

## Bakugan Gameplay FAQ

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### F.A.Q (Frequently Asked Questions)

Refer to the following frequently asked questions to find answers to general issues gameplay issues. As always, refer to the [Bakugan Official Rules](#) to anything not covered in this FAQ.

To search for a specific rule, try using your browsers 'Find' function. Press Ctrl+F then type what you are looking for, such as 'Clear Bakugan'.

#### » General Gameplay Questions «

**\* When is the start of a battle? Is it before the Gate Card is flipped over, or after?**

The "start of a battle" is when two opposing Bakugan stand on a Gate Card. The Card is flipped over THEN brawlers can use their Ability cards.

**\* My ball didn't open up on the card, does it count as standing?**

Yes. This is a reversal from an earlier ruling for those who keep track of such things. The reversal was required due to a couple of Bakugan that take up a lot of space on cards, sometimes stopping any other Bakugan from opening up on the same card. Any time a ball stops moving and is on a Gate card, it counts as standing/open.

**\* Rolling Bakugan is hard. Are there any tips on how to roll them?**

There is one really good trick to getting Bakugan to open up on cards - when you roll the Bakugan "spin" it like a top with the magnet side down while flicking it towards the Gate cards. This small trick greatly helps in getting Bakugan to open up on cards as the magnet will almost always make contact with the metal in any card it touches! Advanced players can use this trick to curve a Bakugan so that it hits the Gate card that is furthest away as well. But the only way to get really good at getting your Bakugan to open up is to practice.

**\* I only have booster packs. How do I play this game?**

Go [here](#) and [download the rules](#).

**\* Can you play with 2 Bakugan that are the same?**

Sure. You'll still need to have 3 to play the game. It is okay if 2 of them are the same or if your opponent has one just like yours.

**\* Who wins in a tie?**

In the event of a tie: The battle is won by the first Bakugan that stood on the Gate card.

**\* Can you use Bakugan of different attributes in a game?**

Absolutely! Some strategies actually depend on using different attributes. Some players prefer to specialize in just one attribute, but there is no reason why you can't play with a variety of them.

**\* Can you play Bakugan with more than 2 players?**

Sure! Check out the multiplayer rules here. They show you how to play with 4 players. If you want to play a 2-on-2 battle like they do on the show, then use the multiplayer set-up, but sit across from your partner. Play as normal, but the first team to capture 3 (or 6 if you prefer) Gate cards wins.

**\* When playing with the Big Game rules, do I also double my Traps?**

Yes! When playing with the Big Game Rules everything gets doubled. Each brawler starts off with 6 Bakugan, 6 Gate Cards, 6 Ability Cards, and can have 2 Traps.

**\* What is Tournament Rules play?**

Tournament play is an exciting and challenging next step for those seeking Bakugan mastery.

There's only one rule that's different in Tournament Rules play, but it is important to know what it is before you play.

As you know in regular play, when two Bakugan are in battle both receive the Gate Attribute bonus.

In Tournament play, only one Bakugan receives the Gate attribute bonus and that is the Bakugan in battle with the LOWER printed G-Power.

If the Bakugan in battle are tied with the lowest printed G-Power then they both get the Gate attribute bonus.

**» Traps FAQ «**

**\* What is a Bakugan Trap?**

Normal Bakugan are round and they roll. Bakugan Traps are not round. They come in all kinds of shapes and sizes like football, pyramid, coin, cube, drum, and tetradecahedron.

**\* How many Bakugan Trap can I use in a game?**

You can use up to one Trap in your unused pile at the start of a game. It goes in with your three Gate cards, three ability cards, and three Bakugan.

**\* How do you play a Bakugan Trap?**

You may play one of your Trap during a battle as long as the Trap and Bakugan have the same attribute. For example, if you are using a Pyrus Bakugan in that battle you need to use a Pyrus Trap.

To play your Trap during a battle, take it from your unused pile and drop it onto the Gate Card engaged in battle. When it opens up you will see one or more attribute symbols revealed inside it. You will now change the attribute of your Bakugan to any one of the attributes printed inside your Trap.

Some Bakugan Trap have one hidden attribute symbol. Some have two hidden attribute symbols or more.

