

MOTOR CITY AQUARIUM SOCIETY
AUCTION RULES

1. You need not be a member of an aquarium society to buy or sell.
2. Total item limit is 50 items (10 of these 50 can be hard goods/Buy It Now) per person. Buy It Now items (hard goods) MUST BE REGISTERED along with fish/live goods.
3. Goods must be aquatic-related. No venomous, state- or federal-restricted goods allowed.
4. Bring a suitable container to carry away your purchased items.
5. MCAS will not be responsible for any item up for auction nor for any personal injury which may occur during the auction or while on its site.
6. Goods must be packaged in polyethylene fish bags, buckets, similar containers, and/or styrofoam boxes with ample air and water for live goods. Sandwich bags are not allowed. Killi and Rainbow fish eggs should be packed in vials, bagged spawning mop, or peat moss. Items requiring re-bagging will be subject to a \$1.00 handling charge.
7. All items must be labeled with MCAS labels; these include the item number, seller's name and seller's phone number; live goods should include common and scientific names, number of items, and advice as to sex (if known). If claiming a "pair," they must be a known male and female. A "spawning pair" must have spawned with each other.
8. Buy-It-Now Table: All equipment or dry goods (10 item limit) must go directly to the Buy-It-Now table. Please see our website for more information.
9. Goods must be clean and labeled as to their working condition. Specify if a tank leaks and whether mechanical goods work or not. Bundling of related items is highly encouraged, i.e., tank, stand, light fixture; box of filters, lights, heaters, etc. The auction committee reserves the right to reject any item not fit for sale (i.e. sickness, disease, severely damaged goods, etc.).

10. Generally accepted hybrids (i.e., flowerhorns and certain African species) will be accepted for auction at the discretion of the auction chairman.

11. A limit of five bags per species or color form will be allowed for each seller.

12. Minimum/Reserve Bids: Sellers will be allowed to request two (2) items to be auctioned at Reserve or Minimum Bids. There will be a \$2.00 "prepaid" surcharge whether or not these items are sold.

13. Items are not necessarily sold on a first-in basis but rather under a priority sticker system administered at time of registration. The auction committee reserves the right to prioritize the sale of all goods, i.e., donations, large fish in buckets or styrofoam boxes and the like.

14. Priority Items: As an exception to item (13), for a non-refundable \$2.00 service fee per item, prospective buyers may request the immediate auction of any item.

15. All purchases are cash, check (members preferred), or credit. Credit card sales are now available. There is no additional charge for paying with credit.

16. All items become the buyer's responsibility upon completion of each individual sale.

17. Acting as each individual seller's agent only, MCAS will retain 30% of the selling price.

18. Sellers' proceeds will be mailed within 2 weeks.

19. Items not claimed at the close of the auction will become the property of the MCAS and disposed of at the sole discretion of the auction chairperson.

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