Competitive Scene

Try-hard mode activated!

Information on competing at the highest level; sometimes for prizes, sometimes just for bragging rights.

If you are looking for deckbuilding restrictions for Organized Play events, the banned list and the chained list can be found under Rulebook->FAQ.

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Phoenix League

A COMPETITIVE ASHES CIRCUIT

Phoenix League is new for 2023!

Ashes: Reborn is a game with a strong competitive lineage. Since the launch of 1.0 all the way through the latest Shufflebus Invitational, players have fought their hardest and brought their best when the opportunity arose. With that legacy in mind, we see a torch in need of picking up. That torch is Phoenix League. Phoenix League is a competitive Ashes circuit with qualifying events, which follow PHG's OP rules.

Phoenix League

Random weekly pairings in a competitive setting. Track your wins and sharpen your game in a drop-in, drop-out format that still expects you to play your best. This League will coexist with FFL.

Phoenix League games are:

- weekly
- played online using Ashteki.com
- timed at 60 mins following sudden death rules
- ranked (affecting your Elo rating)
- KIND - with zero-tolerance for bad actors (see the discord rules of play for details)

Phoenix Pods

Quarterly, week-long closed-list pod tournaments that will feature a top cut. These events will pause Phoenix League pairings.

Community Events

Competitive outlets from other tournament organizers, events like AIL, will be partnered with to feature official Phoenix League support and integration.

Collection of Ashes

Phoenix League's "World Championship" level event

The event is invitation only, and qualifying steps for this event include:

- 12 Wins in Phoenix League
- Top Cut in a Phoenix Pod
- Top Cut in a Community Event

- Top X in Ashteki ELO (cutoff TBD)

To Join

You can join the league by typing **!phx join** in the Ashes Discord **#bot-chatter channel**.

To Drop

You can drop from the league by typing **!phx drop** in the Ashes Discord **#bot-chatter channel**.

Ashes International League (AIL)

The Ashes International League is an event that has multiple paths to the top.

Deck construction obeys the chained list, but is otherwise open ended.

What makes this different from other events is the tiebreakers. In order, they are:

1. Phoenixborn diversity - the number of different Phoenixborn a player used
2. Overall wins of your played Phoenixborn - how many wins your Phoenixborn have overall (the less popular the PB, the more it counts here)
3. Strength of schedule
4. Blood point differential - Blood Points earned minus Blood Points given up

Play is organized as per other tournaments.

Team Tourney - TODO

Blitz

One critique of Ashes games is that they can take anywhere between 45-60 minutes, sometimes longer. The Blitz format imposes a strict limit on game length.

Deck building follows normal rules, including use of the chained list.

Games are set up using a chess clock with the time set to 13 minutes per player. A game loss is given to the player who uses the entire 13 minutes.

Shufflebus (discontinued)

Tournaments were run by The ShuffleBus (https://theshufflebus.com/) for a few years. They were the premiere competitive scene for Ashes Reborn until they decided to close shop at the end of 2022 following the World Championship invitational.

This section is dedicated to preserving player deck lists, and ideally the results, from each SB tournament in case the individual players ever delete them from Ashes.live.

Tournament Deck Lists

For posterity these are being cloned to The Jankyard's Ashes.live account. Rather than republish all of them, they are tracked in a Google Doc with the associated player and result (where available).

ShuffleBus Deck Lists

The Meta

The "meta" in Ashes is not as well defined as it is other card games such as Pokemon or Magic The Gathering. This is in part due to the depth and viability of the card pool for deck building, the nature of it being an extendable card game without rotation, and a smaller community resulting in a lower volume of data.

That said, there are definite trends in Phoenixborn and cards that get repeated play and have shown across multiple tournaments that they are always competitive. Here's a listing of articles written by various community members on the topic:

- Pulse of the Phoenixborn | The Ashes Reborn Meta, One Year In
- The Big Ones | The Best Ashes Reborn Decks (And Why They Kept Winning)

Tournament Results Overview

2026

Digital European Cup 2026

Placing	Player
1	Brancus
2	hmaster

2025

Collection of Ashes 2025

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1				
2				
3-4				

Phoenix League 2025

Placing	Player	Number Of Wins
1	Under Rug Swept / Fred (TIE)	23
2	--	--
3	ebfritz	22

- 4	Redking	20
- 5	hmaster	19

Digital European Cup 2025

Placing	Player
1	hmaster
2	WickedWalt

Digital Pan-American Cup 2025

Placing	Player
1	MitchB
2	Fred77

Legendary Knockout Arena 10 May 2025

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	ebfritz	James	Swarm Aggro	
2	Brancus	Jessa	Burn	
3-4	Shadowfire	Hope	Swarm Aggro	
	Ghhinman	Odette	PACT Midrange	

