

## AURA GRADING Grading Scale

### Authentication & Evaluation Process

Every card submitted is first authenticated and verified for alterations. Using precision technology capable of measuring to the micron level, centering is assessed to ensure accuracy. These readings are converted into percentages for left, right, top, and bottom margins on both the front and back of the card.

Once centering is established, our professional grading team evaluates the following under controlled conditions:

- Corners – Checked for sharpness, integrity, and signs of wear.
- Edges – Assessed for chipping, splitting, warping, and colouration issues.
- Surface – Scrutinised for scratches, dents, print defects, stains, and general eye appeal.

### Grading Scale

#### 10. Gem Mint

A near-perfect card with sharp corners, flawless edges, and an immaculate surface. Centering must be within 60/40 on the front. Minor manufacturing variances that do not affect eye appeal may be tolerated.

#### 9. Mint

Almost identical to a Pristine Gem, but with one very minor flaw in corners, edges, or surface. Centering must be 65/35 or better on the front, 70/30 on the back.

#### 8. Near Mint/Mint

High-quality card with slight whitening or minor imperfections on one or more areas. Centering must be 70/30 or better on the front, 75/25 on the back.

#### 7. Near Mint

Noticeable but moderate wear, including whitening, minor surface scratching, or edge wear. Centering must be 75/25 or better on the front, 80/20 on the back.

#### 6. Excellent–Mint

More visible damage such as whitening in multiple areas, slight corner rounding, or surface defects. Centering must be 80/20 or better front and back.

#### 5

Multiple imperfections across edges, corners, or surface. Scratches may impact artwork or text. Centering must be 80/20 or better.

**4.**

Integrity is starting to break down. Corners may be rounded, edges chipped or warped, and surfaces show moderate wear across key focal points.

**3.**

Heavier wear and damage across multiple areas. Significant scratches, rounded corners, or surface loss are present. Centering must be 85/15 or better.

**2.**

Major flaws in one or more areas, including heavy scratching or loss of card integrity. Corners and edges may be heavily worn or misshapen.

**1.**

Severe damage throughout. Warped, bent, or heavily scratched cards fall into this grade. Significant structural or visual issues are evident.

## **Special Designations**

### **MC – Miscut**

Card has left the factory incorrectly cut (misaligned borders, wrong shape, or rotation issues). If encapsulation is not possible, the card is returned ungraded at no charge.

### **OC – Off-Center**

If a card's centering is 2 or more grade levels lower than the overall condition, the 'OC' designation is added to preserve the grade with acknowledgment of the centering flaw.

### **ALT – Altered**

Cards found to be recoloured, pressed, trimmed, or otherwise modified are labelled 'Altered.' These are returned raw, not encapsulated, and not included in population reports.

### **CF – Counterfeit**

Cards identified as reproductions or fakes are labelled 'Counterfeit.' These are returned raw and excluded from population reports.

### **QA – Questionable Authenticity**

If authenticity cannot be confirmed, the card is labelled 'QA.' No charge is applied, and the card is returned raw without encapsulation.