



Conduct Report

SUBJECT

ccgrading.com

Grading company | Seller | Sports cards

Reported for: Cert verification does not work; unrecognized-grader slabs sold as graded value

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Findings and evidence

10 observations across 1 dated section. Sources that did not corroborate the report are shown too, and labelled as such.

Observed - 2026-09-08

CORROBORATING SOURCE

CardConduct evidence report (PDF)

Full technical evidence report behind every point below, with sources. Personally identifying information removed.

Source: <https://cardconduct.com/reports/ccg-report.pdf>

CORROBORATING SOURCE

CCG "Serial Number Lookup" page

The cert-verification form field submits to an empty action with no handler and no API, so entering a serial does nothing. A real CCG cert number (e.g. 940859235) returns "Nothing Found".

Source: <https://ccgrading.com/card-lookup/>

CORROBORATING SOURCE

CCG public database (sitemap / REST API)

The only database behind the lookup holds exactly three records, all leftover 2016 WordPress theme-demo names (Colin Kaepernick, Thomas Edward Brady Jr, Finn Rosetta). Zero real cert records exist, which is why real certs cannot be verified.

Source: https://ccgrading.com/sp_player-sitemap.xml

CORROBORATING SOURCE

CCG About page vs public domain records

CCG claims "over 36 years, since 1988." The domain was registered in 2020 and CCG's own footer reads Copyright 2012-2024. Third-party card grading barely existed in 1988 (PSA was founded 1991).

Source: <https://ccgrading.com/about-collectible-card-crading/>

CORROBORATING SOURCE

CCG grading-scale page

No grading methodology, process, equipment, or criteria is published, only a vague 1-10 scale. An on-camera slab reads overall 10 with a centering subgrade of 9.5, while the scale defines a 10 as perfect centering.

Source: <https://ccgrading.com/grading-scale/>

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CCG grading-scale page

CCG grades reprints and homemade "ACEO custom" cards in the same black slab and the same GEM MINT 10 treatment as licensed originals, so a buyer cannot tell them apart.

Source: <https://ccgrading.com/grading-scale/>

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CCG "Buy Our Cards" page

CCG sells its own graded cards on eBay and Amazon and links a specific eBay listing as "Card of the week." The same operation grades the cards and sells them, which removes the third-party independence grading

is supposed to provide.

Source: <https://ccgrading.com/buy-ccg-cards/>

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Public sold comps (130point) vs CCG asking prices

CCG-graded cards are listed at 5x to 115x real market. Two are impossible for a grade that carries no premium: a CCG 9.5 Ripken at \$2,450 exceeds a real PSA 10 at about \$1,065, and a CCG 10 Durant at \$145 exceeds a real PSA 10 at about \$99.

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CCG site technology (WordPress REST API)

The site is a repurposed sports-team WordPress theme on shared managed hosting. Across its 1100-plus API routes there is no custom grading or cert-verification software at all; every route belongs to an off-the-shelf plugin.

Source: <https://ccgrading.com/wp-json/>

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Name and trade dress

CCG on a small black label reads as CGC on a phone; "GEM MINT 10" is PSA terminology; a black label with four subgrades is Beckett trade dress. The label borrows recognition from three established graders and belongs to none.