

# PCGS GRADING COMPETITION

## OFFICIAL RULES

### IMPORTANT NOTICES

- THIS COMPETITION IS A SKILL-BASED COMPETITION.
- VOID WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW.
- ALL DISPUTES WILL BE RESOLVED SOLELY BY BINDING ARBITRATION AND PARTICIPANTS WAIVE THE ABILITY TO BRING CLAIMS IN A CLASS ACTION FORMAT.

BY ENTERING (OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATING IN) THE COMPETITION, PARTICIPANTS AGREE TO THESE OFFICIAL RULES, WHICH ARE A BINDING CONTRACT, SO READ THEM CAREFULLY BEFORE ENTERING. WITHOUT LIMITATION, THIS CONTRACT INCLUDES INDEMNITIES TO THE COMPETITION ENTITIES FROM YOU AND A LIMITATION OF YOUR RIGHTS AND REMEDIES.

## 1. Eligibility

The PCGS Grading Competition (the "**Competition**") is open to individuals who are legal residents and physically located in one (1) of the fifty (50) states in the United States or the District of Columbia. Participants must meet the age requirements for their respective category:

- **Young Collectors: Ages 20 and under**
- **Adults: Ages 21 and up**

**Minors and Parental Consent:** Participants under the age of 18 must obtain verifiable parental or legal guardian consent prior to participating in the Contest. A parent or legal guardian must sign all required documentation on behalf of the minor participant. Failure to provide verifiable parental consent will result in immediate disqualification.

Employees, officers and directors of Collectors Universe, Inc. and its division Professional Coin Grading Service ("**Sponsor**" or "**PCGS**"), Sponsor's parent companies, and each of their respective affiliates, subsidiaries, advertising and promotion agencies, distributors and other prize suppliers (collectively with Sponsor, the "**Competition Entities**"), and each of such employees', officers' and directors' immediate family members and/or those living in the same household (whether legally related or not) are not eligible to enter the Competition or win a prize. For purposes of this Competition, immediate family members are defined as spouse, partner, parents, legal guardians, in-laws, grandparents, siblings, children and grandchildren and those living in the same household shall mean people who share the same residence at least three (3) months a year, whether legally related or not.

By participating in the Competition, each participant unconditionally accepts and agrees to comply with and abide by these "**Official Rules**" and the decisions of Sponsor, including the interpretation of these Official Rules and its exercise of discretion, which will be final and binding in all respects.

## 2. Competition Period

The Competition will be held at the American Numismatic Association (ANA) World's Fair of Money at the Oklahoma City Convention Center located at 100 Mick Cornett Dr, Oklahoma City, OK 73109. Competition hours are as follows:

- **Thursday, August 21: 9:00am CT - 5:30pm CT**
- **Friday, August 22: 9:00am CT - 5:30pm CT**
- **Saturday, August 23: 9:00am CT - 11:00am CT**

## 3. How to Enter

To register for the Competition, participants must fill out the registration form and email it to Abigail Zechman ([azechman@collectors.com](mailto:azechman@collectors.com)) email the PCGS representative with their name, age, preferred date, and preferred time (morning or afternoon). Registration opens on July 28, 2025, and closes on August 13, 2025, unless capacity is reached earlier.

Emails will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis until all 75 available time slots are filled. Once all slots are filled, a waitlist will be created. Walk-up registration may be available during the show if there are no-shows.

Limit of one (1) entry per person. Subsequent attempts made by the same individual to submit more than one entry by using multiple or false accounts or otherwise may result in the participant being disqualified. Entries generated by a script, computer programs, macro, programmed, robotic or other automated means are void and may be disqualified. Entries that are incomplete, illegible, corrupted, damaged, destroyed, forged, false, lost, late or misdirected, deceptive or otherwise not in compliance with the Official Rules may be disqualified from the Competition at Sponsor's sole and absolute discretion.

## 4. Competition Rules and Procedures

### Competition Format

Participants must arrive at the PCGS table a few minutes before their scheduled time. Upon check-in, participants will be provided with a PCGS laptop and a box of 20 coins from the PCGS educational set. Participants will examine each coin and select their grade from drop-down menus in a Google form.

### Time Limit

All participants will have a maximum of 15 minutes to grade the coins. No extra time will be given. Arriving late will cut into the participant's grading time.

