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Update

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To: "Greg Jacobs (FragginWagon)" <greg.r.jacobs@gmail.com>

Sat, Aug 9, 2025 at 2:15 PM

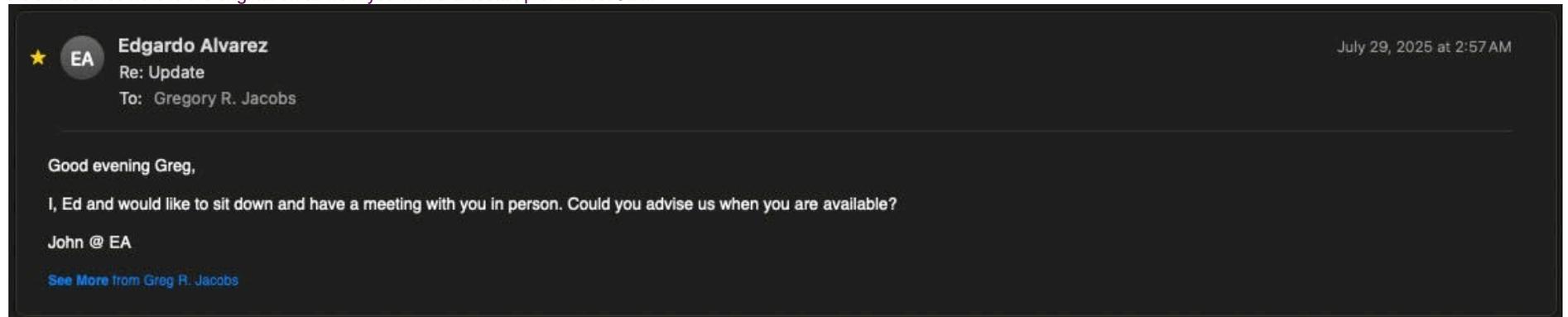
Hi Greg,

No need to sit and discuss anything at this time. Nothing new to report. I'll look up the dates.

John @ EA

On Saturday, August 9, 2025, Greg Jacobs (FragginWagon) <greg.r.jacobs@gmail.com> wrote:
Hey John

As a reference here is the original email from you with a timestamp of almost 3am.



Made the reservation and in the ordering window i sent in the email you can makee sure 3 are ordered. The sooner i know about the dates I can book them off if needed so I can run the pre-release tourneys and send them to play! tools.

If you are both going to be available before the tournament I can come in I just need to know a time to come in and will work on making it work

Greg

On Aug 7, 2025, at 2:09 PM, Edgardo Alvarez <ea.collectibles.service@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Greg,

I honestly don't remember asking for a sit down. Although I do think it's good to have in person discussion from time to time. To catch up, and clear the air.

The full allocated amount, I'll look at the calendar today and choose two days that we can run it on and write back to you.

John @ EA

On Thursday, August 7, 2025, Greg Jacobs (FragginWagon) <greg.r.jacobs@gmail.com> wrote:

Hey John,

This last response was not super helpful so here is what i was looking for.

1. How much time you are thinking you will need for this sit-down
2. What is this sit-down about (any context you can give will be helpful)
3. Allocation email I asked how many you want to reserve in terms of kits
4. Based on your reserved number of kits, a general idea of dates and times for the pre-release events (if your doing one or more than that)

Greg

On Aug 3, 2025, at 11:54 PM, Edgardo Alvarez <ea.collectibles.service@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Greg,

ofc, no worries. Sounds good. I confirm the receipt of the allocation email.

John @ EA

On Sun, Aug 3, 2025 at 2:29 AM Greg Jacobs (FragginWagon) <greg.r.jacobs@gmail.com> wrote:

Hey John

I can come in early before the Go Challenge this coming Sat? Not sure how much time you are needing and what this is in regards to if you want to let me know and I can prep if need be before the meeting.

Sent an email with kit allocation for next pre-release and reporting for July is done with 26 unique players.

Greg

On Jul 29, 2025, at 2:57 AM, Edgardo Alvarez <ea.collectibles.service@gmail.com> wrote:

Good evening Greg,

I, Ed and would like to sit down and have a meeting with you in person. Could you advise us when you are available?

