

CAS Auction Rules

1. GENERAL RULES

- 1.1 Sellers will be admitted at 8:00 A.M., public viewing will begin at 9:00 A.M., and the auction will start at 10:00 A.M.
- 1.2 Only CAS auction workers and sellers/donors will be admitted to the auction room before 9:00 A.M.
- 1.3 All items will be registered with <https://www.myfishauction.com/> before the Auction starts and the proper tag placed on the bag or item.
- 1.4 Color coded tags: Item tags that are highlighted PURPLE are for Youth bids only. We are no longer using color codes for other tags.
- 1.5 The CAS is not responsible for diseased/dead fish or faulty equipment.
- 1.6 All sales are final upon checkout.
- 1.7 Bidders may request that an item be moved up for immediate auction. There is a \$2.00 per item move-up fee. Request is given to the Auctioneer or one of their assistants.
- 1.8 All items unsold or unclaimed by the close of the auction immediately becomes the property of the CAS to dispose of however we see fit.
- 1.9 The CAS reserves the right to amend these rules as needed.

2. SELLER/DONOR RULES

- 2.1 Each seller/donor may bring no more than five (5) bags of the same color morph from any single species.
- 2.2 Sellers/Donors are required to register with <https://www.myfishauction.com/> before the Auction starts and place the proper label (Plain for regular auction items, Min Bid, or Quick Sale) on the bag or item with the alias code (up to 5 letters, e.g. ABC), the item number (e.g. ABC - 1), and a brief description of the item. Labels are available at the front desk or on the ColoradoAquarium.org website.
 - 2.2.1 Please note the meaning of the terms "alias" and "nickname" as they apply to the Auction website we use. An alias serves as a seller identification code (e.g. ABC). It appears on each item that the seller brings to the auction and should be followed by the item number (e.g. ABC-1). Once established, a seller's alias remains the same from auction to auction. A nickname is an identification of the buyer, at auctions where bidder numbers are not used (for instance, at mini auctions). A nickname is assigned by the organizer at the moment of purchase, and must be the same for the entire process of the auction. The record of nicknames is deleted at the same time as auction records are deleted.

2.3 All 100% donations, deemed auctionable, will be processed by CAS auction workers and these tags need to say 100% DONATION, stickers provided at the front desk. If the donation is from a business they will be clearly identified on the tag (Business cards work well for this).

2.4 All minimum bid items will be processed by CAS auction workers and be labeled with a designated Min Bid label.

2.5 The seller clearly identifies the minimum bid on the item tag.

2.6 Children's (Youth under 18 yrs old) items will be processed by CAS auction workers and these tags will be highlighted with a PURPLE marker.

These items may only be bid on by youth members who have signed in and have a purple bidder number.

2.7 Quick Sale items are to be labeled with a designated Quick Sale label.

2.8 When the required registration has been completed and all items tagged, the items are then placed on the numbered tables, 0 through 9, according to the last digit of the item number. Labels are available at the front desk or on the ColoradoAquarium.org website.

2.9 Used aquarium related items (dry goods, hardware, equipment) are to be sold on the "Quick Sale" table. There will be exceptions for exceptional items of high cost in excellent condition and 100% donation status. See an Auction Volunteer for specific questions.

2.10 The first \$1.00 of every sale goes to the CAS.

2.11 Sellers who are CAS members shall receive, after the \$1.00 is subtracted, 80% of the remaining sale price.

2.12 Only CAS Members may participate in the sale of items in any auction.

Membership is free, just fill out the appropriate form on the website or at the front desk.

2.13 All items intended for auction will be screened by an auction worker to determine their qualification as an auctionable or quick sale item.

2.14 Fish intended for auction shall be bagged or otherwise contained in a humane manner.

That is, they shall be contained in an appropriate size container with the appropriate volumes of air and clean water to ensure their survival and well being during the auction. If plastic bags are used they shall be of the type commonly used for fish transport and sale. No other types of plastic bags, such as the Ziploc resealable type, will be accepted as a fish container.

3. BIDDER RULES

3.1 Bidder numbers are free to anyone who registers with <https://www.myfishauction.com/> before the Auction starts. Youth Bidders (under 18 yrs old) need to also register on the website and pick up a PURPLE bidder card when checking in.

3.2 Auctioned and "Quick Sale" items will only be sold to people who have a bidder number.

3.3 The bidder number card MUST be shown to the auctioneer or "Quick Sale" worker when bidding on, picking up, or purchasing an item.

