

# POKÉMON

## Sword & Shield

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# A QUICK INTRO

As I couldn't find one single document including all information on the upcoming Pokémon games, I made this for myself. I decided to share this with the community to clear some things up about the games. They're quite promising if you look a little closer.

This is a summary of all information about Sword and Shield I could find online. Taken from various interviews, trailers, articles, etc. ...

Contrary to popular belief, the game looks promising. Comparing it to the last release of a main Pokémon game surprised me. Don't forget the first (5<sup>th</sup> of June) trailer with the infamous tree or wingull animation was released almost half a year before the games' release (15<sup>th</sup> of November). The footage wasn't final and things are improving, as can be seen in the new (7<sup>th</sup> of August) trailer.

While there are tons of theories and "leaks" floating around, I only wanted to use the confirmed stuff in this summary, as not to spread misinformation.

Keep in mind some of the information on here might change.

# GALAR REGION

## MAP DESIGN



Sword & Shield takes place in a region based on the UK, called Galar. The map looks to be the biggest one in the franchise yet.

(Full map on page 4)



In Galar, there is a “wild area” where different wild pokémon can be found depending on the weather.







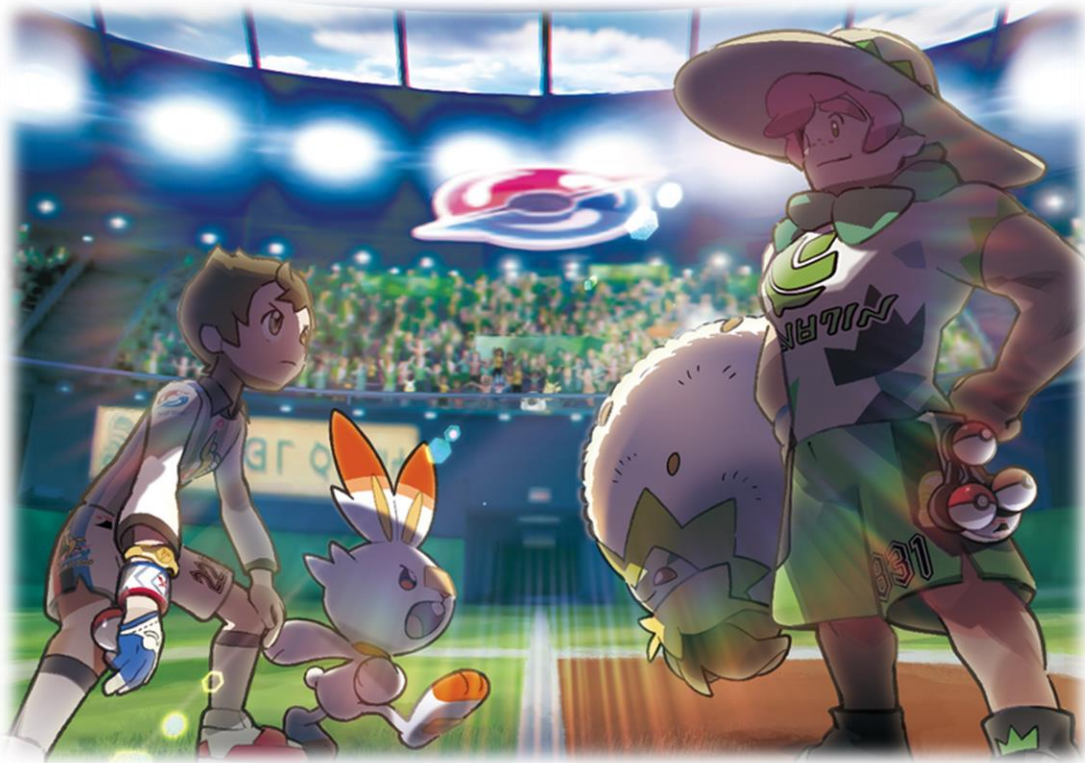




## GALAR LEAGUE

### Gyms

Gyms in the Galar league are humongous compared to gyms from the last generations. This time around, there's an audience, and a big one at that. Battles with the gym leader happen in stadiums.