John @ EA

On Mon, Jul 28, 2025 at 8:42 AM Greg Jacobs (FragginWagon) <greg.r.jacobs@gmail.com> wrote:

Hey John,

Series 7 Packs become available to give out as prizing Aug 14th, no sooner.

I think a support ticket asking about the exact details of how to transfer a league should get you the answers you are looking for.

In terms of fair prizing, I offered to set up a meeting with the Regional Pokemon Co-Ordinator (RPC) where questions like this could have been asked as I have no idea. I did make a recommend previously about top 3 prizing you are welcome to use.

Anything else comes up, I can look at it Thursday or Friday when I put in attendance this month for the league as my day job requires my focus

Greg

On Jul 25, 2025, at 7:33 PM, Edgardo Alvarez <ea.collectibles.service@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Greg,

Hi Greg,

I just wanted to inquire about the current availability of Series 7 packs. We genuinely appreciate all the work you've put in—there's no need to revisit past concerns. It's not the presence of conflict that defines a situation, but how we respond to it.

You've been transparent throughout, and neither Ed nor I would suggest otherwise. We both value the effort and dedication you bring. Sometimes, it's best to acknowledge differing views and simply move forward.

When the time comes, what is the proper process for transferring the league? Is there a specific contact or email at TCPI we should reach out to?

Also, if you could let us know what's generally considered fair prizing among comparable TCG stores, that would be helpful. No need to reference regulations—we fully understand the importance of compliance and would never want anything to reflect poorly on you.

John

On Friday, July 25, 2025, Greg Jacobs (FragginWagon) <greg.r.jacobs@gmail.com> wrote:

Hey John,

Thanks for clarifying further.

In regards to league packs, until now, there was no need to keep you apprised of them because the store received them, and you had more information than I did. That's why I asked about shipments received under my name from TPCi Logistics and the number of packs in each shipment. This way, we can both be transparent, and I can see if I need to ask support for more league packs. I'm not sure where I haven't been forthcoming with information about league packs for the store.

Regarding the most recent shipment of un-distributable league packs until August 14th, you've been apprised of them. They must be used for any cup and challenges (TCG, VG, GO) hosted at EA Collectibles, as well as casual play.

You can submit a ticket for whatever you're looking to get answered on the support email page at support.pokemon.com. They'll help you out.

That's great news about transferring ownership! It seems we've been working toward the same goal I initially mentioned when I said I could sanction your store. Having Edgardo as the League Owner (taking the test as soon as I mentioned I could help with transfer requirements) sooner rather than later would be crucial, else we would find ourselves in the current situation. As a League tied to my name, there are implications beyond the local level if things aren't perceived to be running in accordance with TPCi's rules. It's definitely not worth risking my professorship or being able to help staff events beyond the local level. However, once ownership is no longer mine, you're free to do as you please.

For events I'm staffing, I'd like to know what prizes are available so that I can announce them when the event starts. I'll email you for this information well before the event starts as well as day of to make sure nothing changed.

In regards to appreciating my work and assistance, I can certainly agree that this was the case initially. However, Edgardo's comment about me receiving staff cards for free, considering the effort I put into securing the league, the explanation I gave before the comment has made and conversations after explaining further has made me feel differently. I tried to explain to him why it couldn't happen when I arrived, apologized for any misunderstanding, and so on. Nevertheless, that comment was made later that day after talking to him and him not expressing any of those feelings to me while I was there. The only acknowledgment I received for that incident was your statement that Edgardo tends to get more heated than you do, and that it was frustrating for both of you because there was a misunderstanding that I had already addressed as soon as I received the clarification. Edgardo has not acknowledged this fact, nor has apologized for his comment afterward, so I believe that actions speak louder than words at this point.

I believe this covers everything, but please let me know if I missed anything.

Greg

On Jul 23, 2025, at 8:02 AM, Edgardo Alvarez <ea.collectibles.service@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Greg;

So I'll clarify even further:

Initially we were one prize pack per participant. We then easily run out of prize packs. For quite a period of time we have been substitutions of our own packs.

