

Let's talk about... **TEAM NEUTRAL!**

### **Doesn't the game force you to pick between Insight/Mystic/Valor?**

Actually... no, you only need to pick a team to fight in gyms. You can even back out of the decision by closing the app if you haven't made your mind up. But, team neutral isn't about avoiding Pokemon battles. Choose whichever main team you want, you can still fight for Team Neutral!

### **So, what does Team Neutral actually stand for?**

Members of team neutral believe that everyone can have fun with pokemon, and that our shared enjoyment of the game is more important than which team you play for. Rather than striving for dominance over the gym system, they work to help out other trainers any way they can.

### **But, I want to fight in gym battles and get pokecoins, doesn't Team Neutral make that impossible?**

Members of Team Neutral fight in gym battles just like everyone else, and they can also leave defenders to claim their daily rewards. However once a trainer claims their defender bonus they have to wait 21 hours before they can claim another. In areas with lots of active trainers, it's very unlikely that any defenders placed during this time will remain until the next day.

During this time, rather than trying to bolster gyms and leave behind powerful defenders, Team Neutral aims to lower the prestige of gyms until they reach neutral and unclaimed, then simply walk away. Alternatively, some members of Team Neutral like to claim defeated gyms with a single low CP pokemon, ideally a Rattata, Pidgey or Magikarp named "Team Neutral".

### **Why would anyone want to do this?**

There are two good reasons to fight for team Neutral.

Firstly, when your defender is defeated, it's returned to its trainer with 1hp. Trainers save on potions by not leaving defenders (or leaving defenders they plan to trade to the professor)

Secondly, by leaving no defenders or very low CP defenders at a gym, Team Neutral helps new and low level trainers claim gym spots, claim pokecoins and get battle XP, which is difficult to do any of when an area is full of high level Pokemon.

### **What is Team Neutral's mascot?**

Team Neutral does not favour any one approach over any other, so it makes the most sense for its mascot to be a purely "normal type" pokemon.

Team Neutral strives to help out new trainers and underdogs, so it makes sense to choose a common easily found pokemon to represent its creed.

Team Neutral's mascot is the Rattata, and its colour is grey.  
It does not have a gym leader.

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