

Q.F.A.S. SUPER AUCTION GUIDELINES
AS FROM 27.10.10

Fish and other items in from 3.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

Auction starts at 4.00 p.m. and finishes when all items have either been sold or passed in.
Passed in items will NOT be re-auctioned unless time permits.

Items that do not attract a bid equal to or better than the reserve price will be passed in.

All items are offered up for sale with the highest bidder becoming the purchaser. In the case of multiple lots the highest bidder has first choice then the second highest then the third highest then open to the floor.

The minimum Bid increment for Fish is \$2.00 and the minimum Bid increment for Dry Goods or Plants is \$1.00. Items valued from \$21.00 to \$50.00 the bid increments will be \$5.00 and for items valued over \$51.00 the bid increments will be \$10.00. The final bid increments will be at the discretion of auctioneer.

Sellers can have a maximum of 60 lots.

For fish and plants, sellers can sell up to three (3) lots of any one variety up to a maximum of fifteen (15) lots of any one species. E.G. fish etc with more than one known variety (guppy's for example) can have a maximum of three (3) lots of each variety (blue tuxedo's, sunburst, half black, snake skin etc) with a maximum of fifteen (15) lots of guppy's TOTAL.

Fish should be of a saleable size, minimum 4cm Total length (from tip of nose to end of tail) unless a dwarf species of fish. This is 4cm

Q.F.A.S. will NOT accept any more than 5 fish in any one bag unless they are small fish (under 6cm) or the bag is a very large bag. This is for the health of the fish.

When sellers hand their boxes over, they will be asked two questions,

- 1. Do you have any large fish?*
- 2. Do you have more than five (5) fish in a bag?*

If the answer is yes to either question then auction staff must check those bags to ensure the fish are healthy and bagged satisfactorily, if not they will need to be rebagged immediately at the sellers expense.

Large fish must be in suitably sized containers not squashed up in small bags, buckets etc. If seller does not have suitable bags etc they will be charged a fee depending on what is required to fix the problem.

All fish should be in a healthy condition. If any dead fish are found in a bag then that entire lot will NOT be offered for sale.

All bags used for bagging MUST be clear and not opaque. DO NOT use freezer bags. Any items not in clear bags will NOT be accepted for auction.

All fish offered up for auction must be a true and recognised species.

Fish should not have been fed for at least one preferably two days before bagging.

All bags must be approx 1/3 water 2/3 air and sealed tightly – any fish not bagged properly will incur a charge for re-bagging at the least or be rejected from the sale at the worst. This does not apply for 'Kordon' air breathing bags, they must be 100% water and boxed to allow an air gap between the bags.

No potted plants (hydroponic Rockwool pots excluded).

No gravel, shell grit, coral sand, sand or any item containing dirt or gravel will be sold. This will help

in stopping the spread of Fire Ants. .

As for dry goods – sellers are allowed up to three (3) lots of any one item, and where the items are the same except for size (fish food pellets, nets etc) they are allowed three (3) different sizes.

NO electrical goods will be accepted for sale (from March 2011 Auction on).

All sellers must produce some form of identification (drivers license etc) when putting fish in.

*Sellers letters will be given out on a first come first served basis with the exception that any auction staff **from the previous auction** will be given first choice of letters. What this means is that if you help out as a volunteer at an auction you will be able to choose your sellers letter for the next auction. Having said that it will still be first in first served for the auction staff as well.*

*To qualify as auction staff you **MUST** be a member of a Q.F.A.S affiliated club and you must work a minimum of 6 hours at the auction. This includes set-up back stage work, auctioneers, pencilling, lot distribution or helping in the canteen. As workers for the auctions usually start at 1.00 – 2.00pm and work through to 1.00 – 2.00am having to put in just 6 hours is dead easy. Most volunteers put in 10 – 12 hour*

Sellers must report to the check in table to obtain auction forms, bag and box labels.

The bag labels should be attached to every bag offered for sale and the box labels to the outside of the end of the sellers boxes for identification.

The bag labels have room on them for lot #, description, quantity in bag and if there is a reserve price, NOTE:- DO NOT put the reserve price on the bag, just mark this box on the label and write the reserve amount on the selling list.

All other boxes **MUST** be filled in by the seller. e.g.

| | | | |
|------------------|------|---------|-----|
| Lot # | AC12 | Reserve | yes |
| Description | | Qty | |
| Frontosa females | | 2 | |

The box labels will have a sellers letter and # of boxes and **MUST** be filled in by the seller. e.g:

| | |
|----------|------------|
| Seller # | # of Boxes |
| AC | 2 / 4 |

It is recommended that sellers arrange box & lot numbers in sequence so that lot #1 is in box #1 etc.

Sellers will be asked to identify the Majority contents of their boxes by placing a coloured dot sticker on the box lable. This will enable the auctioneers and auction staff to avoid having the same things come up at each auctioneer at the same time. The most that could happen is that a seller’s letter might be moved out of order by one.

Coloured dots will be available at the sellers sign in area and are used as follows

- Green* *Plants*
- Red* *Americans*
- Blue* *Africans*
- Black* *Catfish*
- White* *Tropicals*
- No DOT* *Dry goods etc.*

Bags and or boxes not labelled correctly will be rejected until labels are corrected

The back area up on stage where the lots are stored prior to sale is **OFF LIMITS** to everyone except the authorized personnel for that auction. If for any reason a person requires anything from the back area they must approach one of the authorized personal to get it for them. NO ONE else will be allowed out the back area for any reason.

Any person wishing to purchase anything from an auction will need to register and obtain a bidding number. Name, address, contact number and email address required. Numbers will be coloured different colours will be used at different auctions. Registration will be required for every auction you wish to purchase anything. All bidding numbers must be returned at end of auction.

NO BIDS will be accepted unless the bidding number is held aloft and clearly shown to the auctioneer.

In the event of rare or expensive items coming up for auction that item will be placed in a special viewing area so interested people can have a look before making any bids. Items will remain in viewing area only as long as sellers goods are being sold.

Buyers need to pick up their purchases from buyers tables at the front and to the side of the auction. Failure to pick up items promptly (max 5 minutes) will result in that item being returned to the auctioneer to be sold again. If this happens the bidders number will be recorded and if it occurs on more than one occasion, that bidder number will be banned from that auction (bids will no longer be accepted from that number). If this happens regularly then that person may be banned from future auctions as well.

In other words when you have a winning bid you need to get up off your backside and make your way immediately to the buying tables where you will pay for and pick up your item then take it back to your seat. You will still be able to bid while in line picking up items already won.

The auctioneer has a responsibility to obtain the best price possibly for any item offered for sale but also has to ensure that the pace of the auction is not slowed prying bids out of the audience. Once no further bids are forthcoming items will be sold.

Auctioneers should not reveal the reserve price on any item but should use this as a guide to start the bidding.

The Auctioneer has the final say on any item for sale and if in the opinion of the auctioneer that item should not be sold then it will be rejected.

A sales commission of 20% and any rebagging fees will be deducted from the sale price of all items sold at auction. The remaining amount will be returned to the seller.