3.4 Upon checkout, the bidder number card must be turned into the checkout table.

3.5 If a person wishes to bid on additional items after having checked out, he/she must obtain a new bidder number. See the front desk to obtain.

3.6 Children's items may be auctioned periodically throughout the day. Bidding on these items will be limited to children present who are under Eighteen(18) years of age. Children will have their own PURPLE color coded bidder number. Adult participants in the auction are encouraged to contribute to this program by registering their donations 100% and highlighting the tag in PURPLE. As younger members often do not have the same budget as the adults, this table will serve to help younger members get a foothold in the hobby. For every 20 items brought in by an individual, one should be dedicated to our Youth Members. (This is a guideline only)

4. QUICK SALE RULES

4.1 The Quick Sale table/area SELLS items. It does not AUCTION items.

4.2 Used equipment such as old tanks, used filters, lights, gravel, live food cultures, fish foods, chemicals, and common plants are examples of aquarium goods, which qualify as quick sale items.

4.2.1 The following plants are automatically required to be sold in the quick sale section. Staff may determine to include or exclude plants on site.

1. All floaters – Frogbit, Red Root Floaters, Water Lettuce, Salvinia sp., Duckweed, etc
2. 'Salad' aka Mixed Plant Bags (bags consisting of multiple species of plants)
3. Amazon Sword (Echinodorus grisebachii 'Amazonicus' or bleheri)
4. Anachris (Egeria najas)
5. Anubias (All Anubias sp. with exceptions for rare or large specimens on wood or rock)*
6. Cryptocoryne wendtii
7. Guppy Grass (Najas guadalupensis)
8. Hornwort (Ceratophyllum demersum)
9. Java Fern (Microsorium pteropus, with exceptions for large specimens on wood or rock)*
10. Java Moss (Taxiphyllum Barbieri)
11. Ludwigia (repens)*
12. Moneywort/Water Hyssop (Bacopa monnieri)

13. *Rotala* (*indica*, *rotundifolia*)*
14. *Vallisneria* (All *Vallisneria* sp.)*
15. *Sagittaria*, including dwarf
16. Watersprite (*Ceratopteris thalictroides*)
17. *Hemianthus* (Pearl weed, baby tears)
18. Subwassertang/round *Pellia*/round-leaf *Pellia*
19. *Hygrophila* sp. (Swampweed) exceptions for rare or unusual varieties*

*Please note that exceptions may be made for specimens attached to driftwood or rock, and for rare color morphs or exceptional specimens (large & healthy). Examples include plants such as Anubias 'Pinto', Anubias 'White', and Java Fern 'windelov'. This does not include cuttings from any plant. Exceptional means rooted, healthy, and ready for planting. Determinations made by Auction staff are final.

4.3 Sellers/Donors are required to register at <https://www.myfishauction.com/> before the Auction starts and place the proper label (Quick Sale) on the bag or item with the alias code (up to 5 letters, e.g. ABC), the item number (e.g. ABC - 1), and a brief description of the item.

4.4 The seller sets the asking price for quick sale items and marks it on the tag.

4.5 Quick Sale items will be processed by CAS auction workers and be labeled with a designated Quick Sale label.

4.6 Quick Sale items will be available for sale only after all registration & paperwork have been completed.

4.7 The Quick Sale table will open 30 minutes prior to the start of the auction and will remain open to the end of the auction. So all quick sale items are required to be submitted before this time. Any late entries may be refused.

4.8 For an item on the Quick Sale table to be purchased an auction worker must process the sale in the computer before the buyer returns to the Auction. Payment is collected during final check out at the front desk or payment table.

4.9 To promote the Quick Sale table and shorten the duration of the auction, Quick Sale items will be re-priced according to the following schedule:

| | |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 12:00 p.m. | 90% of original asking price |
| 1:00 p.m. | 80% of original asking price |
| 2:00 p.m. | 70% of original asking price |
| 3:00 p.m. till end | 50% of original asking price |

4.10 The seller of a Quick Sale item may reclaim an unsold Quick Sale item any time after 3:00 p.m. markdown if he/she chooses not to have it sell at the reduced price. The item's tag must be given to the Quick Sale auction worker before removing the item from the area.

4.11 CAS Auction workers will decide what donation items should be sold in

the Quick Sale area, may set the price, and may pull any unsold items after 5:00 p.m.

4.12 With the consent of the seller, the CAS auction committee has the authority to remove unusual or unique Quick Sale items from Quick Sale status and place them up for auction. If needed, a new tag will be placed on the item by a CAS auction worker before it is auctioned.