Only when you've run out of Bakugan in your unused pile and are about to roll should you move your Trap back to your unused pile.

Also included with your Bakugan Trap are their very own ability cards. When you combine the affects of the Trap with the affects of their Ability Cards the power can be devastating.

Download the latest official Bakugan rules [here](#).

**\* How come some Traps have a repeated attribute? Does it do anything special?**

Traps with duplicate attributes printed on them do nothing extra special. They work the same as a regular Trap.

**» Special Treatment Bakugan FAQ «**

**\* What is a Special Treatment Bakugan?**

A Special Treatment Bakugan is any Bakugan that doesn't look like a normal Bakugan OR it is any Bakugan that has a special feature. So, that would include Bakugan like; Pearl, Translucent, Dual Attribute, Heavy Metal, Clear and anything sold in the "Special Attack" packages.

**\* When do you pick the attribute of an attribute changing Bakugan (Clear, Dual, and Translucent)?**

Attributes are determined at the start of a battle (in other words, when the Gate Card is flipped over.)

**Clear Bakugan**

**\* How do I use a Clear Bakugan?**

At the beginning of a battle, Clear Bakugan take on the attribute of your opponent's Bakugan. If both players have a clear Bakugan they both get to pick which attribute they want for that battle.

**\* How do I use a Clear Bakugan when battling a Dual Attribute Bakugan?**

The Clear Bakugan will take on the attribute that is decided when your opponent pick's the attribute for their Dual Attribute Bakugan.

**\* How do I use a Clear Bakugan against a Translucent Bakugan?**

The Clear Bakugan will take on the attribute that is decided when your opponent picks the attribute for their Translucent Bakugan.

**\* When does a Clear Bakugan change its attribute?**

Clear Bakugan take the attribute of their opponent at the start of the battle. They do not constantly change as their opponent changes.

**\* Can a Clear Bakugan change its attribute more than once in a battle?**

No. You can only take on an attribute change once during a battle. They do not constantly change as their opponent changes.

## **Pearl Bakugan**

**\* How do I use a Pearl Bakugan?**

Pearl Bakugan can either take on their regular G-Power bonus on a Gate Card OR the highlighted Gate bonus... whichever one you decide!

## **Translucent Bakugan**

**\* How do I use a Translucent Bakugan?**

At the start of a battle, the owner of the Translucent Bakugan may choose to either keep their attribute OR take on the attribute of their opponent.

**\* How do I use a Translucent Bakugan against a Clear Bakugan?**

Since a Translucent Bakugan can't take on the attribute of an attribute-less Bakugan, you must use the attribute that the Translucent Bakugan is.

**\* How do I use a Translucent Bakugan against a Dual Bakugan?**

After your opponent determines the attribute of their Dual Bakugan, you may choose which attribute to use: your original attribute or your opponent's determined attribute.

## **Dual Attribute Bakugan**

### **\* How do I use a Dual Attribute Bakugan?**

At the beginning of battle, the player who has the Dual Attribute Bakugan gets to choose from the two attributes on the Bakugan they want.

### **\* Does a Dual Attribute Bakugan get two bonuses when processing G-Power bonuses?**

No. A Dual Attribute Bakugan can only be one attribute at any given time.

If you have a Dual attribute Bakugan in a battle, and it is (for example) currently an Aquos, then it only counts as a single attribute Bakugan giving a single G-Power bonus. If you have a Dual Bakugan in your used or unused pile, you can pick either of the attributes for a single G-Power bonus, but you cannot pick both for a double bonus.

This may get a little wonky in some situations. You may need to determine the attribute of a Dual, or other attribute changing Bakugan, at the beginning of the battle for certain cards that may be played that reference to the attributes of Bakugan not currently in battle.

Lastly, a Clear Bakugan in a used or unused pile would not count as having ANY attribute until it is given one in a battle.

## **Special Attack Bakugan**

### **\* What are Special Attack Bakugan?**

Special Attack Bakugan are the same round shape as a regular Bakugan ball, but have special features that add to the overall drama and intensity of each battle.

### **\* How do I use a Special Attack Bakugan?**

When it comes to gameplay, Special Attack Bakugan are played just like any other Bakugan, but they are just more fun!

