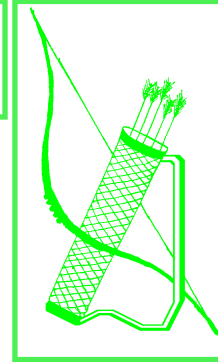


Robin Hood Aquarists

Founded 1992

This booklet contains full details of our Code of Practice and Terms and Conditions for the sale of items at auctions that we hold.



Pages 2 & 3 contain our commitment to the **Welfare of the Livestock** that we sell.

Pages 4 & 5 contain our **General Terms and Conditions of sale**.

Pages 6 & 7 contain **Useful Tips** and **Glossary of Terms** used during our auctions

Important message to sellers

Written confirmation must be submitted to the show secretary via email that the content of this booklet have been read, understood and that the exhibitor/seller will comply, before a lot number can be issued

Please note new or revised conditions in this edition:-

Along with the common or scientific name of the livestock please also include on the label the water type that they have been kept and reared in.

BAG QUALITY

REGISTERED SELLER MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE

Other amendments have also been made.

To enter a lot & be given a lot number you must have read and agree to the contents of this booklet, in writing to the Show Secretary.

FISH WELFARE IS OUR NUMBER 1 PRIORITY.

To ensure the highest standards of care, these are our fish bagging, labelling and transporting rules. We are going to be rigid in implementing them. Entries not meeting these criteria will be rejected. There will be **NO** exceptions.

Please read **CAREFULLY** the following:-

- 1.** No entries will be accepted for auction which are in a distressed state. By this we mean fish looking sickly, showing signs of disease or failing to maintain a normal swimming position. This applies to lots on display or in holding boxes.
- 2.** ALL pairs of aggressive species must be bagged separately. This includes cichlids (especially Rift Valley species), killifish and Bettas and some catfish. **If in doubt just bag them separately**
- 3.** WITHOUT EXCEPTION, no entries will be accepted where a fish has died in the bag in transit. This includes entries bagged separately & tied together as a pair/trio and applies to lots on display or in holding boxes. These bags will be returned to the owner for immediate re-bagging. **Any surviving fish from these entries will not be auctioned even after the affected fish has been removed.**
- 4.** The auction team reserves the right to refuse to sell any fish deemed to be a ‘tank-busting’ species. These are defined as species that grow too large and not suitable to be kept in aquaria.
- 5. BAGS SHOULD BE OF SUFFICIENT STRENGTH.**
ONLY fish safe bags or equivalent to be used when bagging fish, sandwich bags and similar are not acceptable, they are not of a thick enough gauge to ensure the safety of the fish while in transit or during the auction progress. If the seller does not have bags available then lidded jars or clear tubs will be accepted provided they can be packed to maintain the correct temperature for the species inside Any fish presented in what the auction team deem as “unsuitable packing will be handed back to the seller to repack or withdrawn permanently at the discretion of the auction team

6. No deflated bags will be auctioned. These will require re-bagging by the owner. If a bag loses air it will be returned to you for attention, if you can sort the issue out before the end of your lot we will try to resell them, Fish should be bagged with the internal volume being a minimum of 2/3 or more of air. It is acceptable to use food grade plastic containers and buckets or glass food jars for large fish. In these cases, the 2/3 air recommendation does not apply as the lid can be periodically opened to allow air exchange. If there a

7. We strongly recommend ALL fish be double bagged with the 2nd outer bag inverted so the neck goes into the outer bag first. This 'rounds off' the corners & strengthens the bag. This is essential for fish with spines, such as cichlids, catfish, angels, clown loach and many other species. For other fish, single Fish safe bags are OK . If Single Bagging then bags **MUST** have the corners taped up or be of the type that are manufactured with rounded corners. Fish do get trapped in these corners & this is a simple step to avoid this area of stress.

8. We will not knowingly accept for auction any species that are included on any CITES endangered or at risk listing. This also includes plant species that are known to endanger the native natural environment and invasive species identified by DEFRA and which are prohibited for trading or resale.

9. If a lot contains multiple contraventions of these rules, the whole lot, on the decision of the auctioneer or club chairman, will be stopped and either permanently withdrawn or handed back to the seller who may, if there is no detriment to the livestock be given a chance to address the issues pointed out. we will continue with all other sellers lots and the withdrawn lot will then be offered at the end of the auction to prevent holding up the proceedings.

These rules are designed to maintain the highest levels of care for the fish being sold.

By entering fish into our auction for sale, you agree to comply by them, many thanks.

The following should be read in conjunction with the Fish Welfare content on page 2 of this Code of Practice for sale of items at Robin Hood Aquarists Auctions.

General Rules of Sale.

