

# Pokémon: Tournament of Dragons

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## **Introduction:**

When I was a kiddo in the late 90's or early 2000's, my parents were pretty dang awesome and were fortunate enough financially to be able to buy me a Nintendo Gameboy Advance. The Color before that.

Looking back at it, it's pretty incredible that they did that but that is not the point of this article. I'm grateful, obvio, but the main point of this sweet anecdote is that these consoles allowed me to play Pokémon Red, Gold and Ruby. Also, I think LeafGreen but I can't remember which of the two remakes I had.

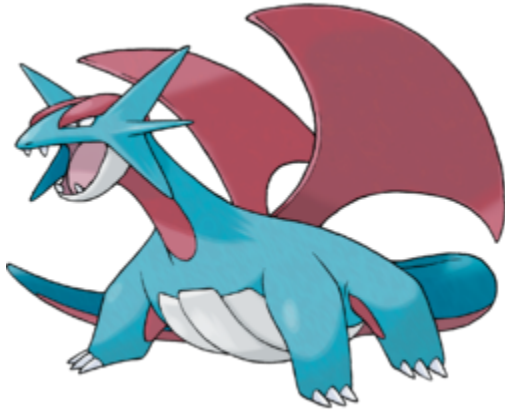
These games really shaped a lot of my formative years and while I played them, I was slowly developing a love of the game which would later transcend into my much older years. All the way to the times of playing Generations 1 through 7 in 2025 or so. But in these various games and adventures, I discovered my favorite type is Dragon. Because you know, dragons are cool.

So, with their seeding based upon their "base stats like they were legendaries that you encounter at Level 50 and excluding anything special like abilities," I decided to form a little tournament because it seemed fun.

Enjoy!

Round 1:

(1) Salamence



Type(s): Dragon/ Flying

(8) Turtonator



Type(s): Fire/ Dragon



(1) Garchomp



Type(s): Dragon/ Ground

(8) Drampa



Type(s): Normal/ Dragon

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**(2) Dragonite**



**Type(s): Dragon/ Flying**

**(7) Druddigon**



**Type(s): Dragon**

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**(2) Hydreigon**



**Type(s): Dark/ Dragon**

**(7) Dragalge**



**Type(s): Poison/ Dragon**

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(3) Goodra



Type(s): Dragon

(6) Tyrantrum



Type(s): Rock/ Dragon

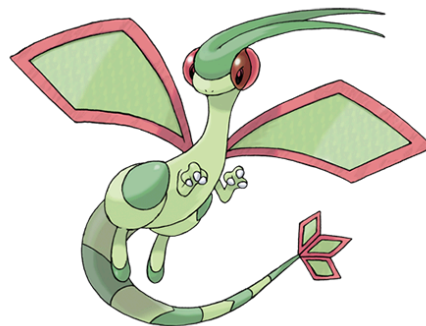
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(3) Kommo-o



Type(s): Dragon/ Fighting

(6) Flygon



Type(s): Ground/ Dragon

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**(5) Kingdra**



**Type(s): Water/ Dragon**

**(4) Altaria**



**Type(s): Dragon/ Flying**

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**(4) Haxorus**



**Type(s): Dragon**

**(5) Noivern**



**Type(s): Flying/ Dragon**

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## Round 2:

Left Side:

- (1) **Salamence** v (4) Haxorus
- (2) Dragonite v (3) **Goodra**

Right Side:

- (1) Garchomp v (5) **Kingdra**
- (2) Hydreigon v (3) **Kommo-o**

## Semi-Finals:

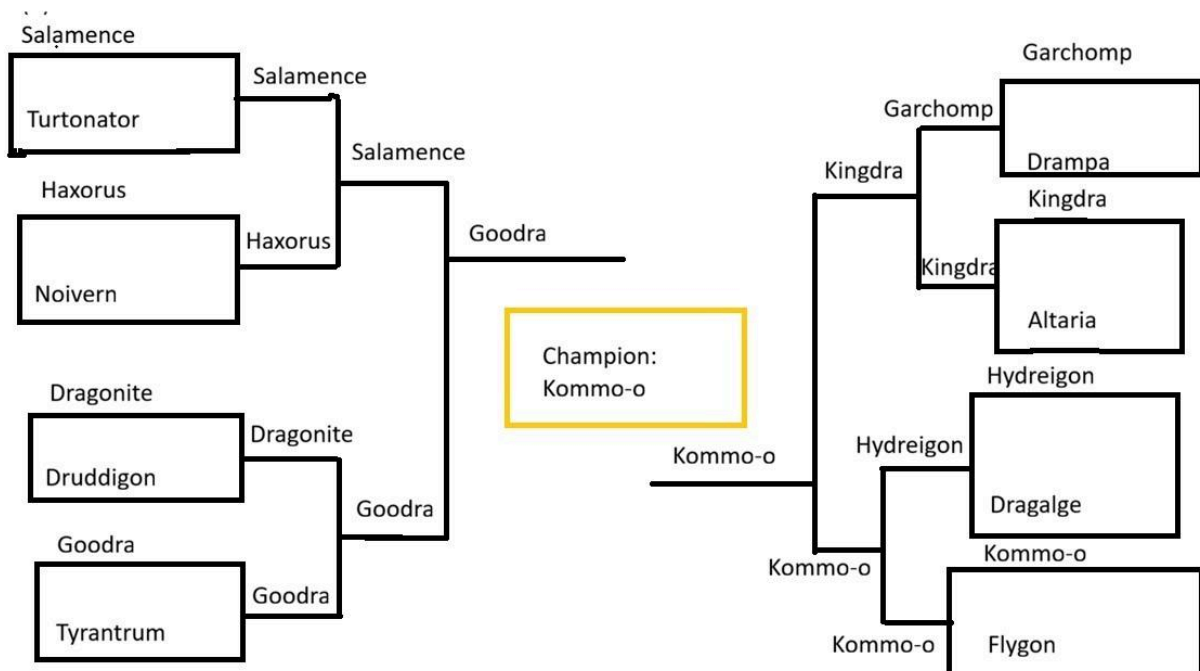
- (1) Salamence v (3) **Goodra**
- (5) Kingdra v (3) **Kommo-o**

## Championship:

- (3) Goodra v (3) **Kommo-o**

**Winner: Kommo-o**

## Picture Version:



## **Conclusion:**

Why did Kommo-o win? Why did Salamence make it so far then just lose? Why didn't Garchomp chomp down all the competition?

Well, those are all great questions.

The main reason it played out like that is because I wanted it too. Yes, bias was included. Because that's just what Pokémon is. Thanks to some wonderful variable things like stat gains, TMs/ HMs, held items, IVs, abilities, hidden abilities and more, it is incredibly difficult and convoluted to predict who would win in a tournament like this. You can have predictions but ultimately, the cliché becomes true.

It really does matter who just loves their Pokémon more.

No, I'm not saying to use an electric attack on a Garchomp. Or a ground move on Altaria.

Your love for your Goodra wouldn't help too much when it comes to immunities and things like that and sure, you can do the math to determine every possible outcome, if that's your fancy. But the main point of this is that you don't have too. If you really want to win the whole game or tournament with just an Altaria, Kommo-o, or Salamence, you can.

The world of Pokémon loves and champions that idea.

Trust me, you can even start a whole YouTube channel about doing stuff like that. I was literally watching Mah Dry Bread's challenge videos on YouTube while writing this article (linked down below) so yeah, it's a thing.

Oh and it isn't all biased. I used a little bit of simple logic as well.

I mean Salamence can fly while Haxorus is on the ground. Then, Kindra can make use of its secondary type of Water to overpower Garchomp. Same thing with Kommo-o's Round 2 bout. Punching up that Dark type into next week.

It's not only just my heart, the brain is there too. :)

A brain that looked at the game I love and decided, hmmm... what's a weird and interesting way I can look at it now? Maybe I'll be interested in doing another with another type, who knows.

Because isn't that just what games are and inspire us to do? To think about the world we know and understand in a different way?

I like to think so.

That and remind us, dragons really are awesome.

Have a good day and may you chase after your dreams today and everyday!

### **Pictures, Videos and Stats Credits:**

- **Stats:**
- <https://www.serebii.net/pokedex-sm/dragon.shtml>
- **Pictures:**
- [Salamence \(Pokémon\) - Bulbapedia, the community-driven Pokémon encyclopedia](#)
- [Turtonator | Pokédex](#)
- [Garchomp | Pokédex](#)
- [Drampa | Pokédex](#)
- [Dragonite | Pokédex](#)
- [Druddigon | Pokédex](#)
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- [Tyrantrum | Pokédex](#)
- [Kommo-o | Pokédex](#)
- [Flygon | Pokédex](#)
- [Kingdra | Pokédex](#)
- [Altaria | Pokédex](#)
- [Haxorus | Pokédex](#)
- [Noivern | Pokédex](#)
- **YouTube:**
- [https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXmhjzME06PEAoqu1dJqflnnk6F6z8tHK&si=CRKpGhX\\_IJ7XV3XU](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXmhjzME06PEAoqu1dJqflnnk6F6z8tHK&si=CRKpGhX_IJ7XV3XU)