## **White Naga**

### **\* How do I use a White Naga?**

White Naga uses the highlighted G-Power Gate bonus on the Gate Card in battle to determine its Attribute for the match.

## **BakuCrystal**

### **\* How do I use a BakuCrystal Bakugan?**

At the start of a battle, this Bakugan changes its attribute to its opponent's attribute. If both brawlers have a BakuCrystal Bakugan in play, then both players get to pick which attribute their Bakugan will be. A BakuCrystal Bakugan functions the same as a Clear Bakugan. For more information, refer to the Clear Bakugan ruling above it is the same for both Bakugan variants.

## **BakuFrost Bakugan**

### **\* How do I use a BakuFrost Bakugan?**

These Bakugan can either take on their regular G-Power bonus on a Gate Card OR the highlighted Gate bonus... whichever one you decide! BakuFrost Bakugan function the same as BakuPearl and Pearl Bakugan. For more information, refer to the Pearl Bakugan ruling above as it is the same for all three Bakugan variants.

## **BakuLyte Bakugan**

### **\* How do I use a BakuLyte Bakugan?**

At the start of a battle, the owner of the BakuLyte Bakugan may choose to either keep their attribute OR take on the attribute of their opponent. BakuLyte Bakugan function the same as BakuNeon, BakuSolar and Translucent Bakugan. For more information, refer to the Translucent Bakugan ruling above as it is the same for all four Bakugan variants.

## **BakuMutation Bakugan**

### **\* How do I use a BakuMutation Bakugan?**

At the start of a battle, the owner of the BakuMutation Bakugan may choose to change the Bakugan's attribute to that of its opponent ONLY IF the opposing Bakugan is a Special Treatment Bakugan.

## **BakuNeon Bakugan**

### **\* How do I use a BakuNeon Bakugan?**

At the start of a battle, the owner of the BakuNeon Bakugan may choose to either keep their attribute OR take on the attribute of their opponent. BakuNeon Bakugan function the same as BakuLyte, BakuSolar and Translucent Bakugan. For more information, refer to the BakuLyte and Translucent Bakugan rulings above as it is the same for all four Bakugan variants.

## **BakuPearl Bakugan**

### **\* How do I use a BakuPearl Bakugan?**

These Bakugan can either take on their regular G-Power bonus on a Gate Card OR the highlighted Gate bonus... whichever one you decide! BakuPearl Bakugan function the same as BakuFrost and Pearl Bakugan. For more information, refer to the BakuFrost and Pearl Bakugan rulings above as it is the same for all three Bakugan variants.

## **BakuSolar Bakugan**

### **\* How do I use a BakuSolar Bakugan?**

At the start of a battle, the owner of the BakuSolar Bakugan may choose to either keep their attribute OR take on the attribute of their opponent. BakuSolar Bakugan function the same as BakuLyte, BakuNeon and Translucent Bakugan. For more information, refer to the BakuLyte, BakuNeon and Translucent Bakugan rulings above as it is the same for all four Bakugan variants.

## **» General Card Questions «**

### **\* A Gate Card refers to Bakugan of different 'color'. What does this mean?**

Basically, 'color' means 'attribute'. Please treat the special instructions that refer to 'color' as meaning 'attribute'.

### **\* A Gate Card refers to Bakugan of different 'type'. What does this mean?**

Basically, 'type' means the different breed of the Bakugan, such as a Preyas, Drago, Skyress, Terrorclaw, etc.

### **\* Can I play with both Series 1 and Series 2 cards?**

Sure. As long as you and your opponent both agree, feel free to use both cards. A few of the Series 1 Gate cards will be over-powered if you play this way, but they will still work. If you decide to go this route, try to ignore HSP and stick with the Series 2 victory condition of winning three Gate cards. Over time, you'll likely stop using Series 1 cards as the game moves forward and more brawlers play with Series 2 rules. Series 1 Bakugan will work well in either set of rules.

### **\* Can I play with all of my Gate and Ability cards?**

The current rules are that you play with 3 gate and 3 ability cards. This makes choosing what to play with an important part of your strategy. However, if you and your opponent agree, you can play however you want.

