



## OKTOBERFISH

### Kitchener Waterloo Aquarium Society

## OFFICIAL SHOW RULES, CLASSES AND PROCEDURES

If you have any questions, concerns or comments regarding the information in this document please email [kwasktoberfish@gmail.com](mailto:kwasktoberfish@gmail.com) at least 48 hours prior to the event and we will get back to you promptly.

#### General:

- 1) There is no limit to the number of entries submitted.
- 2) Entry submitted **MUST** have been the property and in the possession of the exhibitor for at least 30 days prior to the show.
- 2) No entry will be judged in more than one class.
- 3) Entry forms will be accepted electronically in advance up to 11pm the evening before the show with payment due in full before 10am the day of the show. All other forms will be accepted from 8am to 9:30am on the day of the show with payment due upon submission.  
**At 10am the showroom will be closed and all entries must be set up.** We will re-open the showroom after the judging and after announcement of the winners.
- 4) Preregistered entries are \$1.00 each. Entries at the show are \$2.00 each. Juniors entering in the Junior Livebearer and Junior Egglayer classes are free. The registration form must be turned in to the show committee at time of entry.
- 5) Removal of entries from the show will be allowed after 4pm.  
Anything remaining in the showroom at the end of the day will become property of Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society. Anyone who must depart early may do so if a request in writing is received in writing at least 24 hours before the show.
- 6) It is the exhibitor's responsibility to enter the fish and or entry in the correct class.  
A judge or the Show Chairman also has the right to re-classify any entry they feel is in the wrong class. If you have any questions about what class to enter your fish or entry into, please contact the chairman.
- 7) Fish displaying and forms of deformity or disease will be disqualified and not judged.

#### Show Judging:

- 1) KWAS will award trophies for Best In Show and Best In categories only. All other awards will be awarded cash prizes.
- 2) Judging will be done by CAOAC certified judges and apprentice judges. A judge's decision is final and binding. Any problems with judging should be reported to the chairman of the CAOAC Judges Committee. Appeals are not accepted the day of the show.
- 3) The photography class will be judged by a special KWAS appointed judge (if available) who has accumulated professional knowledge of photography as an art form.
- 4) In case of disputes, the show chair person's decision will be final and binding.

- 5) Apprentice judges may not judge any class which they or any member of their immediate family have submitted entries for. No entries will be accepted by any judge or members of their immediate family for classes which they will be judging.
- 6) The following reference material will be used for the show: Axelrods Atlas, Baensch Atlas and any other reference guides available to the judges and show committee. Size will refer to 'mature size'.

### **Show Equipment**

- 1) All fish must be shown in flat sided bowls or tanks. Tanks should be no larger than necessary to accommodate the fish for the duration of the show. Any tank over ten (10) gallons must have its own stand to hold the tank. Please notify the chairman if you are bringing a larger tank.
- 2) It is recommended that all tanks should be covered with a rigid lid such as glass, plexiglass or posterboard which must be removable for judging.
- 3) The tanks in all fish species classes may contain the fish entry, water, airstones, a heater and a one colour background.
- 4) Air will NOT be supplied. Exhibitors requiring air must supply their own air pumps, air valves, air stones, airline, air driven filters and heaters. No open air lines will be allowed.
- 5) Tap water will be available. No spray bottles will be allowed in the show room.
- 6) No substrate will be allowed except in the following classes. 28 – Aquatic Plants, 30 – Aquarium Beautiful and 31 – Aquarium Novelty.

### **Specialized Classes**

- 1) Any artistic material can be used for the Arts and Crafts class. The exhibit must have been made by the exhibitor and have a fishy theme.
- 2) Photos must have been taken by the entrant within the previous twelve (12) months for entry into the photo class.
- 3) A junior is age sixteen (16) and under.
- 4) A family class must include one spawning pair and a minimum of five (5) young from this pair which are no more than three (3) months of age. These fish must have been bred by the entrant and will be judged on the condition and size of both parents and young, difficulty of spawn and rearing will also be taken into consideration. A tank divider may be used.
- 5) Club High Aggregate will be given to the club whose members receive the most points overall in the competition. A framed certificate will be given to the President of the club to mark their accomplishments.

### **Fish Show Classes:**

1. Angels and Discus
2. New World Dwarf Cichlids (Under 4")
3. New World Large Cichlids
4. Lake Malawi Cichlids
5. Lake Tanganyika Cichlids
6. African Dwarf Cichlids (Under 4")
7. AOV Cichlids
8. Mollies
9. Platies and Swordtails (includes wild sword species)
10. Male Guppy
11. Female Guppy
12. AOV Livebearer
13. Corydoras, Aspadoras and Brochis
14. Suckermouth Cat
15. AOV Catfishfish
16. Characins (Tetras, Silver Dollars, Pencilfish, Headstanders, Leporinus etc)

17. Minnows, Danios and Rasboras
18. Sharks and Loaches
19. Male Betta
20. Female Betta
21. AOV Anabantids
22. Killifish
23. Rainbowfish
24. Goldfish and Koi
25. Barbs
26. Freshwater Invertebrates
27. AOV Egglayer
28. Aquatic Plants
29. Aquatic Animals
30. Aquarium Beautiful
31. Aquarium Novelty
32. Arts and Crafts (created within the last 12 months)
33. Aquatic Photography (taken within the last 12 months)
34. Junior Egglayer
35. Junior Livebearer
36. Family Egglayer
37. Family Livebearer
38. High Club Aggregate?

### **Trophies**

1. Best Cichlid
2. Best Livebearer
3. Best Catfish
4. Best Egglayer
5. Best Junior
6. Best In Show
7. People's Choice

Preregistrations can be emailed on the Show Entry Form to [kwasoktoberfish@gmail.com](mailto:kwasoktoberfish@gmail.com)

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