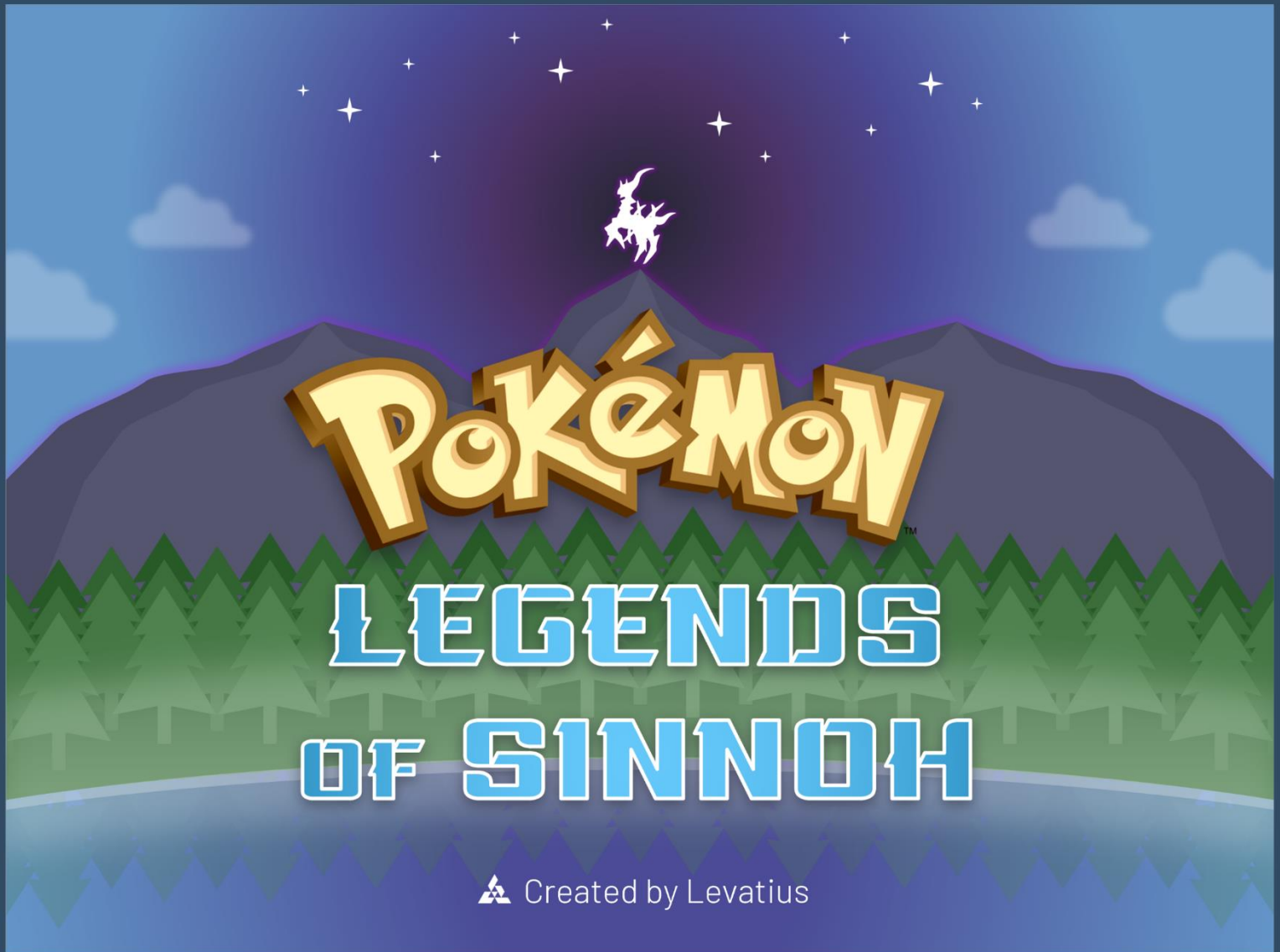


Rulebook



Players: 2-6

Playtime: ~1 Hour per Player

Version: 1.0

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Pokémon: Legends of Sinnoh

Welcome trainer to the Sinnoh region of old. This game draws its inspiration from the Pokémon Master Trainer board games and from the announcement of Pokémon Legends: Arceus.

Objectives

There are three main objectives to the game:

1. Liberate your home village.
2. Obtain three Heart Shards.
3. Restore the Heart of Sinnoh and reach the Hall of Origin for the final confrontation.

The first trainer to conquer all the objectives may claim victory as the Hero of Sinnoh.

Setup

1. Ensure all trainers have selected a seat.
2. Select a trainer to be the first to choose a Home Village card. This continues anti-clockwise until all trainers have selected a card.
 - a. Find the corresponding starter Pokémon and add it to your party.
 - b. Find the corresponding trainer token and place it on your home village.
 - c. Keep the Home Village card in your hand (it will automatically change your hand colour so make sure you reselect your seat). Once you collect all three Shards, you may teach the move on this card to one of your Pokémon.
3. Now click the "Start Game" button and follow the instructions on the Prologue card.
4. The trainer who was last to choose their Home Village card takes the first turn of the game.