**\* Does a Gate or Ability Card that mentions a Bakugan type also work for other forms of that Bakugan? (For example, does the Ingram Gate Card work with a Boost Ingram?)?**

Yes AND no! Yes - Any Gate or Ability Card that states a general type of Bakugan (such as cards affecting an Ingram) will work on all other versions of that Bakugan (such as Cosmic Ingram and Boost Ingram). No - However, if a Gate or Ability Card states an affect on a specific evolution of a Bakugan (such as the card Death From Above which calls out a Boost Ingram) it does not work with other forms of Ingram (such as Ingram and Cosmic Ingram).

**\* I have a card that says something about all Bakugan "with special treatments", what are those?**

A special treatment Bakugan is any that doesn't look "normal." This would include any clear, translucent, pearly, heavy metal, reverse attribute, dual attribute, etc. Basically, if the attribute is made of normal colored plastic then it is a normal treatment Bakugan. The attribute switching Preyas is not a special treatment as it is made out of the correct color of plastic, but the clear version is in fact a special treatment Bakugan.

**\* How can I tell the difference between an Ability card and a Gate card?**

Gate cards have metal in the middle of them. They don't bend and are much heavier. Ability cards bend and feel like a normal playing card.

**\* How do you know what color your Gate and Ability cards are?**

A card's color is decided by the "frame color." This is the color that is behind the card's name. The colors of Gate Cards are Gold, Silver and Bronze. The colors of Ability Cards are Red, Blue and Green.

**\* If a card refers to the 'lowest printed G-Power' does altering the G-Power of a Bakugan modify this rule?**

No, if a card directs you to use the 'lowest *printed* G-Power' always refer to the printed G-Power, regardless of its modification from Ability cards.

## » Gate Card Questions «

**\* The Rainbow Gate Card is confusing. How do I use it?**

Each Bakugan gets a G-Power bonus for each different attribute that the owner is using in the game. Basically, the word 'color' means 'attribute'. The Season 1 Rainbow Gate Card can be quite confusing with its wording. The Season 2 version has been modified to help brawlers understand how to use it.

**\* What is the highlight around one of the attribute bonuses on the Gate card for?**

The highlighted (or glowing) attribute is used for White Naga and Pearl Bakugan. White Naga uses the highlighted G-Power Gate bonus to determine its Attribute. Pearl Bakugan can either take on their regular G-Power bonus on a Gate Card OR the highlighted Gate bonus... whichever one you decide!

**\* When I win a battle, do I get to keep my opponent's Gate Card and/or Bakugan forever?**

Definitely not! The gate cards are used to keep track of who is winning (first player to win 3 battles wins the game), but after the game, all game pieces are given back to their owners.

**\* Does a player need to "activate" a Gate card?**

No. Gate cards are turned over and used when a battle occurs. A battle happens any time two Bakugan from different players open on the same card. That said, the Gate's attribute bonus is only granted at the end of a battle after all the players have used all the Ability cards that they want.

**\* If my opponent has a Gate card that says his Bakugan gets the gate bonus an extra time, does that mean that I don't get a bonus at all?**

No. You get your bonus as normal. Your opponent gets their normal bonus and then gets their normal bonus a second time.

**\* Do Gate cards get replaced after they are won?**

Players put out new Gate cards only when there are no Gate cards left in the Field. There are some effects that allow Gate cards to be played to the field in other circumstances. However, in general, Gate cards only get played when there are none left in the field.

**» Ability Card Questions «**

**\* When I play an ability card that gives a G-Power bonus does my opponent also get the bonus?**

No. The card should be clear as to how the gameplay will work. For instance, it may say "Your Bakugan gains G-Power based on its Attribute." This only affects your Bakugan.

**\* How many times can I use an Ability card in a game?**

Once. Then they go to your "Used Pile." There are some clever ways to get a card back from your used pile to use again, but generally, just one use of an ability card per game is allowed.

**\* When I play the Doom card do I get to keep my opponent's Bakugan for**

**good?**

No. The Doom card just takes your opponent's Bakugan out of the game, not into your pocket!

**\* Do Ability cards that offer bonus based on Gate card G-Power bonuses stack?**

No, they do not. For example, if a Gate card had 200 G-Power and the Ability card doubled that, you would get 400 G-Power. If your opponent threw down the same card, he would only get 400 G-Power as well since the Ability card boosts Gate card G-Power, not Gate + Ability combined.

