

THE POST-BAN BEST-OF-ONE CRAFTING WORKSHEET

Do not craft a full Best-of-One deck because one page labels it Tier 1. On September 7, 2026, MTG Arena Zone placed Mono-Red Aggro, Boros Auras and Mono-Black Midrange in its editorial Tier 1. Treat that as a dated shortlist. Inventory your collection, test the play pattern, count rare and mythic wildcards, separate reusable lands from narrow cards, and wait when the deck depends on a card likely to be re-evaluated at the next announced policy review on October 12.

Safest craft today?	Cards that complete a tested list and remain useful across several shells, especially mana and flexible interaction.
Should I copy Tier 1?	Use it as a shortlist, then test play pattern, wildcard cost and ban exposure.
When is the next official review?	Wizards announced October 12, 2026 as the next banned-and-restricted review date.

USE THIS WHILE YOU PLAY

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The September 7 MTG Arena Zone Best-of-One page lists Mono-Red Aggro, Boros Auras and Mono-Black Midrange in Tier 1. Azorius Oculus, Boros Burn, Selesnya Rabbits and Azorius Enchantments appear in Tier 2; Golgari and Dimir Midrange appear in Tier 3.

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REVIEW THE DECISION, NOT ONLY THE RESULT

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4. Choose the decision style before the colors

Mono-Red Aggro rewards sequencing.

5. Spend wildcards from reusable to narrow

Begin with exact missing counts.

6. Use your collection as evidence, not destiny

Robert's September 7 collection export records 251 unique cards, at least 455 usable copies and 116 logged pack pulls.

7. Twenty test games beat one dramatic session

Split the trial into four sets of five.

8. Build a watchlist for October 12

Create three columns: safe to finish, test before crafting and wait for review.

SOURCE BOUNDARY

Current format, ban, timing, and legality facts are checked against Wizards of the Coast and Scryfall. Dated metagame rankings are identified as editorial snapshots. Marketplace and community attention are never converted into invented sales or win-rate claims.

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