

## Rush of Ikorr & Neopets Battledome – Remote Play Best Practices

For a successful remote play match, ensure your camera clearly shows your entire field, including all active zones, decks, discard piles, and any removed or set-aside cards, with proper lighting to prevent glare. Cards must remain visible at all times; if any card leaves the view of the camera, it may result in a penalty. Communicate clearly, maintain fair play, and be prepared for any technical interruptions.

### I. Technical Setup

- **Camera Angle:** Position your camera to capture your entire play area, clearly showing all zones/pools, decks, discard piles, and any other active areas used during play. Every card in play must remain visible at all times.
- **Lighting:** Use bright, even lighting to avoid glare and shadows that make cards unreadable. Natural or soft white light works best.
- **Hardware:** A smartphone, tablet, or webcam is required. Use a gooseneck holder or mount to keep your device stable and properly angled.
- **Internet Connection:** A stable, wired internet connection is strongly recommended. Lag or disconnections can result in penalties. Maintaining a reliable connection is part of fair play expectations.
- **Communication Platform:** Use the official platform designated by the Organizer, such as Discord or a provided event link. Ensure your microphone and camera are working before the match begins.
- **Backup Plan:** Have a secondary camera or device ready in case of technical issues. Disconnections can result in penalties. We understand this can be frustrating, but consistent connectivity is required for fair play.

### II. Gameplay & Communication

- **Announce Actions Clearly:** State each phase, action, and effect verbally as you play. For example, say “Draw”, “Train”, “Prep”, or “Battle” for Neopets Battledome TCG and “Start/Secure”, “Draw”, “Action”, or “End” for Rush of Ikorr
- **Offer your opponent to cut your deck by cutting a specified number of cards.**
- **Maintain Visibility:** Always keep both hands visible, and ensure all cards remain within the camera frame. If a card leaves the view, judges may issue a warning or penalty.
- **All Dice Rolls Must Be Seen:** Any dice rolls, coin flips, or randomizations must be performed within the visible play area and clearly shown on camera. If the result is not visible, the roll must be redone.
- **Explain Effects:** Since your opponent cannot read your cards, you must clearly explain effects when requested. Be honest, clear, and patient with card interactions.
  - For Rush of Ikorr TCG, when summoning Champions with Infusions, you must clearly announce what Infusion is tied to the Champion.
- **Track Game State Accurately:** Ikorr Counters and Damage Counters must be updated and visible. Confirm any changes verbally with your opponent.
- **Pausing Play:** If there is a connection issue or confusion, use a clear verbal cue such as “Pause” to stop the game until both players agree to resume.

### III. Deck & Rules

- **Deck List:** Complete your Deck List legibly and ensure it matches the exact deck you are using. Submit your list through the method provided by the Organizer.
- **Know Your Deck:** Players are expected to understand their cards and strategies. Review official rules, FAQs, and card clarifications before the event.
- **Integrity of Play:** Any manipulation of cards, hands, dice, or the game state outside of what is visible on camera may result in a penalty or disqualification. Keep your play area neat, visible, and organized at all times.

#### IV. Sportsmanship

- **Be Courteous:** Treat your opponent, judges, and organizers with respect and professionalism. Maintain a positive attitude during play.
- **Patience and Communication:** Allow for occasional video or audio delays. Clear, calm communication prevents confusion and improves the experience for everyone.
- **Enjoy the Game:** Remote play allows you to connect and compete across distances. Have fun, stay fair, and represent your community with pride.

#### V. Spectators

- **Spectator Conduct:** Spectators are welcome in official Remote Play matches only if permitted by the Organizer or event staff. Spectators must remain silent and neutral during gameplay and may not offer coaching, advice, or commentary that could influence the match outcome.
- **No Interference:** Do not type in chat, react with emojis, or otherwise interrupt the match. Any interference or attempt to influence a game may result in being removed from the event and future events.
- **Reporting Issues:** If a spectator notices a potential rules infraction, cheating, or technical issue, they should report it privately to a judge or moderator with clear details. Do not interrupt the players directly.
- **Respect Privacy:** Spectators may not record, clip, or stream matches without explicit permission from both players and the event Organizer. Unauthorized recording or sharing of gameplay may result in being removed from the event and future events.