

Konami Digital Entertainment, Inc. (KDE-US)
Official KDE-US Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME Tournament Policy
COVID-19 Addendum

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The COVID-19 Addendum to the Official KDE-US Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME (TCG) Tournament Policy document exists to explain Covid-19 tournament policies until further notice.

Please refer to the Official KDE-US Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG Tournament Policy for questions about policy not covered in this Addendum – unless indicated otherwise by this document, events taking place during the Covid-19 pandemic may have a few differences from the Official KDE-US Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG Tournament Policy. In that case, this document supersedes the Tournament Policy document.

Tournament Policy documents help to keep events consistent, so that attendees will always know what to expect at any KDE-US Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG event.

Everyone who attends a KDE-US Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG tournament is expected to read, understand, and adhere to all Tournament Policy and Penalty Guideline documents.

For a complete understanding of tournament policies, please also read these documents:

Official KDE-US Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME Tournament Policy	https://www.yugioh-card.com/en/downloads/penalty_guide/YGOTCG_Policy_v_2_1.pdf
Official KDE-US Tournament Infractions and Penalty Policy	https://www.yugioh-card.com/en/downloads/penalty_guide/Penalty_Guidelines_v_2_1.pdf

Specific events, such as the Yu-Gi-Oh! Championship Series (YCS), Regional Qualifier tournaments, etc., may have standardized Tournament Operation Documents. **Any tournament-specific rules in these Operations Documents will supersede directions given in this policy document.**

Tournament Policy documents will be updated. There is not a set schedule for updates, and the most current version of any KDE-US Tournament Policy document can be found at <https://www.yugioh-card.com/en/gameplay/>.

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I. Duelist Responsibilities

A. Communication

It is always your responsibility to relay accurate information.

You are required to answer completely and honestly all questions relevant to maintaining an accurate Game State or matters of Public Knowledge.

You should clearly communicate your actions during game play and ask questions of your opponent or a tournament official if you are unsure about something.

You are obligated to immediately notify your opponent (and a judge, if necessary) if your opponent fails to follow any game rules, including effects they may be playing incorrectly.

Avoid touching any of your opponent's cards or items whenever possible. If you need to check card text, you can:

- Ask your opponent to hold the card up for you to read
- Use NEURON to look up the card text

Always ask for permission before touching any of your opponent's belongings.

You should request the assistance of a judge at the time an issue arises, rather than afterwards.

You may not retract moves once you have committed to them.

- Committing to a move includes, but is not limited to, verbally stating or announcing an action, or removing your hand from a card.

If your verbal statement contradicts an action you take in the game, and the verbal statement is a legal play or action, the verbal statement overrules the action you performed. If you take an action in the game that turns out to be illegal, call for a judge. The judge can assess the situation, allow the retraction, and issue the appropriate penalty.

B. Hygiene

You should carry alcohol-based hand sanitizer with you and use it frequently throughout the event. Please follow the guidelines established by the World Health Organization (WHO) as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

WHO	https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/events-as-they-happen
CDC	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

If you display any symptoms of illness, do not attend an event. Symptoms of illness include, but are not limited to, fever, cough, dry cough, tiredness, difficulty breathing, chest pain or pressure, etc.

Tournament Organizers may refuse entry into the venue, if you show any symptoms or appear to be ill.

Note that in case entry is refused, KONAMI and/or Tournament Organizers are not liable for any expenses you have incurred in traveling to the event.

C. Social Distancing

You should be aware of the current laws and regulations imposed by your local Governments regarding Covid-19, such as Social Distancing. Please ensure that you follow all regulations required by Tournament Venues.

These rules and regulations include, but are not limited to, restrictions on the number of persons allowed in a venue, distance between persons, and wearing facial protection equipment.

Please ask the Tournament Organizer or event staff if you are unsure about what is required.

Failure to comply with these requirements may result in you being asked to leave the venue.

D. Card Trading

We recommend you always carry hand sanitizer with you and use it frequently.

When trading Cards, ensure that you use hand sanitizer after touching someone else's belongings.

Ask permission before touching anyone else's belongings. Wash your hands frequently and avoid touching your face.

E. Use of Facial Protection Equipment

If your local government laws, KDE-US, or the Tournament Organizer require the use of facial protection equipment inside a venue, it is your responsibility to provide correct equipment and utilize it correctly throughout the duration of your stay indoors.

Facial protection equipment is encouraged, even if your local Government laws, KDE-US, or the Tournament Organizer do not require the use of facial protection equipment inside a venue.

Please note that Facial Protection Equipment must be types recommended by local Governments – medical-grade masks, homemade cotton mouth masks, protective visors, etc. Please do not use items such as costume masks, motorbike helmets, or similar items.

- It is your responsibility to provide the appropriate facial protection. Do not assume these items will be provided to you by the Tournament Organizer.

Failure to properly follow mask requirements can result in penalties, up to and including Disqualification for **Unsporting Conduct – Severe**.