Look out for text written in a red box like this one when you are reading the rules. These points are vital to the integrity of the game.

Inventory



(1) Music Box

Set the music you want to listen to by dragging a cartridge into the top slot.

(2) Battle Arena

Battle your Pokémon using the automatic dice rollers.

(3) Battle Information

The Type Chart can be flipped between the offensive and defensive matchups.

(4) Pokédex

Search for wild encounters and evolve your Pokémon.

(5) Trainer Area

Stores your Apricorns, Pokémon, Poké Balls, Heart Shards and Power Dice.

(6) Act Cards

Guides the narrative and displays current objectives of the game.

(7) Decks Area

Contains all the Pokémon cards and Shrine Event cards.

(8) Books

The rulebook which you are currently reading and the Item Almanac.

(9) Items Area

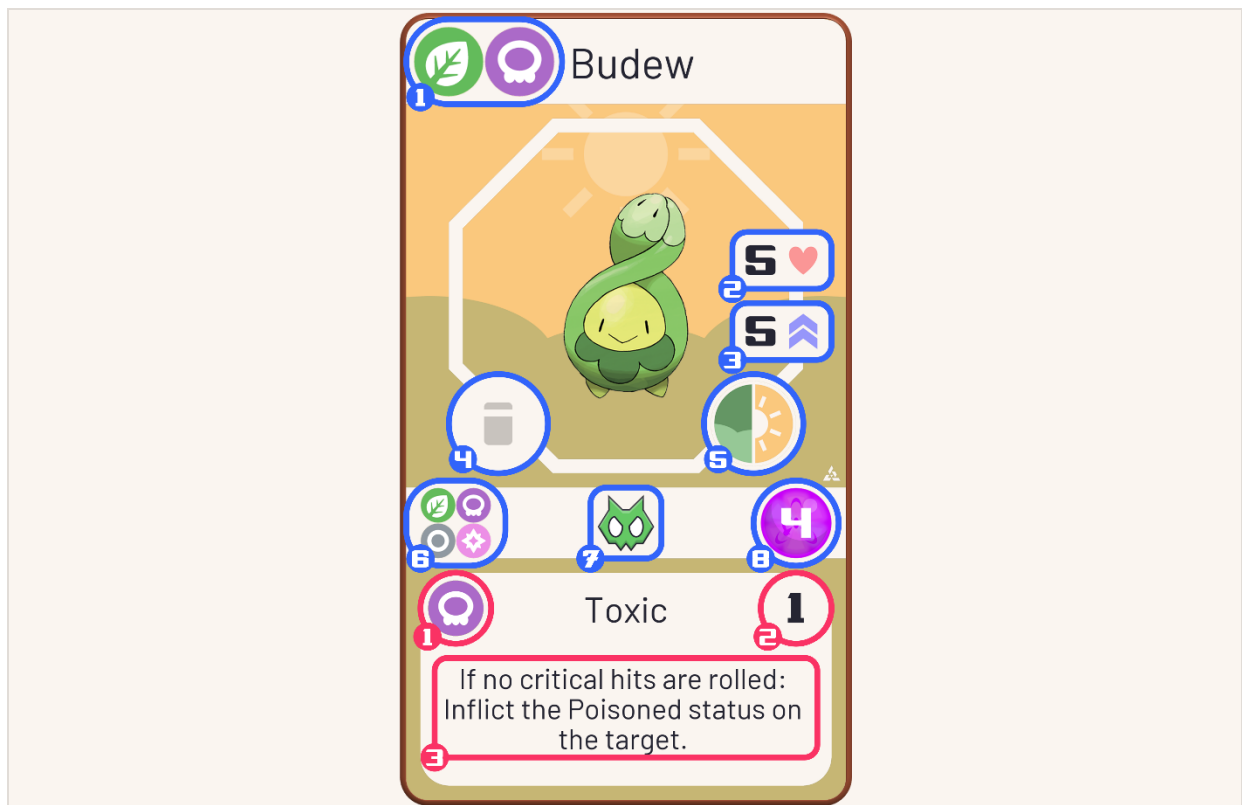
An assortment of different items used throughout the game.

Pokémon

Capture and train a team of Pokémon to help you on your journey.

At the start of the game, you may only have 3 Pokémon in your party. After you complete Act I this increases to 5 Pokémon and after you complete Act II this increases to 6 Pokémon.

Each Pokémon card displays the **Pokémon Attributes** as well as the **Move Attributes** of its signature move.



Pokémon Attributes

(1) Types

Determines the effectiveness of opposing attacks against this Pokémon.

In this example, Budew has the dual typing of Grass and Poison so would want to avoid Fire-type attacks and Psychic-type attacks for instance.

(2) Health

Determines the total amount of damage this Pokémon can take before fainting.

If you are curious, this is calculated from the HP, Defence and Special Defence stats of the Pokémon in the console games.

(3) Initiative

Determines which Pokémon gets to attack first in battle.

Again, if you are curious, this is calculated from the Attack, Special Attack and Speed stats of the Pokémon in the console games.