## » Bakugan Questions «

### **Reverse Color Bakugan**

**\*Do Reverse Color Bakugan do anything special in battle?**

No. Reverse Color Bakugan do not have any special rule. They just look really cool!

**\* What is the best/most powerful/coolest/most awesome Bakugan?**

The one that wins the battle! Every Bakugan is good at different times if you use it well. The highest G-Power Bakugan is generally considered the "best" but there are lots of times when smaller is better. Even the lowest G-Power Bakugan can win on Duck and Win.

**\* How do I use the attribute switching Preyas?**

Use it as normal. Each time it opens up, it will change to a new attribute. The player doesn't get to change it by hand during the game by spinning it - it will change all by itself. Whatever attribute symbol is shown when it opens is the one it is for that battle.

**\* How many different Bakugan are there?**

There are 48 different Bakugan types for Season 1:

1. Reaper
2. Battletron
3. Fear Ripper
4. Dragonoid
5. Saurus
6. Serpenoid
7. Falconeer
8. Juggernoid
9. Laserman
10. Centipoid
11. Griffon

12. Stinglash
13. Hydranoid (Heavy Metal)
14. Delta Dragonoid II (Heavy Metal)
15. Preyas (a few versions)
16. Tigrerra
17. Skyress
18. Gorem
19. Mantris
20. Terrorclaw
21. Garganoid
22. Siege
23. Tuskor
24. Cycloid
25. Manion
26. Hynoid
27. Hammer Gorem
28. Preyas II (a few versions)
29. Blade Tigrerra
30. Storm Skyress
31. Ravenoid
32. Warius
33. Limulus
34. Wormquake
35. Monarus
36. Harpus
37. Rattleoid
38. Sirenoid
39. Fortress
40. Tentaclear
41. El Condor
42. Bee Striker
43. Frosch
44. Wavern
45. Oberus
46. Exedra
47. Apollonir
48. Clayf

**\* What is an attribute? What is a "type of Bakugan?"**

The Attribute is the color/symbol on your Bakugan that represents: Pyrus, Aquos, Ventus, Darkus, Subterra, or Haos. "Types" of Bakugan refers to the shape of the Bakugan. So a Pyrus Dragonoid's attribute is Pyrus, and it's type is Dragonoid.

**\* Where do you find a Bakugan's G-Power?**

A Bakugan's G-power can't be seen until the Bakugan opens. When you first

open a Bakugan package, there will be a small rectangular sticker that covers up the Bakugan's G-Power. Remove the sticker to see what the Bakugan's G-Power is.

### **BakuCore Bakugan**

**\* What are BakuCore Bakugan? What do they do in battle?**

The BakuCore Bakugan are regular Bakugan that have a new look to them that play the same as other basic, regular attack Bakugan.

### **BakuFlip Bakugan**

**\* What are BakuFlip Bakugan? What do they do in battle?**

BakuFlip Bakugan do not do anything special, or above the norm, in battle. They simply look awesome!

### **BakuSteel Bakugan**

**\* What are BakuSteel Bakugan? What do they do in battle?**

The BakuSteel Bakugan are regular Bakugan that have a new, brushed aluminum look to them. They play the same as other basic, regular attack Bakugan.

## **» Miscellaneous Questions «**

**\* Can you send me a Bakugan?**

Unfortunately, we can't. We know it can be very frustrating when you can't find Bakugan on the shelf at the store, but trust us when we say that the production teams are doing their best to get more product made as fast as possible.

**\* Are there any Bakugan tournaments in my area?**

Stay tuned to the Bakugan.com website as we will announce any official tournaments on the Events page. [Click here to view the Bakugan Events page.](#)

**\* Who is the best Bakugan player in the world?**

Currently, there is no deemed "all-powerful" Bakugan brawler. However, some great talent and amazing brawlers will definitely emerge from upcoming tournaments. Technically, the utmost powerful brawler would be the creator of the Bakugan rules. He addresses issues in gameplay and has been making changes to accommodate new bigger and more powerful Bakugan.