- A] Commission of 15% will be deducted from all sale prices.
- B] The minimum starting price for an item will be £1.00, so please present your items within the lot appropriately.
- C] The **REGISTERED** Seller **MUST** Book the lot in before the auction starts & be in the auction room **IN PERSON** at the time of sale of their lot .
- D] In the case of a Robin Hood Aquarists member then either they or an appointed agent, who has knowledge of the items within the lot may act on their behalf. The name of the seller will be announced prior to the commencement of each lot, as it comes up for sale.
- E] A member of the auction team **MUST** immediately, be made aware of any errors at **THE POINT OF SALE**, as they cannot be corrected afterwards.
- F] There will be a limit of **75 items** per lot at this point the lot will be **STOPPED** & further items within the lot will be given the next available number at the end of the auction. This rule applies to ALL lots entered
- G] A lot may only contain a **MAXIMUM** of 10 items of equipment and/or consumables. Equipment is defined as, tanks/cabinets, ALL types of pumps and filters, heating equipment and all forms of lighting
- H] A further 5 items of just dry goods/consumables defined as foodstuffs, water treatments, filter media. So, it is possible to have up to 15 items of consumables, but **NO MORE THAN 10** items of equipment.
- I] **All** livestock for sale **MUST** be labelled, individually, with either the **COMMON** or **SCIENTIFIC** name or both & the water type they are kept in.
- J] ALL labels **MUST** be CLEAR AND LEDGABLE, if we cant read it we cant sell it so the item will be withdrawn
- K] Items of equipment **MUST** display the **NAME, TELEPHONE NUMBER and/or ADDRESS** of the seller, if not; the item will be sold as spares or repairs only.

- M] Lot numbers are NOT transferable to another seller. It is requested that sellers do not 'hog' a lot number, if you have something to sell book a lot, if you don't please don't book one 'just in case'. Your right to a future lot may be compromised if this rule is abused.
- N] Items that have reserve prices placed on them will be offered **ONCE** at the reserve price, if the reserve is not met immediately, then the item will be put back, if a seller wishes to reduce the reserve price, they **MUST** contact a member of the auction team immediately, the item will then be offered at the reduced price **ONE MORE TIME** at the end of the lot.
- O] Lots will only be viewed when they come up for sale. An item will be considered sold when the gavel strikes the table.
- P] It is strongly recommended that sellers do not enter more than 5 of the same item as any more can clog the auction up and the lot then gets 'Stuck' and the prices fall dramatically as the item reaches saturation point. This item is not compulsory but we do strongly advise it.
- Q] if entering multiples of the same item that you wish to be sold together you must **group them, together** so that it is obvious to the action team and they can quickly and easily be found, the best way to do this is to use a larger outer bag like a carrier bag that is not sealed to enable the team to grab all bags at the same time while still being able to separate them for individual sale, identical items spread across multiple boxes/bag will be sold separately, this not only slows down the auction but can sometime means the additional items may sell for a lower price so it is in your own interest to organise you lots accordingly

The auctioneer's decision is final.

Robin Hood Aquarists' will not accept any responsibility what so ever for any item in any of the lots to be sold.

Robin Hood Aquarists will not knowingly sell products that have been given to clubs as *sponsorship* from manufacturers that should have been given as class or raffle prizes and will actively seek to eradicate this practice. The sale of products *owned* by an individual is acceptable.

Caring for your fish

Bringing fish to an auction:

- Always put your fish in a sturdy bag(s) or container(s) big enough for their wellbeing.
- Use water that they normally live in. (from the aquarium.) Please label the bags with the type of water the fish are kept in, e.g. **Tap, R.O., Soft/Rain, Brackish etc.**
- Put a couple of drops of 'Stress Coat' or similar into the water. (It has a calming effect)
- Always transport tropical fish in a polystyrene box with a lid. (It's dark and subdues the fish.)
- Place a bag of warm water in the box of tropical fish. (This will help maintain temperature.)
- Don't feed the fish the day before they are to be transported. (It will reduce the amount of toxins in the water.)
- Only transport fish in the box. (Do not include stones, rocks or sharp objects in the same box.)
- Pack the box securely in the vehicle. (This is for your safety too.)
- Give consideration to, that when you wish to apply a reserve price, that sometimes setting a lower price can actually get the item off and running a lot quicker, with a likelihood of achieving your expected price or even better!

Glossary of Terms

Here is a list of some of the terms you may hear used during the auction and a brief explanation as to their meanings: -

Pair

Used to describe what can **easily** be identified as one male and one female fish.

Breeding Pair

Used to describe what can **easily** be identified as one male and one female fish that have bred together.

Trio

Used to describe what can **easily** be identified as one male and two female fish.

Inverse trio

Used to describe what can **easily** be identified as two male and one female fish.

Spares or Repairs

Usually attributed to electrical or mechanical equipment that the seller cannot guarantee is in a fully functioning condition at the point of sale.

**It is highly recommended that sellers send
us a list of the items they bringing to the
auction.**

Doing this a week or so before the event helps get a bit of excitement going amongst the public buyers.

We publish your list on our website and can have a very positive effect on the number of people who attend the auction, the more that attend the higher the prices will be and the better the chance of you getting a good price for your items, so please consider sending us a list but please only put items on the list you are at least 95% certain of bringing to prevent disappointment to the customers.