(4) Held Item Slot

Every Pokémon can hold a single item. These items can be Battle Items and Artifacts.

(5) Biome/Climate Icon

All Pokémon prefer certain biomes and climates in the overworld. The left side of the icon represents one of four biomes: Plains, Forest, Mountain or Ocean. The right side of the icon represents one of three climates: Cold, Temperate or Warm.






In this example, the trainer may find Budew in any Plains biome with a Warm climate.

(6) Learnable Move Types

Each Pokémon can learn two more moves in addition to their signature move. The only restriction is that the (1) Type of a new move must match one of the types shown here.


In this example, Budew can learn Grass, Poison, Normal and Fairy type moves.

(7) Encounter Tier

This icon is present on all wild Pokémon and indicates roughly how strong the Pokémon is:  Starter /  Weak <  Moderate <  Strong <  Legendary.

In this example, Budew is considered as a Weak encounter.

(8) Evolve Cost

The cost in  Journey Points to evolve a Pokémon in your team to a more powerful form.

In this example, Budew can evolve into Roselia using 4 Journey Points.

You can place a Pokémon in the slot above the “Evolve” button on the Pokédex and then press “Evolve” to search for its evolution(s).

Move Attributes

(1) Type

Determines the effectiveness of this move against opposing Pokémon.

In this example, Toxic has the Poison-type so will be most effective against Grass-type Pokémon and Fairy-type Pokémon.

(2) Attack Strength

The amount of attack dice to roll when using this move. It is usually a good indicator of the damage a move will do.

In this example, Toxic has an attack strength of 1 meaning that we will only roll 1 attack dice when using this move.

(3) Effect

Follow the effect instructions printed on the move after rolling the attack dice.

In this example, Toxic may inflict the Poisoned status effect which makes up for its low attack strength.

The attack dice have the following faces, lookout for effects that interact with them:

- Status Symbol: 0 Attack
- Regular Hit: 1 Attack
- Regular Hit: 1 Attack
- Regular Hit: 1 Attack
- Regular Hit: 1 Attack
- Critical Hit: 2 Attack

In this example, for Toxic to inflict the Poisoned status effect there must be no critical hits (83% chance).

On Your Turn

Each trainer takes their turn in order, starting with the trainer who chose their Home Village last. Turns then continue clockwise.

You may move 1 tile per turn for each Pokémon in your party.

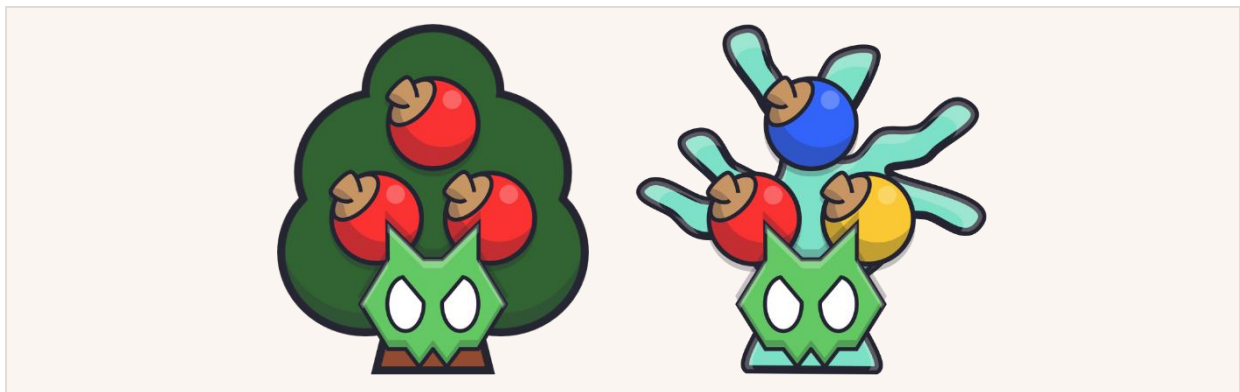
You cannot move onto tiles that are 2 or more full elevations higher/lower than your current tile.

When you move onto a tile with a token on, you may interact it.

You cannot interact with the same token on the same turn.

After any battle, your turn ends.

Apricorn Trees/Reefs



Apricorns are used for crafting items, they come in 3 tiers and 7 types:

- Tier 1: 🍎 Red, 🍒 Blue, 🍋 Yellow
- Tier 2: 🍏 Green, 🍷 Pink, 🍡 White
- Tier 3: 🍚 Black

Apricorn Trees provide Apricorns of one type whereas Apricorn Reefs usually provide a variety of types. Both are guarded by wild Pokémon.

If you decide to interact with this token, use the Pokédex to “Search” up to 🐉 3/🐉 2/🐉 1 Pokémon based on the encounter tier. You must choose one of the Pokémon to battle, the rest will be returned to the decks area.

The Pokédex will automatically determine the biome, climate and encounter parameters based on the location of the trainer token. In

general, you can press the search button on the Pokédex whenever there is an "!" above your trainer token.

If you defeat or capture the wild Pokémon

Gain 🟢 2/🟡 3/🔴 4 Journey Points and all 3 Apricorns from the Tree/Reef.

