

# Card Collection App: The Complete User Manual

## 1. Introduction to Card Collection

The Card Collection app is a comprehensive digital tool designed for managing, valuing, and selling trading cards. It provides a private and secure environment for collectors to digitalize their physical collections, allowing for streamlined organization and real-time market tracking.

## 2. Getting Started

### Account Creation and Access

To begin using the app, you must establish secure access to your private collection.

- **Creating an Account:** On the sign-in screen, enter your email address and a chosen password, then click **Create account**.
- **Signing In:** Enter your registered email and password on the sign-in screen and click **Sign in**. Upon successful entry, you will be directed to your card grid.
- **Signing Out:** To exit your session, open the **⋮ (More)** menu located at the top right of the interface and select **Sign out**.

### Installation

For a more integrated experience, you can install Card Collection as a native-style app on your mobile device or desktop.

1. Open the **⋮ (More)** menu in your web browser.
2. Select **↓ Install app**.
3. **Note:** If this option does not appear, it is likely that your browser has already installed the app or does not support this specific installation feature.


## 3. Navigating and Finding Your Cards

### Search and Filter

Locating specific items within a large collection is facilitated by robust search and filtering tools.

- **Search:** Use the **Search cards...** box at the top of the screen. The grid will filter automatically as you type, scanning across names, teams, sets, and other metadata.
- **Filters:** Click the **≡ Filters** button (or use the sidebar on desktop) to narrow your view. You can filter by:
  - Sport
  - Year
  - Manufacturer
  - Collection
  - Status
- *To clear a filter, simply click the criteria again.*

## View Layouts

The app offers four distinct layouts to suit different preferences. Use the **view button** in the toolbar to cycle through these options; the button label always names the view you will switch to next (e.g., " **Shelf view**").

- **Grid:** A standard visual layout of your cards.
- **Shelf:** An organized, shelf-style presentation.
- **List:** A condensed text-based view for quick scanning.
- **Photo:** Displays only the cards that have a front photo attached.

## Sorting

You can reorder your cards using the **Sort by** dropdown menu. Available parameters include:

- Recently added
- Last name
- Year
- Value

## 4. Adding and Editing Cards

### The Manual Entry Process

To add a new item, click the **+ Add** button at the top of the screen. This opens a blank card page where you can input the card's information. Once completed, click **Add card**. Note that if you have reached your plan's card limit, you will be prompted to upgrade rather than add a new card. To modify an existing card, click the card to open its detail page, update the necessary fields, and click **Save**. If you wish to exit without saving changes, click **Cancel** or the **×** icon.

### Deleting Cards

To permanently remove a card from your collection, open the card page and click **Delete** at the bottom left, then confirm the action. **Note:** This action cannot be undone.

### Card Metadata Fields

Fill in the Identity fields (including Serial # and Print Run) and the Detail fields as follows:

Identity Fields | Detail Fields || ----- | ----- || Name, Team, Sport | Condition || Year, Manufacturer, Set | Grading Company || Card Number | Grade || Insert/Parallel | Cert # || Variation | Serial # || Rookie Year | Print Run |

### Special Attributes and Tags

- **Flags:** Use checkboxes to categorize cards as **Rookie**, **Autograph**, **Jersey/Relic**, **Graded**, **Favorite**, or **Horizontal**.
- **Tags:** Type a tag in the **Tags** box and press Enter. To remove a tag, click its chip.
- **Notes:** Use the **Notes** box to add custom descriptions or history to any card.

## Organization and Status





- **Storage:** Track the physical location of your cards using the **Storage** box. Previously used locations will appear as suggestions.
- **For Sale Status:** Use the dropdown menu to mark a card as **Not For Sale** , **For Sale** , or **Sold** .

## Financial Tracking

- **Value:** The current estimated market value.
- **Purchase price:** The amount you paid for the card.
- **Sold price:** The amount the card was sold for.
- **Profit logic:** A **Profit line** appears automatically only when both the **Purchase price** and **Sold price** are filled. A **green** indicator signifies a gain, while a **red** indicator signifies a loss, accompanied by the specific percentage.

## 5. Photos and AI-Powered Features

### Image Management

- **Uploading:** On the card page, click the  (**Camera**) icon to take a photo or the  (**Folder**) icon to upload a file for both the Front and Back slots.
- **Editing:** Use the  and  buttons to rotate images that may have uploaded sideways.
- **Viewing:** Click any photo to view it full-size. While in full-screen mode, use the on-screen arrows or keyboard arrow keys to flip between front and back images. Press **Esc** or click outside the image to close.