## Gym Leaders



**Milo**

Grass-Type trainer

Eldegoss (Dynamax)



**Nessa**

Water-Type trainer

*Drednaw (Dynamax)*



**Bea (Sword exclusive)**

Fighting-Type trainer

*Hitmontop*



**Allister (Shield exclusive)**

Ghost-Type trainer

*Mimikyu*



## Champion



## **Leon**

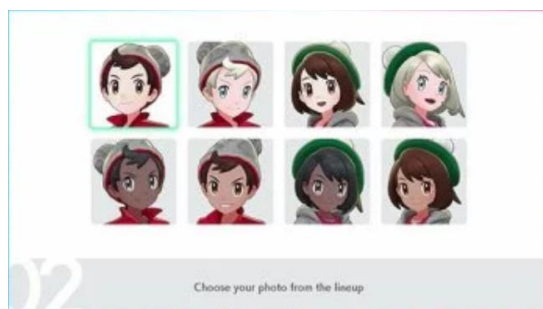
### *Charizard*

- The current champion of the Galar League.
- Hop's (one of your rivals) older brother.
- Used to be Sonia's (the professor's granddaughter) rival.

# MAIN CHARACTERS

## PROTAGONIST

These are the character models for the main protagonist. You are able to choose an appearance at the start. Character customisation (clothes, etc.) will be possible.



## RIVALS

### *Hop*



Hop is your neighbour and first rival. He dreams to become champion of the Galar League, just like his brother, Leon.

Hop starts his adventure on the same day as you and will pick the starter that's weak to yours.

### *Bede*



Bede is the smug one amongst your rivals. He is a proud and strong trainer. Since he received his endorsement from Galar League Chairman Rose and secretary Oleana, Bede joined the Gym Challenge.

Besides from wanting the champion title, Bede appears to have more objectives.



## **Marnie**



Your third rival's name is Marnie, another strong candidate for the Galar champion title.

Marnie has a cult-like following, known as Team Yell. Trying to help their idol become champion, they are to be the new Team Rocket.

Marnie has a Morpeko on her side.

## OTHERS

### *Team Yell*



This is what Marnie's idol fanbase that follows her everywhere looks like.

They're a group of troublemakers trying to sabotage you in every way they can, to make their one and only goal come true: Marnie becoming champion.

### *Professor Magnolia*



This is Galar's professor, Magnolia. Her research involves Dynamax.

Professor Magnolia has a granddaughter, Sonia, who also acts as her assistant.

## **Sonia**



Trainer and researcher Sonia used to be the childhood friend and rival to Galar's current champion, Leon.

Now, Sonia acts as an assistant to her grandmother, Professor Magnolia.

## **Leon**



This is Leon, Hop's older brother and champion of the Galar League. He's loved by the masses and never lost an official battle.

Thanks to his skill and personality, he got dubbed "The greatest Trainer in all of Galar".

Leon has a Charizard in his party.



## **Chairman Rose**



This suave-looking gentleman is Rose, the chairman of the Galar League.

He has a secretary, Oleana.

## **Oleana**



Oleana used to be a researcher. She invented the Dynamax Band.

Now she is Chairman Rose's secretary and vice-president.

# GENERATION 8

# POKÉMON

## **POKÉDEX INFORMATION**

Sword and Shield unfortunately do not have a National Dex. However, certain pokémon from older generations will appear in the games' Regional Dex, some receiving a Galarian makeover.

## **GIGANTAMAX FORMS**

Generation 8 introduces Dynamaxing Pokémon. Dynamaxed Pokémon get bigger, better, and receive new moves.

A more extreme version of Dynamax is Gigantamax. While all Pokémon can Dynamax, only a few individuals from certain species can Gigantamax. Dynamaxing these select few Pokémon will make them Gigantamax.

Not only does Gigantamaxing your Pokémon give them the Dynamax buffs, their appearance also changes vastly.

More information on this feature on page 24.

## STARTERS

### *Grookey*



**Type: Grass**

**Ability: Overgrow**

### *Scorbunny*



**Type: Fire**

**Ability: Blaze**

### *Sobble*



**Type: Water**

**Ability: Torrent**

## LEGENDARIES

### Sword's Legendary

#### **Zacian**



Zacian is Pokémon Sword's legendary and thus the game's mascot, appearing on the boxart.



### Shield's Legendary

#### **Zamazenta**



Zamazenta is Pokémon Shield's legendary and thus the game's mascot, appearing on the boxart.