### Scoring System

Points will be awarded as follows:

- Correct Grade (Prefix and Numerical): 2 Points
- Correct Numerical Grade, Incorrect Prefix: 1 Point
- Correct Prefix, Incorrect Number Grade: 1 Point
- No Grade Identified with Correct Reason: 2 Points
- No Grade Identified with Incorrect Reason: 1 Point
- Correct Suffix: 0.5 Point

### Tie-Breakers

In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided based on who had more fully correct grades. If there is still a tie, the prize will be split evenly between the winners

## 5. Prizes and Values

### Young Collectors (Ages 20 and under)

- All participants: PCGS Grading Contest Participant Sample Slab
- 1st place: Platinum Collectors Club Membership and Winner Sample Slab
- 2nd place: Gold Collectors Club Membership and Winner Sample Slab
- 3rd place: Silver Collectors Club Membership and Winner Sample Slab

### **Adults (Ages 21 and up)**

- All participants: PCGS Grading Contest Participant Sample Slab
- 1st place: \$500 PCGS Grading Credit and Winner Sample Slab
- 2nd place: \$250 PCGS Grading Credit and Winner Sample Slab
- 3rd place: \$100 PCGS Grading Credit and Winner Sample Slab

All prizes are non-transferable, with no cash redemptions, equivalents or substitutions except at Sponsor's sole and absolute discretion. All prize details not specified in these Official Rules will be determined in Sponsor's sole and absolute discretion. Prize details and availability are subject to change, and in the event that Sponsor is unable to provide the winner with their prize, the Sponsor may elect to provide winner with the approximate value of such item in cash or award an alternate prize of comparable or greater value.

All prize(s) are awarded "AS IS" and without warranty of any kind, express or implied (including, without limitation, any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose). Prize winners will be solely responsible for all federal, state and/or local taxes, and for any other fees or costs associated with the prize they receive, regardless of whether they, in whole or in part, are used.

A completed W-9 is required for all prizes prior to the prize being awarded.

## **6. Winner Notification and Prize Collection**

Winners will be notified via email on Saturday, August 23, 2025, in the afternoon. Winners may collect their prizes in person at the PCGS booth between 11:30am and 12:30pm on Saturday, August 23, 2025. Any prizes not collected in person will be mailed to the recipients.

The Competition Entities are not responsible for false, incorrect, changed, incomplete or illegible contact information. Notification is deemed to have occurred immediately upon sending of a notification. The Competition Entities are not responsible for electronic communications that are undeliverable as a result of any form of active or passive filtering of any kind, or insufficient space in participant's email account to receive email messages.

## **7. Intellectual Property Rights**

By participating in the Competition, participants irrevocably assign, transfer, and convey to Collectors Universe, Inc. all right, title, and interest in and to any works, ideas, concepts, analyses, evaluations, grading assessments, and other materials created, developed, or contributed during participation in the Competition. Such works shall be considered "works made for hire" under applicable copyright law, with Collectors Universe, Inc. being deemed the author and owner thereof. To the extent any such works do not qualify as works made for hire, participants hereby assign all worldwide rights, including all intellectual property rights, in and to such works to Collectors Universe, Inc. in perpetuity. Participants waive any and all moral rights they may have in connection with the works and agree to execute any additional documents that may be necessary to effectuate this assignment.

## **8. Publicity Release**

By participating in the Competition, participants grant the Competition Entities, and each of their licensees, and its and their successors, assigns and sub-licensees, the right and permission to use their name, voice, likeness and/or biographical material for advertising, promotional and/or publicity purposes in connection with the Competition, in all forms of media and by all manners (now and hereafter known), and on and in connection with related products, services, advertising and promotional materials (now known or hereafter developed), worldwide, in perpetuity, without any obligation, notice or consideration, except for the awarding of the prize to the winner.

## **9. Voluntary Participation**

Participants acknowledge and agree that their participation in the Competition is entirely voluntary. Participation does not create any employment relationship, contractual relationship, or agency relationship between participants and Sponsor

## **10. No Guarantee of Employment Consideration**

Participation or performance in the Competition does not guarantee, promise, or imply any opportunity for or consideration of future employment with Sponsor or any of its affiliates. Competition results, regardless of ranking or score, shall not be construed as a job application, interview, or hiring process, and will create any guarantee of future employment decisions by Sponsor.

## **11. Photography and Recording Prohibition**

Participants are strictly prohibited from photographing, video recording, or otherwise capturing any part of the event, including but not limited to the grading coins, contest setup, or other participants.