Gain 1 less Journey Point if the wild Pokémon causes itself to faint.

The move of a defeated wild Pokémon can be taught to any Pokémon in your party so long as it is compatible with the Learnable Move Types of that Pokémon. Otherwise, discard the wild Pokémon.

If the wild Pokémon defeats one of your Pokémon or flees the battle

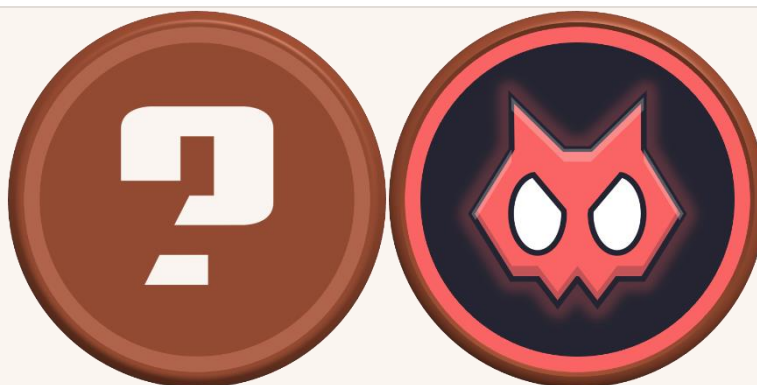
Gain 0 Journey Points and only 🟢 2/🟡 1/🔴 0 of the 3 Apricorns from the Tree/Reef.

A wild Pokémon flees the battle when it is forced to switch out.

For example, you interact with a Green Apricorn Tree in a Plains biome with Temperate climate. The Pokédex search finds: 🟡 Lickitung and 🟡 Kadabra. You decide to battle Lickitung and return Kadabra to the decks area.

After defeating Lickitung, you collect 3 Green Apricorns and 3 Journey Points.

Hidden Spots



Scattered across the map you will find Hidden Spots that can be any of the following:

- Apricorn Stashes: Gain 1, 2 or 3 Apricorns of a certain type.

- Artifacts: Rare held items that boost your team and are required to encounter 🐾 Legendary Pokémon at certain locations.
- Team Galactic Scouts: Forced battle with a Team Galactic Grunt.
- Alpha Pokémon: Forced encounter with a 🐾 Strong Wild Pokémon. They have higher than normal attributes, but their locations are visible.

Forced battles/encounters mean that the trainer is not the initiator of the battle. If there is a tie for initiative, the trainer goes last.

Shrines



Offerings

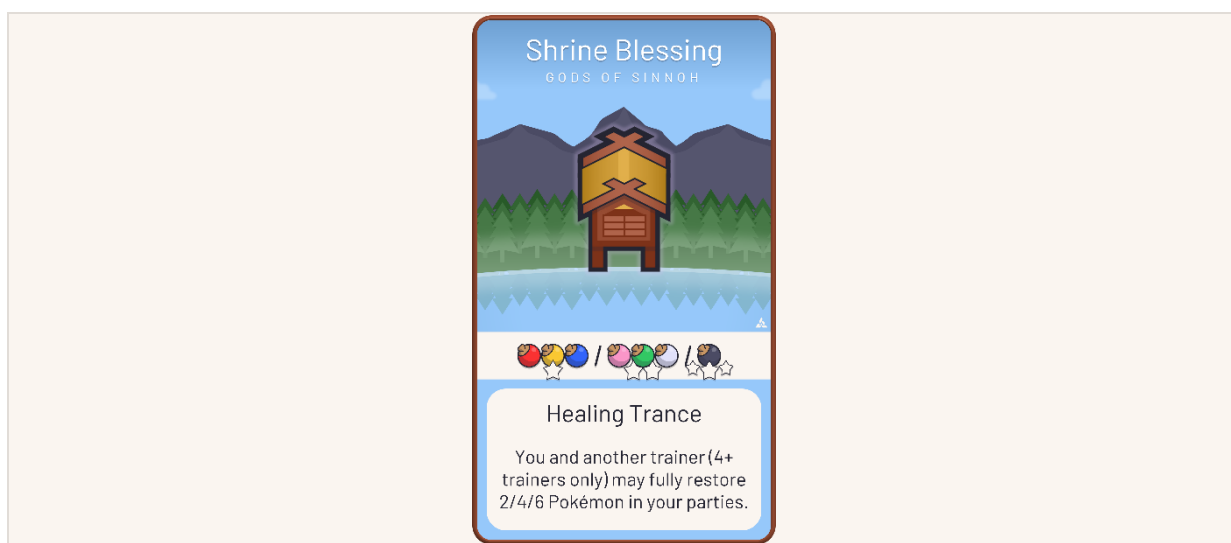
By offering an Apricorn (discard it), draw a card from the Shrine Events deck and place it in the left-most "Active Event" slot (move any other active Shrine Cards over to the right). Once complete, follow the effect on the newly drawn card.

By additionally offering 7 Journey Points (discard them), you may instead search the deck or discard pile for a Shrine Event of your choice.

Afterwards, shuffle the discard pile into the deck.

