

5 Things to Know Before Grading a Ticket Stub

1. Why Card Grading Rules Do Not Apply to Stubs

Baseball cards are mass-produced collectibles, so grading gives buyers a standardized way to compare condition. Ticket stubs are different. Their value can depend heavily on the game they represent, including the players involved and what happened on the field.





2. Why Used, Creased, and Written-On Stubs Still Have Appeal

A stub that was torn at the gate proves someone was there. Creases, tears, holes, and stains don't automatically ruin a ticket stub. Resist the urge to clean up a stub before anyone sees it, since that can remove the details that make it interesting.

3. Why Identification Matters More Than a Grade

A buyer needs at least two of three details to be legible: the date, the team or artist, and the venue. Those details allow for cross-referencing the stub against recorded history. A grade would not have caught what makes a ticket special.





4. How To Check a Ticket Stub Before Paying for Grading

You can check certain tickets for identifying features yourself. A 1991 Super Bowl ticket shows 0., Row 19, Seat 91, and a blacklight reveals the Ticketron logo on Michael Jordan's rookie-year tickets. Research the event first.

5. How to Sell Vintage Sports Ticket Stubs Without Grading Them

The selling process is short and doesn't require a grading service. Photograph both sides, read the printed details, leave the stubs alone, and compare offers. Researching 300 tickets yourself could take about 80 hours before a single one is listed.



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