Then to encourage competition. For a brief time we switched to increased prizing for 1st,2nd,3rd. 5 packs, 4 packs, 3 packs of our own packs.

I believe Edgardo has further refined this even more to be more normalized approach and he has new numbers for this. I have not yet spoken to him about this in person.

It is important to keep us apprised on promotional pricing pack numbers that are on hand for the league.

In addition for future reference could you provide me with the support email info for TCPI and or any regular contact name their you may have been dealing with their.

Your work and help has always been greatly appreciated. The goal as previously discussed at some point near is to transfer league ownership: as we prefer this model based an a employee/employer relationship. When that time comes obviously if you want to continue to host Pokemon GO events or switch events that would be great

John @ EA

On Friday, July 18, 2025, Greg Jacobs (FragginWagon) <greg.r.jacobs@gmail.com> wrote:

Hey John

I appreciate you taking the time to explain this to me. Based on my understanding if you are awarding a prize pack per player and the last shipment was 200 packs that should last us 10 weeks of casual play. I was upfront and did state to both you and Edgardo they needed to last until the next prize packs came in. This would leave us with 2 weeks of casual play where there would be no more league prize packs available. It seems like it might have been longer than this based on the considerable amount of time you are referencing.

The change to shipping has only happened recently and just series 7 packs have come in so far. They arrived Sunday in the interest of being transparent. If possible, to maintain transparency can you give me the dates that prize packs shipments with my name on them were delivered to the store so i can get a timeline on when shipping drop offs were happening? Last one I heard about was Edgardo getting the first shipment when the league was created and then a picture of the pre-release box for DRI. I do agree it is important to maintain transparency so as to be on the same page. This would allow me to determine if we were missed on a shipment and put in a support ticket if need be.

That is great news to hear! Please keep me in the loop if you find any active judges who would like to come help run events at the store and I will be more than happy to assign them as a league leader so they can work on duties i have been performing up until this point

Greg

On Jul 18, 2025, at 11:52 AM, Edgardo Alvarez <ea.collectibles.service@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Greg,

I just wanted to take a moment to explain — it's actually quite simple.

On Mondays, we've typically had around 20 players attending. For each event, we awarded an average of 1 participation point per player. I believe it would have been more transparent to let us

know that the prizes were being shipped directly to you. That kind of communication helps keep everyone on the same page.

We're currently looking for an active Judge to help alleviate the burden this places on you. That process takes a bit of time, but we're actively working on it.

Thanks for your understanding,

We have not received any prize packs for a considerable amount of time

John @ EA

On Fri, Jul 18, 2025 at 11:15 AM Greg Jacobs (FragginWagon) <greg.r.jacobs@gmail.com> wrote:
Hey John

As the league owner and only professor associated with the league, it is my responsibility to ensure compliance. When mentioning the league didn't have any more stock of prize packs to the RPC, he wanted to know where they went. I explained was uncertain of how it ran out and the store did not have any for months as I am not in the day to day of the store. He informed me I needed to account for them to last for the quarter and I now receive items for the league and can bring things the store will need in as I get them. This should eliminate needing to get notified when packages come to the store with my name on them or sending pictures of its contents. I can also send an email when I drop them off if neither of you are in of what was brought in if you would like.

I am curious what you mean by contingency plan and concerning what exactly? After clarifying, I look forward to seeing it in full when complete/available.

Greg

On Jul 18, 2025, at 10:39 AM, Edgardo Alvarez <ea.collectibles.service@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Greg;

We are working on a contingency plan and will let you know if and when that is complete/available. Obviously Ed has the final say in the contents of the email. I have received and review the information and will forward it to him.

So why would you have Series 7 packs instock but we as a store do not have any? That is unexpected.

John @ EA

On Fri, Jul 18, 2025 at 10:02 AM Greg Jacobs (FragginWagon) <greg.r.jacobs@gmail.com> wrote:
Hey John

Discussing pricing for tournaments is a question i need to answer when sanctioning events as Play!Pokemon collects that data and is needed to make a successful sanctioning request. As the league owner I was struggling to see why you and Edgardo should have to be out inventory to supply prizing for these challenges when the entry fees to these usually cover it and convert to more purchases for the store. You make a good point in regards to why I should worry about this and will

leave this in your hands and going forward unless otherwise stated will put all Play!Pokemon events I need to sanction at \$0.

