

The Hurricane Collective

Grading and Submission's Process.

You have decided to encapsulate your prized collectibles, Selecting The Hurricane Collective (THC) to help guide you through. Bloody great choice as we have helped hundreds of customers build towards their collecting goals.

The following step by step process will assist you in making the decision on what to send and how to do it. Let us get started.

Step One – Select your cards!

Choosing your cards is very much a personal preference. We offer the following considerations to perhaps assist you in the decision.

- **Resale Value / Future Profit.**

Simply put grading for future value should involve selecting your higher end and best condition items. As these tend to yield the best results. Not all cards need to be excellent condition to be valuable, but it certainly helps.

- **Sentimental Value.**

Simply love your childhood cards. Just a huge fan of a certain character. No problem, grading cards without a primary focus on value is an excellent way to showcase your favorites from yesteryear.

- **Protection.**

Just want your goodies protected and to simply look better? Then picking your favorites based on just that is also fine!! Either card below could be fine if it's what you want.



Select a Card Grading Service.

THC Offers a service where we send collectibles away to two Market leaders in the field of Trading Card Grading.

- Professional Sports Authenticators (PSA) Are located in California and have graded over 80 million collectibles in their long history. They are often looked to as the market median for valuing items across the globe.
- Beckett Grading Services (BGS) Located in Texas are highly regarded as a premium service which judges cards on individual sub grade areas such as cornering. A BGS Pristine 10 or Black label 10 is widely regarded as the pinnacle of the grading journey for any card.

A BGS Black label 10 often commands higher prices than a PSA 10. Although A BGS 9 will often yield a lower sale point than a PSA 9. The choice of course is completely yours.



Left; BGS, Right; PSA.

CHOOSE YOUR BUDGET.

It is important to factor in all aspects of grading when choosing your budget. Grading is expensive, however there are more wallet friendly options available if you are prepared to wait longer.

For a customer wishing to have a speedy return, we can accommodate that also at a higher cost.

The factors on cost in which we suggest are factored in are listed below.

Turnaround Times.

All turnaround times are severely impacted due to covid restrictions and a huge growth in the hobby. In short, a faster turnaround time is quite expensive, and PSA specifically have removed their mid-level tier service to try slow down submissions to them.

As such longer turnaround times are generally expected for all new submissions. Discuss this with your THC Rep when you decide to submit!

Card Values.

Card values impact which service you can use when we start to look at expensive cards. Of course, selecting a higher service level does not require an expensive card, but must be utilized for certain value items.

BGS: Card values only impact cost when insurance is concerned. No constraints are placed on a card due to value aside from that.

PSA: Card values must be taken into consideration with PSA service levels. Cards valued at more than \$199 USD in an ungraded state require at least an economy or regular grading service. This allows a higher level of insurance from PSA.

THC always recommends sending High end items in premium service submissions for a quicker (where possible) turnaround and a correct insured level.

Refer to [The Hurricane Collective Grading and Services Cost](https://www.thehurricanecollective.net) located on our website www.thehurricanecollective.net or our Facebook group @thehurricanecollective

Packaging Your Items And Sending Them.

So, you have picked your favorite / desired items. Let us package them!

Place your cards in new penny sleeves.

- Three varieties we stock at THC are pictured.
- Try to avoid matte sleeves, designed hard plastic or old sleeves. The don't look good and often make it hard for the card to be removed from its holder.



Place your cards in new holders.

- The preferred and recommended way of posting cards is using card savers.
- Top Loaders (Pictured Right) can be used, however allow for movement and are not recommended by grading companies.
- THC stocks all your grading equipment needs.



Remember Card Safety.

- Graders need to remove the cards to assess them.
- We can assist by 'tabbing' our cards as shown here.
- This allows for ease of removal and general happiness all round!
- Isn't Mewtwo just beautiful now, well yes we think so too.



Get them posted.

- To keep them safe, simply place cardboard around your cards (1 to 25 per stack) and secure with elastic bands.
- ***No sticky tape needed***, just a glad bag as pictured.
- We always suggest express post.
- Pro Tip, as long as there is no movement then you will most likely be safe.
- Don't label the package trading cards, submission or anything that will draw attention.
- Always include your submission form and return address on the package.
- Then whack the snug little stack in a protected post box and relax, your work here is done.



Let us know what you think

Please [give us feedback on this learning guide](#), so we can provide content that's truly useful and helpful. Thanks!

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