## » 7in1 Maxus Dragonoid Questions «

### \* What is the 7in1 Maxus Dragonoid Bakugan?

The 7in1 Maxus Dragonoid Bakugan is a powerful and almost unstoppable combination of 7 Bakugan: 1 regular Bakugan and 6 Bakugan Trap. All the needed Bakugan are available separately or together in an exclusive package.

### \* What Bakugan are used to create the 7in1 Maxus Dragonoid?

Maxus Dragonoid is made of the following Bakugan: Neo Dragonoid, Spitarm, Dark Hound, Grakas Hound, Grafias, Synderfencer, and Brachium. All the needed Bakugan are available separately or together in an exclusive package.

### \* How do I construct the 7in1 Maxus Dragonoid?

Refer to the downloadable PDF instructions in the Bakugan.com Gameplay section, or click [here](#).

### \* How do I use the 7in1 Maxus Dragonoid in a battle?

Unfortunately, the fully assembled Maxus Dragonoid cannot be used in battle. However, the individual pieces can be used as normal in a typical Bakugan battle.

### \* I have a 'Maxus Dragonoid' Ability Card. How do I use it in battle?

This card allows you to give your battling Bakugan a +50 G-Power bonus if you have any Bakugan Trap that make up the Maxus Dragonoid in battle, as long as this card is in your Used Pile. So, if you are in battle with a Pyrus Ingram and use a Pyrus Grakas Hound as a Trap you get an additional +50 G-Power just for having the Ability Card in your Used Pile. The 'Maxus Dragonoid' Ability Card does not allow you to use a fully assembled Maxus Dragonoid in battle.

## » 7in1 Maxus Helios Questions «

### \* What is the 7in1 Maxus Helios Bakugan?

The 7in1 Maxus Helios Bakugan is a mega Bakugan created by a combination of 7 Bakugan: Helios, Scraper, Klawgor, Foxbat, Fencer, Leefram, and Spindle. All the needed Bakugan are available separately or together in an exclusive package.

### \* What Bakugan are used to create the 7in1 Maxus Helios?

Maxus Helios is made of the following Bakugan: Helios, Scraper, Klawgor,

Foxbat, Fencer, Leefram, and Spindle. All the needed Bakugan are available separately or together in an exclusive package.

**\* How do I construct the 7in1 Maxus Helios?**

Refer to the downloadable PDF instructions in the Bakugan.com Gameplay section, or click [here](#).

**\* How do I use the 7in1 Maxus Helios in a battle?**

Unfortunately, the fully assembled Maxus Helios cannot be used in battle. However, the individual pieces can be used as normal in a typical Bakugan battle.

**\* I have a 'Maxus Helios' Ability Card. How do I use it in battle?**

This card allows you to reroll any Bakugan that make up the Maxus Helios that you are using in battle up to twice per turn, as long as this card is in your Used Pile. So, if you are in battle with a Scraper and miss the Gate Card on your roll you can reroll up to two times just for having the Ability Card in your Used Pile. The 'Maxus Helios' Ability Card does not allow you to use a fully assembled Maxus Helios in battle.

**» Meta Altair Questions «**

**\* What is the Meta Altair Bakugan?**

Meta Altair is a combo Bakugan created by combining Wired and Altair together. They are available separately or together in the Lync Character Combat Pack.

**\* What Bakugan are used to create Meta Altair?**

Meta Altair is made of the following Bakugan: Wired and Altair. They are available separately or together in the Lync Character Combat Pack.

**\* How do I use Meta Altair in battle?**

Unfortunately, the fully assembled Meta Altair does not have any gameplay advantages. It simply looks awesome! However, the individual pieces can be used as normal in a typical Bakugan battle.

**» Meta Helios Questions «**

**\* What is the Meta Helios Bakugan?**

Meta Helios is a combo Bakugan created by combining Helios and Metafencer together. They are available separately or together in the Spectra Character Combat Pack.

**\* What Bakugan are used to create Meta Helios?**

Meta Helios is made of the following Bakugan: Helios and Metalfencer. They are available separately or together in the Spectra Character Combat Pack.

**\* How do I use Meta Helios in battle?**

Unfortunately, the fully assembled Meta H does not have any gameplay advantages. It simply looks awesome! However, the individual pieces can be used as normal in a typical Bakugan battle.