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The following are not rules but only suggestions aimed at keeping raids efficient and fun for the majority of players. Local raid chats are likely to adjust these guidelines to reflect the dynamics of their own group.

Make the location clear: The location of the raid needs to be as clear as possible with a map screenshot or cross-street address. Uncertainty will cause players to be late or show up at the wrong place.

Set a clear start time: When a person posts about a raid, indicating that they and others are organizing a group to make the boss battle possible, it is recommended to set a clear start time for the raid. That way others will know if it is about to start soon and see if they have enough time to get there.

Keep the group updated: When a person posts about a raid and is looking for participants, simply let the group know if you are coming. This will help others know if it is worth coming to the raid. If you know that you can't make it to a raid location on time or decide to head elsewhere, be a considerate trainer and inform the group to proceed without you! If you decide to go to a raid without telling the group that you are on your way, you assume the risk that the raid battle may start or be over before you arrive. It is always the best approach to voice your intention to join a group for a raid so the group can anticipate your arrival.

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Show up on time: It is up to individual players to be on time. Keep in mind that some players need to go back to work or school and cannot spend a lot of time at the raid. Although it is always a kind gesture to agree to wait a reasonable amount of time for a confirmed participant who is slightly late, this decision is always up to the group already present at the gym.

Make yourself visible: It is recommended that you make sure that the group on site sees you. It makes things easier for the organizer but also helps the whole group start on time. With winter's cold days it will be more than appreciated by the raiders who gathered at the gym location. It is also a great occasion to socialize with other trainers and strengthen the bonds that unite the raid crew together.

Be patient: If possible, wait a few extra minutes for people who confirmed that they are coming (5-10 min is recommended). In case a player has GPS issues or errors it is a nice gesture to quit and restart the raid. This usually delays the raid by only a few minutes. You should especially quit for a player who has already entered the gym and has been kicked out by a bug or a network error. That player has used a pass already.

Be respectful: Raids can sometimes be bustling epicentres of action where many different kinds of people will meet. People with opposing personalities, lifestyles, and gameplay goals can be present at a raid, but players should always respect one another's diversity. Some parents may bring their children along with them too so it is also very important that players' behaviour reflects an environment suitable for these young spirits. Successful raiding is a matter of common sense and sportsmanship. Be kind and respectful towards each other.

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Be mindful of your surroundings: Always be respectful of other citizens who are around the gym where the raid takes place. Do your best to not disturb the peace of residents if you are near private property and ensure that public spaces can be shared by everyone. For example, be sure to provide enough space to others inside parks, try to not block pedestrian circulation if you gather on a sidewalk, and park at a proper location that does not impede vehicle traffic.

Be inclusive: When it comes to raids, there are no teams! It is all trainers battling together against the raid boss. Do not exclude players based on their team. At the same time, if enough players show up to a raid, the group can be split up. In order to maximize earned premier balls, it is advised for larger groups to split into smaller ones composed of players from the same team. This will give increased team damage bonuses, award more premier balls, and raise the odds for more players catching the boss.

No aggressive behavior shall be tolerated. If you witness violent behaviour or abusive language please report the trainer(s) to your local chat Admin or the Montreal Pokemon Go page admins. The Admin is the person responsible for dealing with inappropriate conduct within the raid group; however, if you ever feel that your personal safety is at risk, please leave the raid location before any incident escalates. If you feel a player's conduct is in breach of Niantic's ToS, please use the in-game report function found under Settings.

-The Pokémon Go Montreal Team-