

WELCOME TO OKTOBERFISH 2011

Fish Show Rules

- 1) There is no limit to the number of entries submitted
- 2) No entry will be judged in more than one class
- 3) Entry forms will be accepted electronically in advance up to 11 pm the evening before the show with payment due in full before 10:30am the day of the show. All other forms will be accepted from 8am to 10:30am on the day of the show with payment due upon submission. At 11am the show room will close and all entries must be set up. We will reopen the show room after the judging and after announcement of the winners.
- 4) Entry fees for the show will be \$2.00 for each entry. 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 show room after 6pm will become property of the Kitchener-Waterloo Aquarium Society. Anyone who must depart early may do so if a request in writing is received by the show chairman prior to the event
- 6) It is the exhibitor's responsibility to enter the fish and or entry in the correct class. A judge or the Show Chairman 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 any forms of deformity or disease will be disqualified and not judged.

Judging

- 1) We will award trophies for 'Best of Show' & 'Best In' categories & will award cash prizes for all classes.
- 2) Judging will be done by CAOAC certified Judges. A judges 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 guest judge who has accumulated or professional knowledge of photography as an art form.
- 4) In cases of dispute the show chairperson's decisions will be final and binding.
- 5) Judges may not judge any classes which they, or any member of their immediate family have submitted entries for; no entries will be accepted by any apprentice judge or members of their immediate family for classes which they will be judging.

Fish Show Classes

BEST CICHLID

1. Angels & Discus
2. Dwarf New World Cichlids
3. Large New World Cichlids
4. Lake Malawi Cichlids
5. Lake Tanganyika Cichlids
6. Dwarf African Cichlids
7. AOV Cichlids

BEST LIVEBEARER

8. Mollies
9. Platies and Swordtails
10. Male Guppy
11. Female Guppy

12. AOV Livebearer

BEST EGGLAYER

13. Corydoras, Aspadoras and Brochis
14. Suckermouth Catfish
15. AOV Catfish
16. Characins
17. Minnows, Danios, Rasboras
18. Sharks & Loaches
19. Male Betta
20. Female Betta
21. AOV Anabantids
22. Killifish

- 6) The following reference material will be used for the show: Axelrod's Atlas, Baensch Atlas, and any other reference guides available to the judges and show committee. Size will refer to the mature size.

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 10 gallons must have a stand to hold the tank. Please notify the chairman if you are bringing a larger tank.
- 2) All tanks should be covered with a rigid material—glass lid, plexiglass, poster board—which must be removable for judging.
- 3) The tanks in all fish species classes may contain the fish entry, water, air stones or air driven filters, a heater and 1 color background
- 4) Air will be supplied. Exhibitors must supply their own air valves, air stones, air line, air driven filters and heaters. No open air lines will be allowed. A supply of valves, airtotes and airline will be available for sale in the show room.
- 5) Tap water will be available. No Spray bars are allowed in the show room.

Specialized Classes

- 1) Entrants into the marine classes will be responsible for supplying their own filtration, tanks, power heads, water and backgrounds. Lighting will be provided, however lighting of an appropriate size may also be supplied by the exhibitor.
- 2) 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.
- 3) Photos must have been taken by the entrant within the previous 12 months for the entry into the photo class. Subjects must be owned by the photographer.
- 4) A Junior is age 16 and under.
- 5) 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.

23. Rainbowfish

24. Goldfish & Koi

25. Native Fish (North American sp.)

26. Barbs

27. Freshwater Invertebrates

28. AOV Egglayer

29. Marine Fish

30. Marine Invertebrates

31. Family Egglayer

32. Family Livebearer

BEST NOVELTY

33. Aquatic Plants

34. Aquatic Animals

35. Aquarium Beautiful

36. Aquarium Novelty

37. Arts and Crafts

38. Aquatic Photography

BEST JUNIOR

39. Egglayer

40. Livebearer

NOTES

Characins includes Tetras, Silver Dollars, Pencilfish, Headstanders, Leporinus etc.