## OTHER REGIONALS

### **Alcremie**



Type: Fairy

Ability: Sweet Veil



Gigantamax Alcremie

### **Corviknight**



Type : Flying, Steel

Ability: Pressure / Unnerve



Gigantamax Corviknight

### **Drednaw**



Type: Water, Rock

Ability: Strong Jaw / Shell Armor



Gigantamax Drednaw

## **Duraludon**



Type: Steel, Dragon

Ability: Heavy Metal / Light Metal

## **Gossifleur → Eldegoss**



Gossifleur



Eldegoss

Type: Grass

Ability: Cotton Down / Regenerator

## **Impidimp**



Type: Dark, Fairy

## **Morpeko**



Full Belly mode

Type: Electric, Dark

Ability: Hunger Switch



Hangry Mode

**Zigzagoon → Linoone → Obstagoon**



Type: Dark, Normal

**Rolycoly**



Type: Rock

Ability: Steam Engine / Heatproof

**Wooloo**



Type: Normal

Ability: Fluffy / Run Away

**Yamper**



Type: Electric

Ability: Ball Fetch

## GALARIAN FORMS OF RETURNING POKÉMON

### ***(Galarian) Koffing → Weezing***



**Type: Poison, Fairy**

(Galarian Koffing has not been revealed/confirmed yet, keep in mind we did not get an Alolan Cubone, Pikachu or Exeggcute either.)

*contribution by u/wrethliq*

### ***Zigzagoon → Linoone → Obstagoon***



**Type: Dark, Normal**



## OTHER CONFIRMED RETURNING POKÉMON

- *Charmander* → *Charmeleon* → *Charizard*
- *Caterpie* → *Metapod* → *Butterfree*
- *Pichu* → *Pikachu* → *Raichu*
- *Cleffa* → *Clefairy* → *Clefable*
- *Vulpix* → *Ninetales*
- *Diglett* → *Dugtrio*
- *Growlithe* → *Arcanine*
- *Machop* → *Machoke* → *Machop*
- *Gastly* → *Haunter* → *Gengar*
- *Onix* → *Steelix*
- *Tyrogue* → *Hitmonlee* / *Hitmonchan* / *Hitmontop*
- *Rhyhorn* → *Rhydon* → *Rhyperior*
- *Goldeen* → *Seaking*
- *Magikarp* → *Gyarados*
- *Lapras*
- *Eevee* → *eeveelutions*
- *Munchlax* → *Snorlax*
- *Mew*
- *Hoothoot* → *Noctowl*
- *Chinchou* → *Lanturn*
- *Togepi* → *Togetic* → *Togekiss*
- *Wooper* → *Quagsire*
- *Wynaut* → *Wobuffet*
- *Sneasel* → *Weavile*
- *Mantyke* → *Mantine*
- *Larvitar* → *Pupitar* → *Tyranitar*
- *Lotad* → *Lombre* → *Ludicolo*
- *Wingull* → *Pelipper*
- *Ralts* → *Kirlia* → *Gardevoir* / *Gallade*
- *Electrike* → *Manectric*
- *Budew* → *Roselia* – *Roserade*
- *Wailmer* → *Wailord*
- *Trapinch* → *Vibrava* → *Flygon*
- *Feebas* → *Milotic*
- *Duskull* → *Dusclops* – *Dusknoir*
- *Snorunt* → *Glalie* / *Froslass*
- *Combee* → *Vespiqueen*
- *Drifloon* → *Drifblim*
- *Bronzor* → *Bronzong*

- **Riolu → Lucario**
- **Hippopotas → Hippowdon**
- **Croagunk → Toxicroak**
- **Snover → Abomasnow**
- **Purrloin → Liepard**
- **Roggenrola → Boldore → Gigalith**
- **Woobat → Swoobat**
- **Tympole → Palpitoad → Seismitoad**
- **Sawk**
- **Maractus**
- **Trubbish → Garbodor**
- **Minccino → Cincino**
- **Solosis → Duosion → Reuniclus**
- **Vanillite → Vanillish → Vanilluxe**
- **Frillich → Jellicent**
- **Joltik → Galvantula**
- **Ferroseed → Ferrothorn**
- **Axew → Fraxure → Haxorus**
- **Golett → Golurk**
- **Rufflet → Braviary**
- **Deino → Zweilous → Hydreigon**
- **Bunnelby → Diggersby**
- **Pancham → Pangoro**
- **Espurr → Meowstic**
- **Swirlix → Slurpuff**
- **Inkay → Malamar**
- **Helioptile → Heliosk**
- **Hawlucha**
- **Goomy → Sliggoo → Goodra**
- **Pumpkaboo → Gougeist**
- **Bergmite → Avalugg**
- **Noibat → Noivern**
- **Grubbin → Charjabug → Vikavolt**
- **Wishiwashi → Mareanie → Toxapex**
- **Mudbray → Mudsdaile**
- **Stufful → Bewear**
- **Bounsweet → Steenee → Tsareena**
- **Wimpod → Golisopod**
- **Mimikyu**
- **Jangmo-o → Hakamo-o → Kommo-o**

## **NEW ABILITIES**

With a new generation of Pokémon comes a new generation of abilities. These are the ones that have been revealed as of now.