## **12. Tampering with Competition**

The Competition Entities are not responsible for the actions of participants in connection with the Competition, including participants' attempts to circumvent the Official Rules or otherwise interfere with the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the Competition. Persons found tampering with or abusing any aspect of this Competition, or whom Sponsor believes to be causing malfunction, error, disruption or damage may be disqualified. Additionally, any attempt to cheat the Competition, as determined at the sole and absolute discretion of Sponsor, may result in immediate disqualification of the participant, as well as other possible consequences, including disqualification from any and all existing and future contests.

ANY ATTEMPT BY A PERSON TO DAMAGE ANY WEBSITE OR UNDERMINE THE LEGITIMATE OPERATION OF THIS COMPETITION MAY BE A VIOLATION OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAWS AND SHOULD SUCH AN ATTEMPT BE MADE, SPONSOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SEEK ALL LEGAL AND EQUITABLE REMEDIES FROM AND AGAINST ANY SUCH PERSON TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW. Sponsor reserves the right, at its sole and absolute discretion, to disqualify (or terminate the prize of) any individual who is found to be, or suspected of, acting in violation of these Official Rules, or to be acting in an unsportsmanlike, obscene, immoral or disruptive manner, or with the intent to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any other person.

## **13. Suspension / Modification / Termination**

In the event Sponsor is prevented from continuing with the Competition by any event beyond its control, including, but not limited to, fire, flood, epidemic, earthquake, explosion, labor dispute or strike, act of God or public enemy, communications or equipment failure, utility or service interruptions, riot or civil disturbance, terrorist threat or activity, war (declared or undeclared), interference with the Competition by any party, or any federal, state, local or provincial government law, order, or regulation, order of any court or jurisdiction, or other cause not reasonably within Sponsor's control (each, a "Force Majeure" event or occurrence), Sponsor shall have the right to modify, suspend or terminate the Competition or prize.

Sponsor additionally reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion: (a) to modify, suspend or terminate the Competition should causes beyond Sponsor's control corrupt or interfere with the administration, integrity, operation, security or proper play of the Competition; or (b) to disqualify any participant found to be, or suspected of: (i) tampering with the entry process or the operation of the Competition; (ii) acting in violation of these Official Rules; or (iii) acting in an un-sportsmanlike manner.

## **14. Waivers, Disclaimers and Releases**

By participating in the Competition, participant agrees to release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless the Competition Entities and each of their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, successors and assigns (collectively, "Released Parties") from and against any and all claims, liability, costs (including attorneys' fees), losses, damages, fines or injuries (up to and including bodily injury and death) of any kind arising out of or related to: (i) participants' participation in the Competition (including travel to/from any Competition activity); (ii) any acceptance, possession, misuse or use of any prize (including, without limitation, losses, damages or injuries to participant's or any other person's equipment or other property, or to their persons, including those arising from any travel to/from any prize event or activity); (iii) the Released Parties' violation of rights of publicity or privacy, claims of defamation or portrayal in a false light or based on any claim of infringement of intellectual property; and (iv) any typographical, human or other error in the printing, offering, selection, operation or announcement of any Competition activity and/or prize].

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, participants agree that the Released Parties have neither made nor will be in any manner responsible or liable for any warranty, representation or guarantee, express or implied, in fact or in law, in connection with the Competition and/or with respect to prizes, including, without limitation, to any prize's quality or fitness for a particular purpose. Participants agree that the Released Parties shall have no responsibility or liability for discontinued prizes; human error; incorrect or inaccurate transcription of registration and/or account information; any technical malfunctions of the telephone network, computer online system, computer dating mechanism, computer equipment, software, or Internet service provider utilized by Sponsor; interruption or inability to access the website, application or any online service via the Internet due to hardware or software compatibility problems; any damage to participant's (or any third person's) computer and/or its contents related to or resulting from

any part of the Competition; any lost/delayed data transmissions, omissions, interruptions, viruses, bugs, defects; and/or any other errors or malfunctions, even if caused by the negligence of the Released Parties.

Each participant further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from and against any and all liability resulting or arising from the Competition and to release all rights to bring any claim, action or proceeding against Released Parties and hereby acknowledge that the Released Parties have neither made nor are in any manner responsible or liable for any warranty, representation or guarantee, express or implied, in fact or in law, relative to a prize, including express warranties provided exclusively by a prize supplier that may be sent along with a prize.

## 15. Entry Information and Competition Communications

As a condition of entering the Competition, each participant gives consent for Sponsor to obtain and deliver their name and other information to third parties for the purpose of administering this Competition and to comply with applicable laws, regulations and rules. Any information participant provides to Sponsor may be used to communicate with participant in relation to this Competition or on a Competition winner's list. Any information submitted will be subject to Sponsor's privacy policy available at:

<https://www.collectorsuniverse.com/privacy>.