2024

Collection of Ashes 2024

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist

1	Fred	Rin	Battlefield Midrange	
2	Brian B	Hope	Shadow Hound Battlefield Aggro	
3-4	Under Rug Swept	Dimona	Dragon Fallen	
	Abby	Koji	Aggro Swarm	

Phoenix League 2024

Placing	Player	Number Of Wins
1	Under Rug Swept	31
2	Ninja Dance Mat	29
3	Carl Diaz	28
- 4	ebfritz	25
- 5	Brancus	24

Digital European Cup 2024

Placing	Player
1	Redking
2	Brancus
3-4	Asterix and NinjaDanceMat

Legendary Knockout Arena 9 November 2024

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	Mbauers	Odette	Paladin Battlefield Spindown	

2	Redentor	Rowan	Paladin Control	
3-4	Ninja Dance Mat	Harold	Paladin Battlefield	
	Brian B	Harold	Paladin Battlefield	

One and Done

Placing	Player
1	Under Rug Swept
2	Killercactus
3-4	Wavesey
	Abby

Legendary Knockout Arena 8 July 2024

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	Brian B	Odette	Paladin Battlefield	
2	Ninja Dance Mat	Saria	Removal Mill	
3-4	Carl Diaz	Saria	Paladin Battlefield	
	Mbauers	Odette	Battlefield Spindown	

Ashes International League 2024

Placing	Player
1	Brian B
2	Carl Diaz

3-4	Inquisitor	
	Ninja Dance Mat	

Legendary Knockout Arena 7 June 2024

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	Ebfritz	Dimona	Dragon Aggro	
2	Fred	Rimea	Prison Mill	
3-4	Brancus	Jessa	Burn	
	Carl Diaz	Rin	Battlefield	

Release of The Siege of Lordswall.

Legendary Knockout Arena 6 May 2024

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	Ninja Dance Mat	Xander	0/2 Fatigue	
2	Brian B	Leo	PACT Battlefield	
3-4	Mbauers	Rin	Spindown Battlefield	
	Alfred	Leo	Spindown Fatigue	

Legendary Knockout Arena 5 April 2024

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	Carl Diaz	Hope	Shadow Hound 0/2	
2	Brancus	Xander	PACT Battlefield	

3-4	Mbauers	Coal	Battlefield	
	Ninja Dance Mat	Astrea	Burn	

Legendary Knockout Arena 4 March 2024

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	Carl Diaz	Tristan	Battlefield Burn	
2	Brian B	Leo	Fatigue	
3-4	Ebfritz	Jessa	Burn	
	Brancus	Jessa	Burn	

Heroic Knockout Arena 4 March 2024

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	Wicked Walt	Jessa	Burn	
2	Jolienw	Aradel	Battlefield	
3-4	Alfred	Brennen	Control	
	Reef	Noah	Draw Aggro	

Legendary Knockout Arena 3 February 2024

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	Brian B	Tristan	Swarm Aggro	
2	Ninja Dance Mat	Saria	Burn	
3-4	Mbauers	Saria	Battlefield Fatigue	

Lark	Orrick	Prison Awakened State	▮

Heroic Knockout Arena 3 February 2024

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	Lexaeus	Astrea	Burn	▮
2	Reef	Noah	Aggro	▮
3-4	Wicked Walt	Jessa	Burn	▮
	Delementary	Saria	Burn	▮

Release of The Blight of Neverset. 2024-01-25 Golden Veil and Hypnotize added to the chained list. Massive Growth, Exhortation, and Summon Sleeping Widows removed from the chained list.

Legendary Knockout Arena 2 January 2024

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	Fred	Rin	Aggro Battlefield	▮
2	Brian B	Aradel	Creeper	▮
3-4	Brancus	Jessa	Burn	▮
	Ninja Dance Mat	Rin	Battlefield	▮

Heroic Knockout Arena 2 January 2024

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	95chins	Rin	Battlefield	▮
2	Lexaeus	Noah	Battlefield	▮

3-4	Ebfritz	Koji	Swarm Rush	
	Delementary	Harold	Battlefield Aggro	

2023
Collection of Ashes 2023

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	Carl Diaz	Harold	Battlefield PACT	
2	Brian B	Harold	Battlefield PACT	
3-4	Under Rug Swept	Odette	Bypass Combo	
	Killercactus	Hope	Vampire Bat Swarm Aggro Burn	