### **Ball Fetch**

If a Pokémon isn't holding an item, it will fetch a Trainer's first Poké Ball thrown if it failed to catch a Wild Pokémon.

### **Cotton Down**

Lowers an attacking Pokémon's speed stat.

### **Steam Engine**

Increases a Pokémon's speed when hit by a Water/Fire-type move.

### **Hunger Switch**

Changes Morpeko's Form. Changes Morpeko's Aura Wheel attack from Electric-Type to Dark-Type.

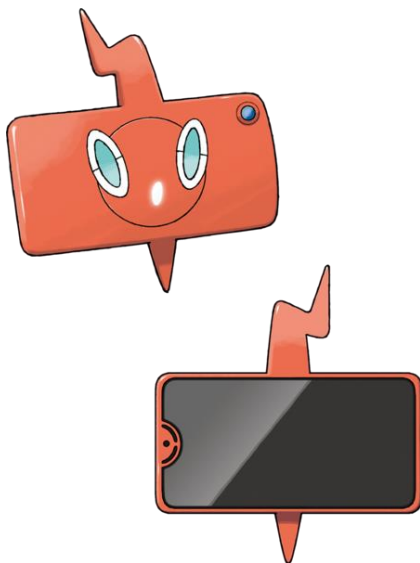
# NEW FEATURES

## ROTOM PHONE

The Rotom Phone serves as a variety of tools. As the name suggests, it's a phone, possessed by a Rotom.

First and foremost, the device acts as your Pokédex.

It is also revealed to have other features, such as attaching it to your bike. Doing so will make your bike faster, or even amphibious.



This could suggest that HMs and generation 7's Ride Pager gets replaced by the Rotom Phone in generation 8.





## ROTOMI AND POKÉJOBS

Galar is introduced as a region where Pokémon and humans combine forces to complete regular, day-to-day jobs. Sword and Shield introduce us to the new feature, called PokéJobs.

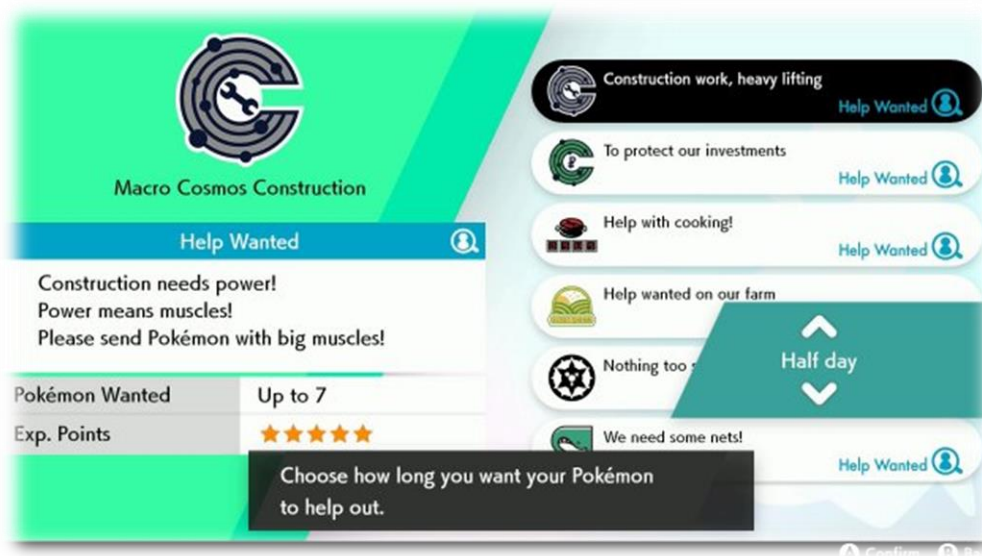
Pokécenters will have a new version of the PC, called a Rotomi. Here they will have access to their boxes, Loto-ID and PokéJobs.



For those unfamiliar with Loto-ID, it is a gamble feature where a random ID number is drawn. You get prizes based on the digits of the IDs of the Pokémon you own.