## 16. Governing Law / Limitation of Liability

All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Official Rules or the rights and obligations of participants, Sponsor or the Released Parties in connection with the Competition will be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of California, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law rules or provisions that would cause the application of any other laws.

BY ENTERING THE COMPETITION, PARTICIPANT AGREES THAT TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW: (A) ANY AND ALL DISPUTES, CLAIMS AND CAUSES OF ACTION ARISING OUT OF OR CONNECTED WITH THE COMPETITION, OR ANY PRIZE AWARDED, WILL BE RESOLVED INDIVIDUALLY, WITHOUT RESORT TO ANY FORM OF CLASS ACTION; (B) ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, JUDGMENTS AND AWARDS WILL BE LIMITED TO ACTUAL THIRD-PARTY, OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS INCURRED (IF ANY) NOT TO EXCEED TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00 USD), BUT IN NO EVENT WILL ATTORNEYS' FEES BE AWARDED OR RECOVERABLE; AND (C) UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL ANY PARTICIPANT BE PERMITTED TO OBTAIN ANY AWARD FOR, AND PARTICIPANT HEREBY KNOWINGLY AND EXPRESSLY WAIVES ALL RIGHTS TO SEEK, PUNITIVE, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL OR SPECIAL DAMAGES, LOST PROFITS AND/OR ANY OTHER DAMAGES, OTHER THAN ACTUAL OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES NOT TO EXCEED TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00 USD), AND/OR ANY RIGHTS TO HAVE DAMAGES MULTIPLIED OR OTHERWISE INCREASED. SOME JURISDICTIONS DO NOT ALLOW THE LIMITATIONS OR EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY, SO THE ABOVE MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU.

## 17. Dispute Resolution

The parties each agree to finally settle all disputes only through arbitration; provided, however, the Sponsor shall be entitled to seek injunctive or equitable relief in the state and federal courts in Orange County, California, and any other court with jurisdiction over the parties. In arbitration, there is no judge or jury and review is limited. The arbitrator's decision and award is final and binding, with limited exceptions, and judgment on the award may be entered in any court with jurisdiction.

The parties agree that, except as set forth above, any claim, suit, action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Competition shall be resolved solely by binding arbitration before a sole arbitrator under the streamlined Arbitration Rules Procedures of JAMS Inc. ("JAMS") or any successor to JAMS. In the event JAMS is unwilling or unable to set a hearing date within fourteen (14) days of the filing of a "Demand for Arbitration," then either party can elect to have the arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") or any other mutually agreeable arbitration administration service. If an in-person hearing is required, then it will take place in Orange County, California. The federal or state law that applies to these Official Rules will also apply during the arbitration.

Disputes will be arbitrated only on an individual basis and will not be consolidated with any other proceedings that involve any claims or controversy of another party, including any class actions; provided, however, if for any reason any court or arbitrator holds that this restriction is unconscionable or unenforceable, then the agreement to arbitrate doesn't apply and the dispute must be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction in Orange County, California. Sponsor agrees to pay the administrative and arbitrator's fees in order to conduct the arbitration (but specifically excluding any travel or other costs of participant to attend the arbitration hearing). Either party may, notwithstanding this provision, bring qualifying claims in small claims court.

## 18. Miscellaneous

The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of these Official Rules will not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision. In the event that any provision of the Official Rules is determined to be invalid or otherwise unenforceable or illegal, the

other provisions will remain in effect and will be construed in accordance with their terms as if the invalid or illegal provision were not contained herein. Sponsor's failure to enforce any term of these Official Rules will not constitute a waiver of that provision.

Participants agree to waive any rights to claim ambiguity of these Official Rules. Headings are solely for convenience of reference and will not be deemed to affect in any manner the meaning or intent of the documents or any provision hereof. In the event there is a discrepancy or inconsistency between disclosures or other statements contained in any Competition-related materials, privacy policy or terms of use on any website, social media platform or application and/or the terms and conditions of the Official Rules, the Official Rules shall prevail, govern and control and the discrepancy will be resolved in Sponsor's sole and absolute discretion.

## **19. Identification of Sponsor**

This Competition is sponsored by Collectors Universe, Inc., 1600 E. Saint Andrew Pl 150, Santa Ana, California 92705, United States. Reference to third parties in connection with prizes and/or third party websites or services are for reference and identification purposes only and not intended to suggest endorsement, sponsorship or affiliation with Sponsor or the Competition.