F. Tournament Materials

During the Covid-19 pandemic and until further notice, you should make sure to bring your own tournament materials, and avoid sharing materials, such as pens, dice, counters, Field Center Cards or tokens.

Tournament Material	Description
Paper and pencil/pen	You are required to use paper and a pencil or pen to track Life Points.
Replacement card sleeves	You should have access to additional card sleeves, to replace any sleeves in your Deck that become damaged or otherwise marked during the course of the tournament.
Tokens	Anything used as a Token must meet the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It must be able to indicate ATK position and DEF position. • Non-token cards used as tokens must be marked as tokens, by writing “Token” on the face of the card itself. The word “Token” must be clearly and immediately visible, so as not to create a misleading game state. • Non-token cards that are specifically prohibited by Tournament Policy (such as non-token OCG cards not marked as Tokens, or cards not marked as Tokens that state they cannot be used in a Duel), cannot be used as tokens. • Items that could be mistaken for other game elements, are overly large, could damage cards or other tournament property, or contain offensive text or images cannot be used as tokens, even if they have been labeled as tokens. • The Head Judge will serve as the final arbiter of token legality.
Dice	Dice must be unweighted, with clear and readable markings. Dice that are overly large, could damage cards or other tournament property, or contain offensive images or text cannot be used.
Counters	Counters must be items that cannot be confused with other game elements. Items that are overly large, could damage cards or other tournament property, or contain offensive text or images cannot be used.
Coins	Coins must be unweighted, with clear and readable markings. Coins that are overly large, could damage cards or other tournament property, or contain offensive images or text cannot be used.
Field Center Card/Marker	You are encouraged to use a Field Center Card/Marker, to clarify the position of cards on the field. Field Center Cards/Markers cannot be items that could be confused for other game elements, such as Token cards, or other official Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG cards. Field Center Cards/Markers that are overly large, could damage cards or other tournament property, or contain offensive text or images cannot be used. Both Duelists should agree on the Field Center position prior to the start of the Match.
Game Mat	Game Mats are not required for tournament play. Game Mats must fit within the space allotted to you. Game Mats that are overly large, could damage cards or other tournament property, or contain offensive text or images cannot be used.
Smartphone - NEURON Support App *NEW*	You may use KONAMI’s Support app – NEURON - at Tier 1 events with the understanding that you will use it ONLY for the purpose of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Life Point Tracking using the Life Points function (you must also keep a paper record of Life Point changes) - Camera Search for translations - Determining who goes first

II. Tournament Play

A. Shuffling

Your Deck must be randomized using an accepted shuffling method (riffle, pile, Hindu, etc.) and then cut. This must be done at the start of every Duel, and whenever a game mechanic requires you to shuffle your Deck.

You must thoroughly randomize (shuffle) your Deck where your opponent can see.

- You cannot check or arrange any cards while shuffling.
- You cannot pre-sort your Deck (sorting Monsters/Spells/Traps, etc.) without thoroughly shuffling the Deck afterwards.

Your opponent must not touch your Deck for randomization. Instead, your opponent should instruct you to randomize your Deck, as well as cut it if necessary as they wish. This reduces the contact your opponent has with any of your belongings.

The owner may then “cut” their own Deck. If they do, they must ask their opponent if they wish for the Deck to have another cut. No additional randomization may be done to the Deck after this point.

- When you have completed your randomization, place your Deck in the Deck Zone, and notify your opponent that you are finished. By this action, you agree that you have sufficiently randomized your Deck and that your Deck is legal and matches your Deck List.

After both Decks have been shuffled and placed in the Deck Zone, both Duelists should ensure that all Deck elements are placed in their respective zones.

Both Duelists should count out their Side Decks in view of their opponent, to confirm how many cards are there.

You are not required to keep your Side Deck on the table, it can be returned to the Card Case for safekeeping.

If the Side Deck is kept in the Card Case, the Card Case must be kept on the table in view of both Duelists.

B. Use of KONAMI Support App – NEURON

Neuron is a smartphone app issued by Konami, containing a number of useful Duel functions. Neuron has an offline mode, which includes (but is not limited to) a Life Point application, coin flip and dice roll application, and a Camera Search feature; and an online mode, which includes (but is not limited to) Card Database access, Forbidden and Limited List access, and News and other announcements.

During a Match, Duelists must turn off Neuron's sound effects and music.

During a Match in a Sanctioned or Official tournament, Neuron may be used in offline mode **for the following functions only:**

- Life Point calculation (Duelists must also keep a paper record of Life Points)
- Dice rolls/coin flips
- Camera Search for card translations

Online functions, including News, Card Database searches, or accessing the Forbidden and Limited list; may not be utilized during a Match.

III. Reporting the Match Results

A. Reporting the Match Result

The winning Duelist is responsible for accurately reporting the result of a Match.

Some events may decide not to use paper Match slips in order to minimize contact with items and maintain Social Distancing. Consult with the Tournament Organizer to learn how Match results will be handled at the event.

Match Results cannot be altered once they have been submitted.