Phoenix League 2023

Placing	Player	Number Of Wins
1	Under Rug Swept	32
2	Killercactus	29
3	Brian B	21
- 4	Carl Diaz	20
- 5	Shadowfire/Treatment	19

Legendary Knockout Arena 1 December 2023

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	Ninja Dance Mat	Astrea	Stall Burn	

2	Fred	Rin	Aggro Battlefield	
3-4	Killercactus	Leo	Turbo Mill	
	Mbauers	Rin	Battlefield Spindown	

Heroic Knockout Arena 1 December 2023

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	Brancus	Jessa	Burn	
2	Ebfritz	Koji	Swarm Rush	
3-4	Ironcache	Hope	Reaction Spindown	
	Tzo	-	-	-

Blitz 2 2023

Placing	Player
1	Mbauers
2	Brian B
3	Asterix

Release of Frostwild Scourge.

Phoenix Pod 2 2023

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	Nosuchmethod	Dimona	Fallen PACT	
2	Brian B	Hope	Shadow Hound PACT	

3-4	Carl Diaz	Koji	Creeper	
	The Treatment	Harold	Spindown Fatigue	

Ashes International League 2023

Placing	Player
1	Carl Diaz
2	Redentor
3-4	Clu
	Under Rug Swept

Blitz 1 2023

Placing	Player
1	Carl Diaz
2	The Treatment
3	

2023-04-05 Release of Three Eyed Owl, Creeper, Salamander Monk and Brennen errata. Meteor added to chained list and Three Eyed Owl removed from chained list.

Phoenix Pod 1 2023

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	Lark	Noah	Spindown	
2	Killercactus	Harold	Battlefield PACT	
3-4	Shadowfire	Odette	Battlefield	
	Apple Sith	Echo	Battlefield Bypass	

Release of The Corpse of Viros.

Winter Open 2023

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	Tuxedo	Hope	Creeper	■
2	Brancus	Brennen	Agro Burn	■
3-4	Carl Diaz	Hope	Creeper	■
	Flora Snow	Aradel	Battlefield Bypass	■

2022

Shufflebus Worlds 2022

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	JK007	Brennen	Aggro Burn	■
2	Brian B	Coal	Wishing Wing Aggro Combo	■
3-4	The Cap	Brennen	Aggro Burn	■
	Mbauers	Coal	Spindown Battlefield	■

Shufflebus Last Chance Qualifier 2022

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	Clu	Odette	Realmwalker Aggro Bypass	■
2	Impossible German	Leo		
3-4	Killercactus	Rimea	Burn	■
	Ninja Dance Mat	Koji	Creeper	■

2022-10-03 Sleeping Widows added to the chained list.

Ashes International League 2 2022

Placing	Player
1	Brain B
2	Carl Diaz
3-4	Inquisitor
	Apple Sith

Ashes International League 1 2022

Placing	Player
1	Inquisitor
2	Asterix
3-4	Carl Diaz
	MHGreenleaf

Shufflebus Pod Qualifier 2022

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	Tuxedo	Hope	Creeper	■
2	Brian B	Aradel		
3-4	Carl Diaz	Rowan	Control	■
	Josh	Brennen	Aggro Burn	■

Shufflebus Single Day Qualifier March 2022

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	Carl Diaz	Echo	Battlefield Bypass	
2	The Cap	Echo	Battlefield Bypass	
3-4	The Treatment	Noah	Battlefield	
	Brain B	Coal	Wishing Wing Aggro Combo	

Release of Hope and Dimona expansions.

Shufflebus Invitational 2022

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	Kaile	Odette	Bypass Combo	
2	Bparousis	Xander	Battlefield	
3-4	Chaos Theory	Harold	Battlefield	
	Mbauers	Saria	Spindown Fatigue	

Shufflebus Season 7 2022

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	JK007	Brennen	Aggro Burn	
2	Tuxedo	Harold	Battlefield	
3-4	The Cap	Echo		
	Kaile	Odette	Bypass Combo	

2022-05-16 Three Eyed Owl, Psychic Vampire and Explosive Growth added to the chained list.

Shufflebus Season 6 2022

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	JK007	Brennen	Aggro Burn	■
2	Asterix	Brennen	Aggro Burn	■
3-4	MHGreenleaf	Aradel		
	Carl Diaz	Lulu	Aggro	■

2021

Shufflebus Season 5 December 2021

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	Kaile	Maeoni	Bypass Combo	■
2	Phillycheaz	Aradel	Battlefield	■
3-4	Bparousis	Lulu	Battlefield Bypass	■
	JK007	Lulu	Battlefield Burn	■

Release of Lulu and Orrick expansions.