I was offering the RPC as a resource so you could see what other stores are doing that is also increasing brand and store loyalty. If you do not find it relevant then that saves us a meeting :)

In terms of the diminished prizing I was basing that off of what players said they usually got on casual nights was the same as it was for the challenge and seemed slightly disappointed. I will leave that in your hands to deal with and when I come to do events I can have you let me know what the store is wanting to offer concerning prizing.

In regards to comp I am not sure separating work done outside of events makes sense and can roll it into the price based on the type of event:

Cup/Challenges/Anything where I am needed in the store for:

- I can do \$26/hr as an independent contractor and bill you through my own business or I can do 5 packs/hr and give them to my kids as I don't open packs much at all anymore. All work is rounded to the nearest 15 minutes if paid by the hr and due net 14.

Pre-release:

- I can do a B&B box and packs/hr of the new set or the hourly above can work here as well

Bringing in another judge for event:

- I will let you know if, based on numbers or if I feel someone else more specialized in the space is needed before hand when setting up sanctioning. Same comp as above for them to be relayed which to me so I can put a call out and get someone in time.

I think the above can be going forward and any work previously done for free is a wash as I am not petty but this should cover any concerns I have about being able to bring people in when needed

I will work on those three events mentioned and will all be \$0 entry fees. I will send word when they are done and can get what you're thinking in terms of prizing if the store is offering anything over the prize packs I will bring for Top 3.

Let me know your thoughts on the above and we can go from there.

Greg

PS. Almost forgot, I will have my wife can bring by a box of 50 series 7 prize packs while I'm at Worlds which should last 8 weeks of casual play with the prizing structure as follows:

- 1st - 3 packs
- 2nd - 2 packs
- 3rd - 1 pack

They are not to be given out until the the 14th so the first casual play they can be given out is Aug 18th I think and should last until October 6th's casual play and I can bring more in then

On Jul 17, 2025, at 8:01 PM, Edgardo Alvarez
<ea.collectibles.service@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Greg,

What does our discussion with the league have to do with charging customers? These are separate issues and should be treated separately. If you are looking for compensation; for your work you need to be straight forward and lay out your expectations.

"If you'd like, I'd be happy to include the Canadian RPC in a virtual meeting with you both so he can share insights from stores across Canada, not just Ontario." About this, I am not sure what this has to do with anything, unfortunately? Is this to convince us to charge people?

Thank you for the discord link; we never indicated that would diminish prizing compared to other stores; simply because we are not charging. We can offer similar prizing.

John @ EA

On Thu, Jul 17, 2025 at 2:02 AM Greg Jacobs (FragginWagon)

<greg.r.jacobs@gmail.com> wrote:

Hey Johnny,

I understand your commitment to providing free entry fees whenever possible. However, I'm not sure going against the grain of other sanctioned stores will be beneficial. People seemed surprised and disappointed when they found out the Challenge entry was free and the top prize was just a pack they usually get. Telling them it's \$10-20 for premier events aligns with their expectations and could lead to better prizes, store credit, and other incentives.

When we discussed sanctioning a store, which you were already planning to do, I helped get the league up and running. I had to figure out all the necessary steps after sanctioning to set up the store for pre-release success, premier events after three months, and ongoing reporting. Now, scheduling three events in August leaves me wondering how many events I'd actually want to do each month and how many additional judges could help out, as it takes time away from my family and other commitments.

Edgardo's accusation that I received \$1300 for free staff promos to give to other professors staffing events in the future was off-putting and frustrating to say the least. I've realized how much time I've been putting in to promote loyalty to your store for free. If we want to keep costs down, I suggest Edgardo or you complete the Professor Application and take on these responsibilities.

If you'd like, I'd be happy to include the Canadian RPC in a virtual meeting with you both so he can share insights from stores across Canada, not just Ontario.

Here's the Discord link: <https://discord.gg/tSUKKPvDyc>

We should have at least four people to launch the Go Challenge on August 9th. The Community Ambassador for Pokemon Go in London is also promoting the event. However, I suggested a cap of 32 to be safe.

