

The Hobbit HOB/HOC Legality and Product Ledger

The set code starts the check; the exact card name and current format record finish it. Choose sealed product by the evening it creates.

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Read the code, then verify the card

CODE	DEFAULT FORMAT LANE	THE CHECK THAT STILL MATTERS
HOB	Standard, Pioneer, Modern, Commander	Exact card name plus the current format record
HOC	Commander, Legacy, Vintage	A reprint keeps every format already legal for that card name

Four checks before locals

- 1. Read the exact English card name**
Art, foil treatment, and frame style do not decide legality.
- 2. Read HOB or HOC**
Use the printed set code to establish the default lane.
- 3. Search a live card record**
Use Gatherer or Scryfall and match the exact card name.
- 4. Open the event's current format page**
Confirm rotation, bans, and the organizer's listing on registration day.

Buy the evening

PRODUCT	ITS REAL JOB	STOP WHEN
Welcome Deck	Guided color lesson	The learner understands the turn
Play Booster display	Drafting or opening the main set	The planned event or opening is supplied
Bundle	Personal sampler with lands and storage	The sampler goal is complete
Draft Night	Four-player Limited night	Four seats and supplies are covered
Scene Box	Finite panorama and named card group	That exact scene is complete
Collector display	Premium treatments and high variance	Premium variance itself is the goal

Collector stopping rule

- ☐ **Name the finish line** — One character, one scene, one treatment family, or one sealed memory.
- ☐ **Separate play from collecting** — Buy exact playable cards as singles when opening variance no longer helps.
- ☐ **Respect the evidence boundary** — Publisher contents can be known before release; market value and long-term demand cannot.

Sources. Wizards of the Coast The Hobbit product page and card gallery; current Magic format and banned or restricted records; Gatherer and Scryfall exact-card records.
Accuracy. Every figure on this sheet was read from the sources above on 2026-09-09. Prices and availability change; rules do not. Where this sheet and the rulebook disagree, the rulebook is right.
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