



OKTOBERFISH

Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society

OFFICIAL AUCTION RULES & PROCEDURES

CASH AUCTION

If you have any questions, concerns or comments regarding the information in this document please email kwasktoberfish@gmail.com at least 48 hours prior to the event and we'll get back to you promptly.

Buying:

1. Auctioning will start at 10am sharp!
2. Admission is FREE.
3. All sales are final. No taxes added.
4. All bid increments must be at least \$1.
5. All bidders must register for a bidder card at the front desk.
6. **KWAS will accept CASH ONLY for payment. There are a number of banks in the immediate area of the event.**
7. Hold bidder card up, number forward to bid. If you're the highest bidder please keep number up until your number is logged. You **MUST** display your bidder card when auction is won.
8. The registered bidder is responsible for payment for ALL items won with their bidder card. Please protect your card.
9. When the auctioneer says sold, no more bids are taken at that time. Auctioneer has the final say on the

bidding of an item. The highest bidder will pay that amount.

10. Bidder is responsible to confirm Item, Lot, Selling and Bidder number at time of delivery.

Selling:

1. Auctioning will start at 10am sharp! Registration starts at 8am and closes shortly after 10am.
2. Please limit the number of items you bring to 60 per household. Four full lots of 15 items.
3. All sellers are required to fill their lots completely before starting an additional one.
4. Each seller's lot of 15 items will be divided onto 15 tables; all goods on table A will be auctioned in random order before proceeding to table B, then to table C, and so on to the last table; this keeps things fair for all.

5. **NO USED EQUIPMENT, FOOD OR TEST KITS.** The only exception is aquarium kits consisting of at least one leak-free aquarium and any amount of equipment as a single item.
6. KWAS recommends that highest value items be placed on tables A-E, so please list them at the start of the seller's lot form.
7. If arriving late with items for sale please be aware that lot sizes will be reduced by one for every table that is already completely auctioned. Sellers will still be restricted to only four lots.
8. KWAS will supply pre-preprinted, colour-coded stickers to identify each of your items.
9. If you have a minimum bid please write it largely and clearly in dark marker on the bag. Items will only be offered for sale once.
10. KWAS' commission is 30%.
11. All purchases are considered FINAL SALE.
12. Cheques will be sent out by mail within one week of the event.
13. Unsold items must be picked up before day's end. Unclaimed items at the end of the day will become the property of KWAS.

Please properly bag your fish:

1. A re-bagging station will be provided by KWAS for improperly bagged items. KWAS reserves the right to charge a fee for this service if needed repeatedly for a single seller.
2. No ziplock bags or bags with twist ties. No undersized plastic bottles. NO GLASS JARS.
3. **Remember: One part water to four parts air.** Water needs to be deep enough to completely cover the fish when the bag is upright and ideally also when the bag is on its side.
4. Please use an appropriate size of bag. Large fish need large bags. Sometimes pair/groups need to be split into multiple bags and attached together as an "item."
5. You will get higher prices if you can list exactly how many fish (adults/fry) species common name, Latin name and male to female ratios. Sharpie marker works great for this.
6. Items that die during the auction day will be returned to the seller and voided if already sold. Please see auction chair in the event of a dispute.