Whilst a Shrine Event card is in one of the "Active Event" slots, any "whilst active" effects apply.

Event Effects



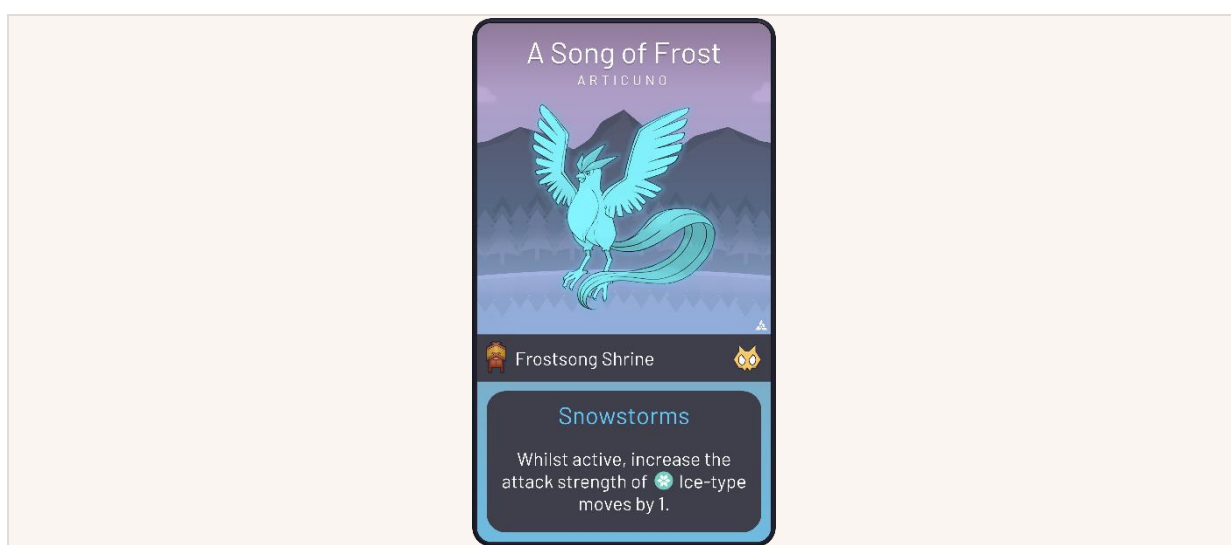
By offering an Apricorn from a higher tier, you may receive a stronger effect from the event (look for text separated by “/”: “Tier 1/Tier 2/Tier 3”):

- Tier 1: 🍎 Red, 🍒 Blue or 🍌 Yellow
- Tier 2: 🍏 Green, 🍎 Pink or 🍒 White
- Tier 3: 🍌 Black

For events with the “4+ trainers only” text on the effect:

- In a game with only 2 or 3 trainers, only you get the effect.
- If there is a choice, you get to choose first.

Legendary Pokémon Events



Sometimes you might trigger the arrival of a 🦊 Legendary Pokémon. The trainer that triggers the event may choose to battle it immediately.

Whilst a Legendary Shrine Event is active:

- Its effect will be present in all battles.
- It may be encountered at its home shrine.

For example, during the event "A Song of Frost":

Whilst active, increase the attack strength of Ice-type moves by 1.

Articuno may be encountered at the Frostsong Shrine.

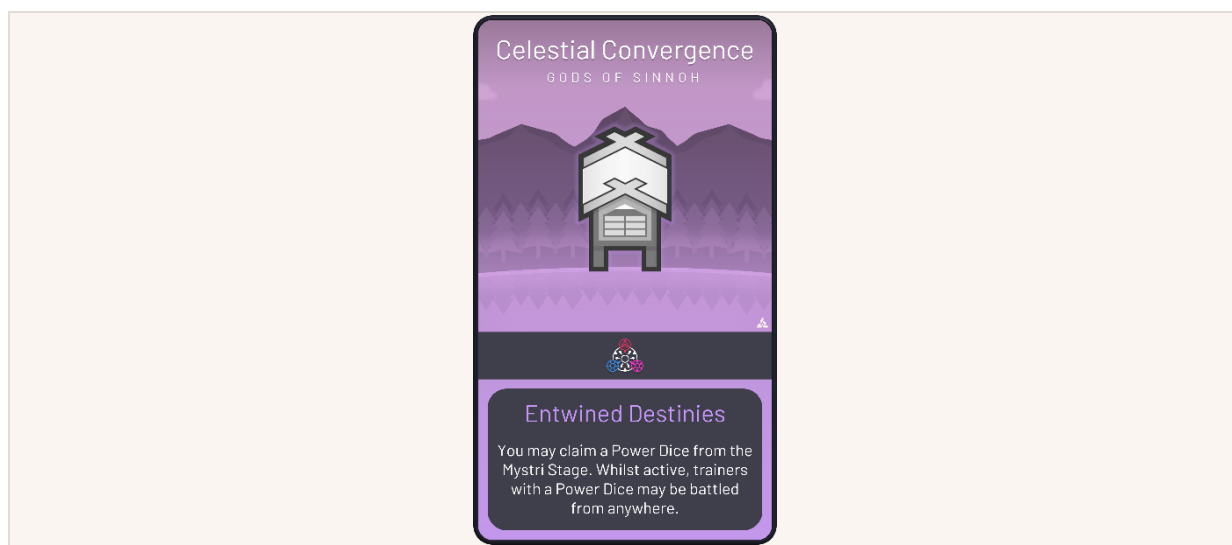
If the 🐾 Legendary Pokémon has already been defeated or captured, discard this card and draw another card.