Talk soon,

Greg

Gmail - Update

On Jul 17, 2025, at 12:34 AM, Edgardo Alvarez <ea.collectibles.service@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Greg,

Thank you for the update.

Thank you for performing the reporting and doing the challenge the other day. So we have adapted our strategy going forward regarding play packs and will only give them to 1,2,3 place and at our cost will provide the players with a normal pack for participating.

Thank you for creating the discord server, please provide the link to join.Regarding Pokemon GO what would the expected turnout be?

We are always committed to providing \$0 entry fees whenever possible, this promotes the store and encourages customer loyalty. on pre-releases we charge because there is a cost to the product. We understand that there is an expected cost to pay a Judge for events.Obviously whenever possible we wish to minimize this cost, especially during the slower summer months.

The dates you've chosen as fine, once they are sanctioned let me know and I will load them onto the events page of the website.

John

On Tue, Jul 15, 2025 at 6:49 AM Greg Jacobs (FragginWagon) <greg.r.jacobs@gmail.com> wrote:
Hey John and Edgardo

I have a few updates so ill bullet them for my clarity

- Updated the Play!Pokemon site times to be in line with times on your website so people can use the barcode to checking Sunday from 12pm-4pm as well as Monday from 6pm till 9pm

- Reporting for the TCG Challenge is done with 18 attendees playing in two divisions

- Looking to August I am going to Sanction a separate tournament for Monday August 11th Starting at 5PM which will not give CP but help celebrate Worlds that coming weekend and I leave Wednesday for it so the Monday works perfect for that. This event should probably be paid and I am working on getting some people from Go to come

out and compete as well. There will be benefits to attending and something special from TPCi for the winner of the tournaments

- I am looking at Aug 25th for the Next TCG Challenge and will send an update for adding a Go Challenge as soon as I can find a time that works for most of those players so it will successfully launch (

- I created a discord server for the league that will help speed up deck list creation and submission as well as be able to post pairings and end of round results to the players in the challenges and cups

If you want to print this and share it at casual play nights so those that might start attending are in it already it would be appreciated otherwise I can just bring a QR code for the events and have them join then

- For prize packs

- I think the last shipment was 200 packs and I need to know how and what they were used for to figure out why we have not had any for the last two months.

- Series 7 packs will be allowed to be distributed as of August 14th and I can make sure the store has some for casual play but we need to figure out what the old format was for handing them out for a quarters worth of packs gone with no packs for two months and see if we need to adjust as I will be keeping some for the Cups and Challenges where all participants will get one for entering (assuming we have them pay for cups and challenges) and then packs for top prizing

- For Entry Fees to Cups and Challenges

- I would strongly consider implementing this not as a purchasable item and tracked inventory but instead as creating a pool of money for the event that can go towards purchasing packs from the stores inventory that can be used as incentive for top placing competitors

- It would also make it easier to set money aside to comp the work being done to actually run these events

- It looks like on store finder challenges are anywhere between \$10-\$20 depending on prizing wanting to offer. All players would get a league prize pack for playing and registering and then additional league prize packs for top 3

- For Cups we can discuss when we have been enabled for that

- Not sure what pack single costs look like for EA but is a good baseline to start with and some stores also offer store credit as another potential option

- Go Challenge

- I am looking at getting a Go Challenge for August

Gmail - Update

9th (Saturday) to start at around 6:15-6:30PM and am thinking of saying it is \$10 for the entry fee

Information you could share if you know people interested would be

- Swiss Tournament, Bring 6 Show 3 format in the Great League
- Players are encouraged to fill out the Pokémon go team list and bring in or come early to do at the store - <https://www.pokemon.com/static-assets/content-assets/cms2/pdf/play-pokemon/rules/pokemon-go-team-list-2024-en.pdf>
- Bring Your Own Device!!
- Entry will be \$10 per person
- Prizing goes to top 3 player
- 1st - 3 Prize Packs
- 2nd - 2 Prize Packs
- 3rd - 1 Prize Packs
- Player cap will be 32 Trainers

Sorry for the long list but I think that covers most of it

Discord Server - EA Collectibles League



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