

IWGKS KOI SHOW

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. **Date:** July 31 2010

2. **Rules for showing fish:**

- a. This is an open Koi Show.
- b. Each participant will have own tank with "English" style judging.
- c. All fish shown should be the personal and private property of the registrant for a minimum of 30 days to insure Koi is in good health.
- d. The Koi show is not open to Koi professionals. For the purpose of this show, a Koi professional is "one who derives income from a Koi hobby related business."
 - i. Examples would be as follows:
 1. Koi retailer or wholesaler (dealer, immediate relative of a Koi dealer or employee of a Koi dealer.
 2. Dry goods retailer or wholesaler – sells Koi food, pond filtration supplies, is a pond installer, pond maintenance, etc. In general, provides direct hobby related items or service affecting the life of a Koi.
 3. Any questions as to whether an entrant might fall into a particular category above should be addressed by the show chairman.
 4. An entrant must not have qualified as a Koi professional for a period of one year prior to the show.
- e. Koi owners must be present at the show at time of entry.
- f. Each entrant must provide a net and blue tub, which is to be used at the person's tank only. (IWGKS will provide a limited number of sterilized tubs and nets.) Also with fair competition in mind, please cover all labels on personnel equipment that indicates the Koi owner.
- g. KHV SURVIVORS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT ANY SHOW.

3. **Entry Forms and Fees:**

- a. Early tank registration fee of \$10.00 for preregistration no later than Friday evening before the show.
 - i. Early entry 5:00 pm to 7:00pm Friday prior to the show.
 - ii. Only one tank per individual until one week before the show the show chair can release the remaining tanks on a first come basis.
- b. Late entries will be accepted if tanks are available before 8:30 am the day of the show.
 - i. Late Tank fee is \$20.00 per tank.
- c. Entry forms must be completed and signed.
 - i. Accompanied with the entry fee, make checks payable to the IWGKS.
- d. Minimum of 2 pictures must be accompanied with the registration form.
- e. Changes to the entry forms after submission will be approved by the show committee only.

4. **Delivery and Removal of fish:**

- a. All fish must arrive at the show site by 8:30 am of the show date and be in their tank by 9am.

- i. Fish can be placed in their assigned tank Friday evening from 5:00 and 7:00 pm once registered by the entry committee.
- b. After checking in with the entry committee, all entrants must remain in the entry area until their fish have been measured, classified and released into the assigned tank.
 - i. The entry committee or Judge has the final authority regarding classification and size.
 - ii. Fish deemed by the entry committee to be showing possible signs of disease or parasites will be removed immediately.
- c. No fish may be bagged or removed from the show site until all fish are identified by the entrants, and the Show Chair or representative gives the OK to bag and leave.
 - i. In cases of extreme need, the Show Chair may permit early removal of fish if positive identification is possible.
 - ii. Generally the show will end at 4pm and fish can be removed with approval from the show chair between 4 and 5 pm or 8 – 10 am on the following Sunday unless other arrangements are made with the show chair.
- d. At the close of the show, oxygen will be provided by IWGKS. Entrants are responsible for bags and carrying containers. **IWGKS will provide bags for a small fee.**
- e. All fish must be picked up by 10:00 am Sunday following the show.
 - i. Unclaimed fish will become property of IWGKS.

5. Judging:

- a. Judging will begin promptly at 10:00 am Saturday.
- b. Injuries that will leave permanent scars or deformities will count against a fish, while those considered temporary will be overlooked in judging.
- c. The decision of the judges and/or entry committee is final. Any contingencies not covered clearly by these rules will be subject to the decision of the show committee.
- d. Participants and spectators will be allowed to observe and listen to the judges comments from outside judging area. Only the judge, show chair, judge assistant, and fish catchers will be allowed in judging area. No communication whatsoever with the judges is permitted during judging.
 - i. Any individual in violation of the requirement will be asked to leave the premises.
 - ii. If the violator is a participant, this will result in his/her disqualification from the competition.
- e. Move-up will be automatic.
- f. Awards will be announced at the show banquet on Saturday night.

6. General Information:

- a. All necessary and reasonable precautions will be taken by the club to safeguard the Koi entries. Entries are accepted with the understanding that the participant agrees to hold the club, and all workers at the show harmless in the event of fish death, disease, injury, disfigurement or loss.
- b. No one is to handle any fish except the show committee.

7. Water Quality:

- a. Every reasonable effort will be made to maintain the water quality of the tanks at a high level. Initially, water will be treated with a chlorine-chloramine-neutralizing chemical,

along with ammonia binding chemicals. A water quality committee will be established to insure that the best possible water quality is maintained at all times.

- b. No Koi exhibitor is allowed to introduce to his or her tank any substance without the permission of the water quality team.