To battle a Legendary Pokémon, search for it in the Legendary Pokémon deck found in the decks area.

Legendary Pokémon grant 5 Journey Points when defeated or captured.

Additionally, you may use more than one Pokémon during a battle with a Legendary Pokémon.

Celestial Convergence Event



You may claim a Power Dice from the Mystri Stage (if available) during one of these events. When a Power Dice is rolled, its result becomes available for use immediately or at a future time. Place the dice in the right-side Power Dice slot of your trainer area to show the result is ready for use.

Power Dice can be used after any attack roll (in other words, not during capture attempts) or whilst moving in the overworld. See the Item Almanac for details on what each Power Dice result does.

After using the result of a Power Dice, move it to the left-side Power Dice slot of your trainer area.

You may only have one Power Dice at a time. Once per turn, any offering made at a Shrine will allow you to reroll it.

Additional Clarification

During the “Equivalent Exchange” event, the Pokémon from your party that you replace is discarded along with all its moves.

The Renegade Power Dice is just treated as an extra attack dice for most of its results.

Legendary Pokémon Locations



You will need to find the required Artifact(s) to interact with one of these locations and battle its 🐱 Legendary Pokémon.

To battle a Legendary Pokémon, search for it in the Legendary Pokémon deck found in the decks area.

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Villages



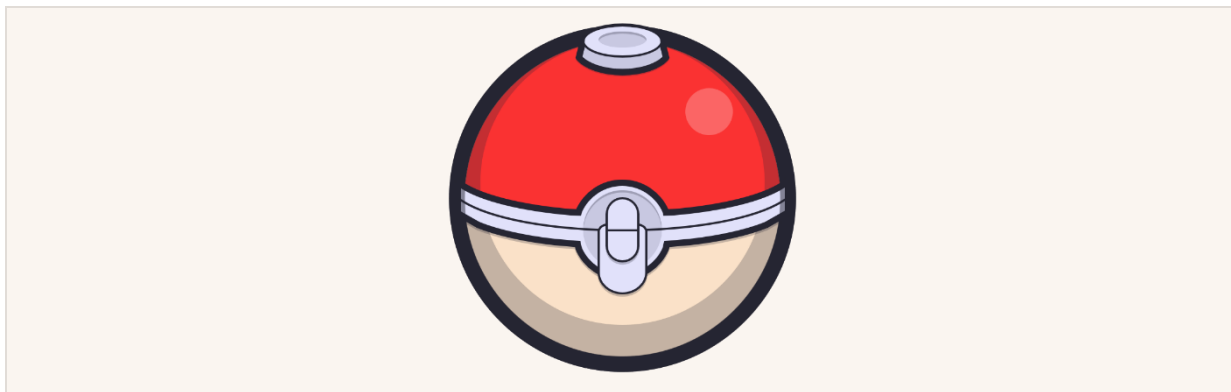
Starting your turn in any village will fully restore your entire party.

Once per turn, you may fly to another village using 1 tile move.

Mechanics

Crafting Items

Poké Balls



Poké Balls can be crafted during your turn and are stored on the bottom rack of your trainer area. You may craft more than 6 Poké Balls (place them to the side).

You may throw a Poké Ball against a wild Pokémon in battle instead of attacking. See the Item Almanac for how many dice to roll. If the capture attempt fails, discard the Poké Ball.

When a Pokémon is captured, place it in your trainer area along with the Poké Ball used to capture it. You can then use the Poké Ball as a convenient way to move your Pokémon into the arena (by placing it in the slot at the top or bottom of the arena).

Apricorn Stews



Apricorn Stews are crafted and used when needed by discarding the required Apricorns. See the Item Almanac for details on what each Apricorn Stew does.

Only one can be crafted per turn and must be done so outside of battle.

Battle Items



Battle Items can be crafted during your turn. See the Item Almanac for details on what each Battle Item does.

Attach the token to the Held Item Slot of one of your Pokémon. Held Items can be switched around your party during your turn.