### AI Identification

The ✨ **Identify with AI** feature can automatically populate card details.

1. Upload at least a front photo of the card.
2. Click ✨ **Identify with AI** .
3. Review the information gathered by the AI and click **Save** .
4. *Each identification consumes one of your daily AI scans.*

### AI Condition Estimates


By selecting the **Include AI condition estimate** checkbox before identifying a card, the app provides a visual assessment of the card's corners, edges, centering, and surface. This is a rough estimate based on the photos and is not a substitute for a professional grade.

### Scan Management



You can track your remaining daily AI scans via the ✨ **count** displayed in the top bar and on individual card pages. This count resets every 24 hours.

## 6. Pricing and Market Research

### Real-Time Valuation

To update a card's value with current market data, click the  **Refresh price** button. The app retrieves comparable active eBay listings and sets the card's Value to the median price found. You must click **Save** to keep this new value.

### Direct eBay Integration

-  **Active:** Opens a new browser tab with current eBay listings for that specific card.
-  **Sold:** Opens eBay's recently sold results to help you gauge historical market pricing.

### Certification Verification


For cards marked as "Graded," an automated grading-company cert link will appear next to the pricing buttons. Click this link to verify the card's authenticity and grade on the official grader's website.

### Historical Data


The **Price history** section on the card page tracks and displays recorded values over time, allowing you to visualize market trends for specific items.

## 7. Selling on eBay



### Integration Setup

1. Open the **⋮ (More)** menu and select  **eBay account** .
2. Follow the prompts to **Sign in with eBay** .
3. **Security Note:** This authorizes the app to list on your behalf; the app never sees or stores your eBay password.

### Listing Workflow


To list a card, open its detail page and click  **List on eBay** . Confirm the details in the pop-up to create the listing. On your first listing, you may be required to enter your ZIP code to establish a shipping location.

### Managing Listings


-  **End listing:** Removes an active listing from eBay.
-  **Relist:** Ends the current listing and immediately creates a fresh one.

## 8. Collections, Sharing, and Showcasing


### Organizing Collections

- **Creation:** Select  **Add collection** from the **⋮ (More)** menu and assign it a name.
- **Assignment:** Open a card page and tick the appropriate collection(s) under the **Collections** section, then click **Save** .

## Public Sharing

To share your collection, select a specific collection and click the  **Share** button in the toolbar. This generates a read-only public link that can be viewed by anyone.

## Showcase Mode

The  **Showcase** feature provides a full-screen slideshow of a selected collection. To exit the showcase, click the screen or press any key.


## 9. Wishlist, Sets, and Checklists

### Wishlist Management

The  **Wishlist** allows you to track cards you are currently hunting for.

- **Adding:** Create a new entry with player, set, and details.
- **Acquisition:** When you obtain an item, click **Got it**. This opens a pre-filled new card page to move the item into your collection.
- **Removal:** Delete any wishlist entry you no longer want by using the delete function within the wishlist.

### Checklists

The  **Sets** feature allows you to browse full set checklists to track which cards you own and which you still need to complete a specific set.




## 10. Advanced Data Management and Dashboard

### Collection Analytics

Access the  **Dashboard** for a high-level overview of your collection.

- **Filtering:** Use the **Sport** dropdown to focus the data on specific categories.
- **Trends:** The dashboard takes a daily snapshot of total collection value to monitor financial trends over time.

### Bulk Actions

-  **Update prices:** Refreshes eBay values for all cards currently displayed in your grid.
-  **Export CSV:** Downloads your entire collection, including purchase prices and computed profits, as a spreadsheet.
-  **Import CSV:** Allows for bulk card uploads. The app matches common column names to its fields.
- **Note:** If an import would exceed your plan's card limit, the app will fill up to the limit and explicitly notify you of how many cards were skipped.

## 11. Subscription and Plan Management

### Tiers and Limits

Your card storage limit and daily AI scan allowance are determined by your subscription. Higher plans raise both your card limit and the number of daily AI scans available.

### Billing Operations

- **Upgrading:** Select **↑ Upgrade plan** from the **⋮ (More)** menu to compare tiers and subscribe via secure Stripe checkout.
- **Management:** Within the plan screen, click **Manage subscription** to update payment methods or cancel your subscription at any time through Stripe.