

The One-Bag Beginner Card-Game Checklist

Choose the correct sleeve size, pack only what your game uses, inspect the deck before leaving, and arrive ready to play instead of ready to move house.

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Choose the sleeve before the art

Never trust the phrase TCG size by itself. Match the sleeve's stated dimensions to the game.

CARDS	GAMES	BEGINNER SLEEVE
Standard, about 63 x 88 mm	Magic, Pokemon, One Piece, Lorcana	Opaque standard-size sleeves; pack identical spares
Japanese, about 59 x 86 mm	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Opaque small or Japanese-size sleeves; do not use oversized standard sleeves

The transferable one-bag loadout

- ☐ One legal, sleeved deck — Count it before packing and keep side or extra material visibly separate.
- ☐ One rigid deck box — Size it after sleeving; include only the tokens that belong with this deck.
- ☐ Ten identical spare sleeves — A split or marked sleeve is a tiny problem only when the replacement matches.
- ☐ One small component pouch — Carry the dice, counters, markers, coin, or lore tracker your game actually uses.
- ☐ Pen, ID, and event details — Do not make your phone the only way to record or verify something.
- ☐ Optional rolled playmat — Add it for shared surfaces and easier card handling, not because every new player needs one immediately.

Add only the game's real job pieces

GAME	BRING	DO NOT IMPROVISE BLINDLY
Magic	Life method, counters or tokens your deck creates, Commander identity when relevant	Confirm format, deck size, sideboard, and current legality
Pokemon	Damage counters, status markers, coin or approved randomizer	Keep Prize Cards and play zones readable
One Piece	DON!! deck, Leader, counters or dice, clear play area	Keep DON!! and the main deck distinct
Yu-Gi-Oh!	Calculator or life method, coin or dice if required, clear zones	Use correct-size sleeves and separate Extra Deck material
Lorcana	Lore tracker, damage counters, clear questing and challenge area	Keep exerted cards and damage totals obvious

The five-minute event-door inspection

1. Fan the sleeve backs under neutral light
Replace splits, bends, marks, or visibly different wear before registration.
2. Count every deck group
Main, side, extra, DON!!, Leader, Commander, and tokens should be where that game expects them.
3. Dry-run pack and unpack
If setup takes a scavenger hunt, simplify the bag now.
4. Verify the current event rules
Accessories never override deck legality, card restrictions, registration, or the organizer's published policy.
5. Label what is yours
A small ownership mark on the bag or box prevents the least dramatic possible mystery at closing time.

Sources. Current official game rules and organized-play documents from Wizards of the Coast, Pokemon, Bandai, Konami, and Disney Lorcan, plus published size and capacity specifications from Dragon Shield, Ultra Pro, Ultimate Guard, and Vault X.

Accuracy. Every figure on this sheet was read from the sources above on August 16, 2026. Prices and availability change; rules do not. Where this sheet and the rulebook disagree, the rulebook is right.

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