Teaching Moves

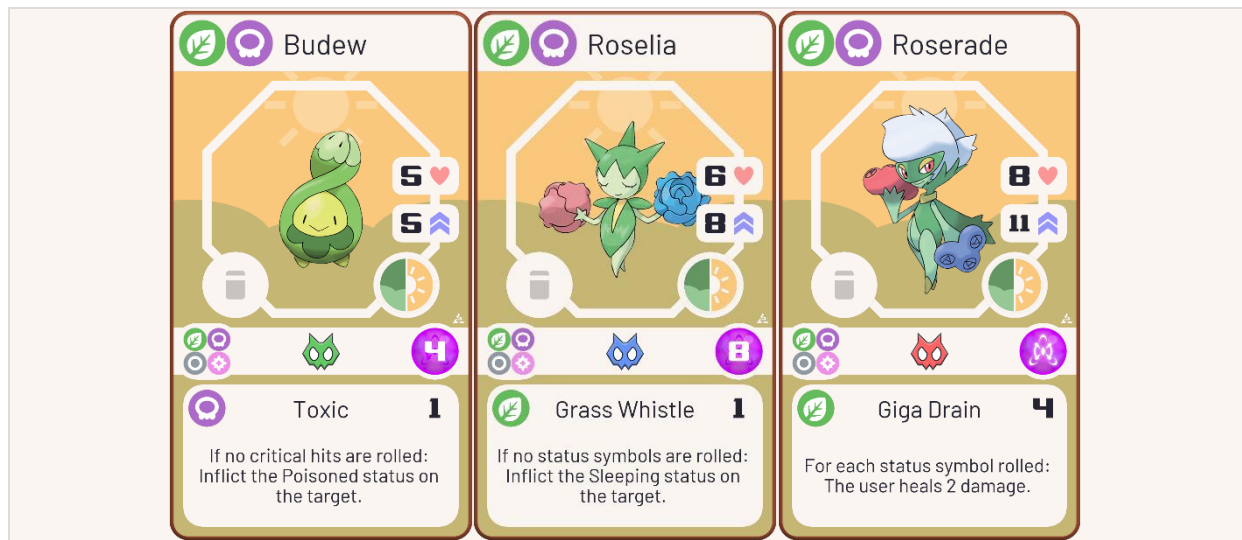


Every Pokémon has a copy of its signature move printed on the back. When teaching a move to a Pokémon, flip over the move and place it under the Pokémon.

There are a few ways a Pokémon can gain new moves. The type of a new move must be compatible with the Learnable Move Types of a Pokémon (typeless moves can be taught to all Pokémon).

Existing moves can be replaced by discarding them but cannot be moved around your team.

Evolution



The signature move of the evolving Pokémon may be taught to the evolved Pokémon.

For example, when Budew evolves, its signature move of Toxic may be taught to its evolution Roselia. Now Roselia has two moves, Grass Whistle (its signature move) and Toxic (from Budew). Likewise, when Roselia evolves into Roserade, it will have all three moves (Toxic, Grass Whistle and Giga Drain).

Defeating a wild Pokémon



The signature move of any wild Pokémon, including Legendary Pokémon, may be taught to any Pokémon in your party after defeating them.

For example, if you were to defeat a wild Budew, the Haunter in your party that can learn Poison-type moves may now learn Toxic.

Shrine Event

There is an event called “Ancient Wisdom” that allows you to teach a move directly from the discarded Pokémon piles.

Damage, Status Effects and Fainting

Negative Effect Persistence

Any damage taken and status effects inflicted during battle are kept when the Pokémon leaves the arena.

When a Pokémon takes damage equal to or greater than its health, the Pokémon faints. If this happens, remove any damage or status effect dice from the Pokémon and flip its Poké Ball over to show it has fainted (the side with the dark border).

A fainted Pokémon cannot be used in battle.

Whenever a Pokémon is fully restored, remove any damage or status effect dice as well as flipping back over its Poké Ball so that it is no longer fainted (the side with the green border).

Status Effect Rules

Pokémon can only have one status effect at a time.

Additionally, Pokémon that share a type with the status effect are immune to it.

For example, Fire-type Pokémon cannot be inflicted with the Burned status effect since the Burned status effect is Fire-type.

Likewise, Dark-type Pokémon cannot be inflicted with the Sleeping status effect since the Sleeping status effect is Dark-type in this game.

Trainer Interactions

Whilst travelling around Sinnoh you may bump into other trainers on a similar mission to yours. If you are both on the same tile, you may either Trade or Battle.

Trade

You may freely trade Pokémon, Apricorns and Held Items.

Battle

Both trainers may use their full teams, or they can agree to use a set amount of Pokémon each (for example, 3 vs 3).

The trainer that initiates the battle sends out their lead Pokémon first but wins any initiative ties throughout the battle.

A normal battle request cannot be denied but can be conceded after one of your Pokémon faints.

Reward

After winning a battle, you may take an Artifact from the other trainer. Additionally, you may take a Power Dice from the other trainer (you may send your current one back to the Mystri Stage).

Recovery

If you have no remaining non-fainted Pokémon, you are immediately returned to your home village to be fully restored at the start of your next turn.

Both trainers cannot be challenged again until the start of their next turns.

Team Galactic

The threat posed by Team Galactic looms over the Sinnoh region, it will be up to you to stop them.

Team Galactic get access to special tactics in battle by placing their Pokémon in the arena:

- Plan B: A typeless attack that is not affected by Type Effectiveness.
- Full Restore: A limited use healing option that does not use up a turn.

You can find reminders on what your current objective is on the Act cards.

Act I

During Act I, you will need to liberate your home village from Team Galactic. When you feel ready, return to your home village and interact with the "Team Galactic Grunts" token there.

