

2019 KOI SHOW RULES

1. All exhibitors must be members of a recognized Koi and/or Pond club.
2. There is no limit to the number of entries per exhibitor, but all entries must be owned by the exhibitor, and the exhibitor must be present at the show. Exhibitors are also expected to attend the awards banquet.
3. This is a hobbyist only show. All koi must at some time be kept in the owner's pond. This means that dealers in Koi shall not be allowed to enter fish in the show. "Dealer" can be defined as anyone who is in the business of buying and selling Koi for profit.
4. Vat registration forms should be received by June 14, 2019. You do not have to provide detailed fish information when you reserve your vat. You will need to calculate how many and what size vats you will need for your fish. (See point system page if unsure.)
5. Participants MUST provide a koi handling net and viewing bowl for EACH vat reserved. This is to help avoid cross-contamination and confusion during judging. There will be a few bowls & nets available on a first-come basis.
6. Check in will be from 1:00 until 8:00 on Friday. There will be no Saturday morning check-in unless pre-arranged with the show chairperson.
7. The selling of Koi from exhibitor's vats is strictly prohibited. Koi sales shall be limited to registered vendors from their booth areas only.
8. Exhibitors can rent vats for the purpose of entering Koi purchased from them by individuals attending the show.
9. All owners must declare on the show registration form that to the best of their knowledge their Koi are not KHV survivors or have not been in contact with any Koi known to have KHV.
10. Entrants must remain in the show area until their fish have been released into their tanks and benched. While fish are being benched, if the benching team thinks the vat may be overloaded, we will use the point system to determine if the vat is properly stocked. If it is overloaded, you will be asked to remove fish to bring it into point range. If there are un-reserved vats, you may rent another if you wish. This is for the safety of your fish and to reduce stress on the water quality & show teams. **STARTING IN 2018 THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**
11. At check-in, each fish will be measured, classified, and checked for possible health problems. Any fish found unfit to show for health reasons will be disqualified from competition. The benching team will have the final word on classification of Koi.
12. Only authorized personnel will handle fish during the show.
13. Fish health and water quality will be carefully monitored by our water quality team. **DO NOT** add any chemicals to your vat without first consulting the Water Quality Team. An ammonia binder will be added to vats to control ammonia toxicity.
14. All decisions of the judges are final. Rules of common courtesy are to be observed during judging, i.e. do not comment on specific fish during judging, do not mention names of fish owners during judging, and do not comment on the judge's decisions.
15. Fish are to remain on display until 1:00 on Sunday, unless pre-arranged with the show chairperson. Only out of state travelers or clean-up crew will be allowed to remove their fish prior to this time.
16. MPKS will take all possible precautions to assure the safety of fish entered in the show, but the owner shall assume all risk and responsibilities of said fish.
17. If your vat is overloaded and the water quality team cannot control the water quality, you will be asked to take the necessary number of fish home to correct the overloading. If you are not present, some of your fish may be moved to another empty vat if one is available. In this case you will be required to pay for said vat. This decision will be made by the head of the Water Quality Team and the Show Chairperson. Please refer to the POINT SYSTEM on the web site. We will do our best to head this situation off when fish are benched, but the responsibility of not overloading is on the entrant.
18. Any contingencies not covered by these rules shall be subject to the discretion of the Show Chairperson.