

Koi America 2005 Goldfish Entrant Policies and Conditions of Show

1. Each exhibitor is required to be a member of a recognized Koi, Goldfish, Aquarium 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.
3. Tank reservations must be received by August 1, 2005. You do not have to provide detailed fish information when you reserve your tank. Tanks will cost \$5.00 when reserved by July 15, 2005 and \$7.00 thereafter. If you fail to reserve tanks prior to the deadline, the Chairman does not guarantee that there will be any left and he will not assume responsibility thereof. Check-in will be from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Friday, August 12. There will be NO Saturday morning check-in unless pre-arranged with the Goldfish Show Chairperson. Fish are to remain on display until 5:00 PM on Sunday August 14, 2005, unless some other arrangement is worked out with the Chairman.
4. *Goldfish Safety & Water Quality:* Please be assured that the Show Committee is committed to the safety of your goldfish. The water quality for show tanks is maintained according to an established protocol used for many shows in the United States. The tank water is prepared initially before the Goldfish arrive. The water is monitored during the show to prevent exposure to ammonia. Because the show water is treated and tested according to known requirements, entrants are prohibited from adding treatments to their show tanks without prior knowledge and consent of the water quality team. The two most important factors to enhance the appearance of the water are that entrants fast their Goldfish for five days before the show and do not overcrowd their tanks. Any questions regarding show tank water at any time should be directed to the water quality team or the Goldfish Show Chairman. Help will be available at the show when the Goldfish are brought in and when bagged to leave. Please ask for help if you need assistance in releasing Goldfish or bagging them for the return trip home. Transport bag water should not be released into the show tanks when placing Goldfish into them. Fresh transport water will be provided as well as oxygen for bagging the Goldfish to return home. Entrants should keep and store their own bags and rubber bands after Goldfish are released to the show tank. All entrants and show personnel are reminded that this is an English style show. Please help us avoid cross contamination to tank water by observing show procedures to keep Goldfish, water, bags, and equipment separate. Please try to spend some time around the perimeter of the show, please keep a watchful eye and feel free to talk to folks about the hobby, the club and of course your Goldfish. Your presence will add to the security of our beloved pets.
5. Goldfish will be judged according to two sizes - over three inches and less than three inches. The size will be determined by measuring the fish from the tip of the nose to the base of tail. This will constitute total body length.
6. Each fish will be inspected for any health issues and will be placed into the proper size and category.
7. Judging will begin at 10:00 AM on Saturday August 13, 2005. The decision of our goldfish show judge is final. We ask that you not try to be "helpful" by blurting out facts about your Goldfish or the Goldfish of other entrants. At their discretion, the Head Judge, Goldfish Show Chairman and/or Event Chairman can disqualify your Goldfish from competition. The judges will make themselves available on after the Saturday judging and on Sunday (departure time permitting) for questions.
8. Awards Presentation Ceremony at the Goldfish Show site on Saturday at approximately 3:00 PM. The Show Committee urges you to attend the awards ceremony. Most of the awards are sponsored by supporters of MAKC and some will be there to present their sponsored award. Please take the time to personally thank our trophy sponsors. It is proper etiquette, if you win an award, to be there to accept it.
9. The decisions of the Judge, Show Chairman, and *Koi America 2005* Chairman are final. Any contingencies not mentioned in the above rules are subject to the discretion of the Chairman.
10. **General Release and Acknowledgment of Rules & Policies:** By entering Goldfish in this show, you acknowledge that you have read the above Rules, otherwise known as conditions of show, and agree to abide by said conditions. In addition, you do expressly release the Mid-Atlantic Koi Club and the owners of the show site and their agents from any and all liability for any damage, injury or loss to any person, Goldfish or goods which may arise from the occupation of the tank space by the your Goldfish. You also agree to hold and save MAKC and owners of the show site harmless of any loss or damage by the reason thereof. You give the Show Committee permission to move some or all of your Goldfish to another show tank for reasons of safety to the Goldfish deemed necessary by the Show Chairman or Water Quality Chairman. Permission is also granted for the use of your name, and any photographs, slides, videotape or images taken of you or your Goldfish for MAKC purposes.