Shuffle and then draw 3 Team Galactic Grunts cards from the deck of 8 cards (these can be found under the Act I card). Battle the Pokémon in the order they are drawn.

If you defeat all their Pokémon whilst having at least one non-fainted Pokémon, you are victorious, your party can now support up to 5 Pokémon!




You can only liberate your own home village.

If you are the first trainer to have liberated their home village, flip over Act II.

Act II

Do not read until you reach this act.

During Act II, you will need to collect the following three Shards:

- Shard of Emotion 
- Shard of Knowledge 
- Shard of Willpower 

You will need to travel to each of the three lakes of Sinnoh to defeat the Team Galactic Commander stationed there and claim their respective Shard as a reward.

Each Team Galactic Commander has 2 Pokémon, the order in which they prefer to send out their Pokémon (lowest number first) is printed on the card where the “Evolve Cost” usually is.

As you collect more Shards, Commander Charon will attempt to aid his fellow Commanders by adding his Pokémon to the battle:

- 0 Shards: Commander Charon will not aid in this battle.
- 1 Shard: Shuffle his 3 cards and then draw 1 of them to add to the battle.
- 2 Shards: Shuffle his 3 cards and then draw 2 of them to add to the battle.

After you have collected the Shards, you may unlock the final slot in your party meaning you may have up to 6 Pokémon!

If you are the first trainer to have collected all 3 Shards, flip over Act III.

Act III

Do not read until you reach this act.

During Act III, you will need to first restore the Heart of Sinnoh. To do this, you must be in possession of one of the three Power Dice to summon either Dialga, Palkia or Giratina for a battle. By defeating or capturing one of them, they will restore the Heart from your Shards.

Once restored, head to the Hall of Origin to stop Cyrus.

If you are the first trainer to have defeated Cyrus, flip over Ending.

Ending

Do not read until you reach this act.

At this point you may end the game by choosing the “Hero of Sinnoh” option and you will be crowned as the winner of the game.

However, if you have the desire to prove you are truly the strongest trainer, then choose the “Traitor of Sinnoh” option:

- Your party is fully restored immediately.
- You no longer take turns.
- All the other trainers will have 3 turns and 1 attempt each to get to the Hall of Origin and defeat you in a full battle.
- Your party is fully restored after each attempt.
- After a trainer fails their attempt against you, they no longer take turns.

If one of them manages to defeat you, the game ends and they will instead be crowned as the Hero of Sinnoh and the winner of the game.

If you manage to defeat all of them or the 3 turn limit elapses, the game ends and you will be crowned as the undisputed strongest trainer and the winner of the game.

FAQ

I have done my best to compile a list of niche scenarios that can occur and how to handle them. If neither the rules nor the FAQ explain what to do, I leave it up to your group to decide (also, let me know on the workshop page so I can update the FAQ for future versions).

Overworld Clarifications

Do I get all 3 Apricorns from an Apricorn Tree/Reef if no wild Pokémon appear during a Pokédex search?

You may, however your turn ends after doing so.

What happens when I teach a Pokémon a compatible move before it evolves, but after it evolves the move is no longer compatible?

Keep the move but you cannot learn any more moves of the incompatible type.

What happens if I want to equip a new held item, but I have no room for it?

You may drop any unwanted held items on the tile you are currently on (this means other players can pick them up however).

What happens if I try to evolve my Pokémon but there are no copies of its evolution left in the evolution deck?

This should be very rare and mainly happens if a Pokémon is brought back out of the discard piles during the "Lost Companion" event. You may just make a clone its evolution.

Battle Clarifications

Can I switch Pokémon after defeating the opposing Pokémon after using a move that causes the user to skip its next turn?

No.

Can Mimic copy the special tactics that Team Galactic can use in battle?

No, these tactics are not considered moves.

What happens if I use Metronome on Metronome or Mimic on Mimic?

It fails and the user must instead use Struggle: Typeless, 3 attack strength, deals 3 damage to the user.

What happens if neither Pokémon can do damage to the other?

If it is not possible to do damage to the opposing Pokémon, you may use Struggle: Typeless, 3 attack strength, deals 3 damage to the user.

Can I reapply the Sleeping status effect whilst the target is still Sleeping?

No, you cannot reapply a status effect if the target already has a status effect.

Game Questions

Will you add more Pokémon to the game?

Unlikely, the Pokémon that have been chosen either have strong ties to the Sinnoh region or have been included to balance the overall collection.

Will you make this game again for other regions?

No, however I will likely make other types of Pokémon games in future if people like this one!

How long did it take to make this game?

As of writing, I would estimate about 1000 hours. The battle system and overworld have gone through many iterations.

How did you create the art for this game?

Using Microsoft PowerPoint.

How did you create all the cards for this game?

Using a series of Python scripts that generate the cards based on the data stored in a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. It is far better than doing it all manually!

Credits

I hope you enjoyed your playthrough of Pokémon: Legends of Sinnoh, I appreciate you taking the time to play it!

Workshop Assets

- Hexagon Tile: [Workshop Link](#)
- Pokémon Models: [Workshop Link](#)
- Poké Ball Model: [Workshop Link](#)

Music Cartridges

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