Shufflebus Season 4 September 2021

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	Inquisitor	Harold	Battlefield	■
2	Brian B	Harold	Battlefield	■
3-4	Kaukomieli	James	Aggro	■
	Nick Conley	Jessa	Spindown Burn	■

Ashes International League Season 4 March 2021

Placing	Player
1	Brian B
2	Mbauers
3-4	?
	?

Shufflebus Season 3 July 2021

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	Carl Diaz	Maeoni	Bypass Combo	■
2	Brian B	Brennen	Burn	
3-4	Shufflebus Jesse	Odette	Battlefield	
	Phillycheaz	Aradel	Battlefield Bypass	■

Shufflebus Season 2 June 2021

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	Mbauers	Coal	Aggro Burn	■
2	Carl Diaz	Harold	Spindown Battlefield	■
3-4	Inquisitor	Harold	Battlefield Burn	
	Phillycheaz	Xander	Battlefield	■

AIL Season 2 May 2021

Placing	Player
1	Shufflebus Jesse

2	Carl Diaz
3-4	?
	?

Shufflebus Season May 2021

Placing	Player	Phoenixborn	Deck Style	Decklist
1	Carl Diaz	Maeoni	Bypass Combo	■
2	Stefanos	Rimea	Fatigue	■
3-4	Mbauers	Odette		
	Bparousis	Xander		

2021-06-02 Exhortation, Massive Growth, River Skald and Summon Shining Hydra added to chained list.

Release of Ashes Reborn

The Collection of Ashes WIP

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19Dfi7IGh2WVkU1tM0n1aH3tCn4BwGcVo8nLNJueHvrk/edit?resourcekey=&gid=224800960#gid=224800960

Pod A		Pod B		Pod C		Pod D		Topcut Bracket			
abby	3-1 (+42)	URS	4-0 (+69)	Carl	3-0 (+47)	Fred	2-0 (+42)	Round of 8	Top 4	Finals	Winner
Ninja	2-1 (+15)	Brian	3-1 (+52)	nosuch	2-1 (+16)	Brancus	2-1 (+5)	M1: Abby (Koji) v Brancus (Rimea)	M5: Abby v Brian	Brian v Fred	Fred
ebfritz	1-1 (-2)	redking	2-2 (-17)	jolien	1-2 (-18)	shadow	1-2 (-26)	M2: Brian (Hope) vs Carl (Rimea)	M6: Under RugSwept v Fred		
treatment	0-1 (-18)	killercactus	1-3 (-28)	apple	0-3 (-45)	Bowman	0-2 (-21)	M3: Under RugSwept (Dimona) vs Nosuch method (James)			
inquisitor	0-2 (-37)	waves	0-4 (-79)					M4: Ninja Dance Mat (Rimea) vs Fred (Rin)			

Shadow	https://ashes.live/decks/share/078ea7a3-91ca-4ac9-a028-b6de6f964433/	Vicky
Carl	https://ashes.live/decks/share/d996e571-7828-4e79-bd75-7cc69da89da6/	Rimea

inquisitor	https://ashes.live/decks/share/2b47cc83-e7f4-4f97-a0ae-c059c0402513/	Harold
waves	https://ashes.live/decks/share/4d27620d-c332-4028-8bb4-7f8993e47d78/	Rowan
Matt	https://ashes.live/decks/share/6f79647f-cd0f-4372-ba56-dd65e1c28550/	Odette
killer	https://ashes.live/decks/share/8a3fcf3b-29a3-4ded-8ccc-070712f87dd3/	Vicky
Abby	https://ashes.live/decks/share/0b00306f-849e-4993-9d97-ac12a0bb600d/	Koji
Redking	https://ashes.live/decks/45368/	Rowan
Under Rug Swept	https://ashes.live/decks/share/f32dad01-6087-46d7-b13a-773c212fe052/	Dimona
Ninja	https://ashes.live/decks/share/a5995462-6336-4e63-be45-7d1b2d63ce88/	Rimea
nosuchmethod	https://ashes.live/decks/57724/	James
Brancus	https://ashes.live/decks/share/cf83e7b0-4c6b-46c0-abff-80f7ac816119/	Rimea
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The Treatment	https://ashes.live/decks/share/85a7c35c-b4bc-4171-8513-0d6fd5cadde2/	Jessa
Brian	https://ashes.live/decks/share/421b8f18-3ef7-48c5-a75e-f975fa755c51/	Hope
Fred	https://ashes.live/decks/share/5d12dec9-df9b-4636-89ec-19664b28e459/	Rin