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 kwasoktoberfish@gmail.com at least 48 hours prior to the event and we will get back to you promptly.

Buying:

1. Auction will start at 10am sharp!
2. Admission is FREE.
3. All sales are final. No taxes are added.
4. All bid increments must be at least $1.
5. All bidders must register for a bidder card at the registration desk.
6. KWAS will accept CASH only for payment. There are a number of banks in the immediate area of the event.
7. Bidders must hold the bidder card up, number forward to bid. If you're the highest bidder, please keep your number up until your number is logged. You MUST display your bidder card when the auction is won.
8. The registered bidder is responsible for payment for ALL item 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 the time of delivery.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the buying rules please contact us right away.

Selling:

1. Auctioning will start at 10am sharp! Registration will open online the Sunday before the auction as well as 8am on the day of the auction in person and will close promptly at 9:30am the day of the auction. There will be no exceptions to this rule unless you have contacted the Oktoberfish auction chairman in advance.
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 a random order before moving onto the next table.
5. **NO USED EQUIPMENT, FOOD or TEST KITS**. The only exception to this rule is aquarium kits consisting of at least one leak-free aquarium and any amount of equipment as a single item, and driftwood is allowed as a single.
6. KWAS will be randomizing the table order so you may place your items in any order in your lots as the order will be randomized.
7. If arriving late with items for sale, please be aware that lot sizes will be reduced by one of every table that is already completely auctioned. Sellers will still be restricted to four lots.
8. KWAS will supply label stickers for each of your items the day of the auction.
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. Make sure you are labeling with the number of fish in the bag, male or female, and or how many stems of plants the bag consists of.
11. KWAS' commission is 30%
12. All purchases are considered **FINAL SALE**.
13. Cheques will be sent out by mail within one week of the event if you do not check out after your last item is sold.
14. Unsold items must be claimed before the day's end. Any unclaimed items not picked up will become 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 over 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. Items that die during the auction day will be returned to the seller and voided if already sold. Please see the president and or auction chair in the event of a dispute.