When at a Rotomi, players can receive and start quests. These quests seem require specific Pokémon, and multiple of them might be sent to the job at the same time. You even get to decide for how long you send your Pokémon to help out.

Jobs will reward your used Pokémon with EXP or base points, depending on the job time. You might even receive rare items.



## WILD AREA

In Sword and Shield there is a transport system available to travel between cities and towns, however, it's not always you want to or even get to use said system. Luckily, there is an area called the Wild Area.

Since it's now possible to move the camera around freely and there will be visible Pokémon, you should be on the constant lookout when in the Wild Area!

Not all Pokémon will be visible, though. In order to keep the suspense before an encounter, random encounters happen, too, by walkin up to an exclamation mark when it appears in tall grass.



Depending on your location and the weather in the Wild Area, the Pokémon that appear will change.

Apparently, Pokémon might be on guard and chase you down. You won't even be able to try to catch the strong ones at the start of your adventure. (Presumably to make sure you don't get too much of a head start)

## DYNAMAX

Generation 8 introduces Dynamaxing Pokémon. Dynamaxed Pokémon get bigger, better, and receive new moves.

*The new moves are called Max Moves. These moves are determined by the moves the Pokémon currently knows.*

### Max Moves

Based on the type of moves currently known by the Pokémon, these are the confirmed Max Moves.

Normal Types: Max Strike / Max Guard

Fighting Type: Max Knuckle

Flying Type: Max Airstream

Rock Type: Max Rockfall

Steel Type: Max Steelspike

Fire Type: Max Flare

Water Type: Max Geyser

Grass Type: Max Overgrowth

Electric Type: Max Lightning

Dark Type: Max Darkness

Fairy Type: Max Starfall

(Status Moves of any Type will turn into Normal Type: Max Guard upon Dynamaxing.) [Contribution by u/dclaud\\_nine](#)

## **Gigantamax**

A more extreme version of Dynamax is Gigantamax. While all Pokémon can Dynamax, only a few individuals, from certain species, can Gigantamax. Dynamaxing these select few Pokémon will make them Gigantamax.

Not only does Gigantamaxing your Pokémon give them the Dynamax buffs, their appearance also changes vastly.

*Last but not least, they receive their G-Max Move, which is determined by the Pokémon species.*

*Gigantamax Pokémon can be caught in Max Raid Battles.*

## **Max Raid Battle**

In the wild area, players can find Raid Beams, visible from a distance. These Raid Beams will start raids similar to Pokémon GO raids. The Raid will be on a Dynamaxed Pokémon, thus the fight will be hard. The Pokémon is determined by the weather.

It is possible for the player to catch the Raid Pokémon, sometimes only after they're defeated. They might be able to Gigantamax!

As is the case in Pokémon GO, you can fight in Raids with other players. Once a player starts a Raid, up to 3 other players can join through the Y-comm via global internet, or local wireless play.

It's possible to start certain Raids using Dynamax Crystals. 2 of which are available through pre-orders.





## Dynamax Band

This new Key Item was invented by Oleana when she was a researcher. Having this item in your possession enables you to Dynamax your Pokémon and to have control over their new Max Moves. The same goes for Gigantamax Pokémon and G-Max Moves.



## Y-COMM

The Y-comm is the gen 8 feature which replaces the wireless play interfaces from previous generations.

In-game, you will receive pop-up notifications when a player makes a wireless multiplayer request. Upon opening the Y-Comm, a list of open requests will appear.



# GAME

# DIFFERENCES

## EXCLUSIVE POKÉMON

As with every generation of Pokémon, there are certain species of Pokémon exclusive to either game. They are as follows:

### Sword

- *Deino* → *Zweilous* → *Hydreigon*
- *Jangmo-o* → *Hakamo-o* → *Kommo-o*

### Shield

- *Larvitar* → *Pupitar* → *Tyranitar*
- *Goomy* → *Sliggoo* → *Goodra*

## EXCLUSIVE GYM LEADERS

Sword and Shield are the first games to have exclusive gym leaders. While not all leaders differ, we do know of Bea and Allister, who replace each other in Sword and Shield respectively.



***Bea (Sword exclusive)***

Fighting-Type trainer

*Hitmontop*



***Allister (Shield exclusive)***

Ghost-Type trainer

*Mimikyu*

# **CREDIBLE LEAKS**

(SUGGESTED BY U/WRETHLIG)

**THIS SECTION WILL BE UPDATED SOON.**

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