



The
**HEART OF AMERICA
AQUARIUM SOCIETY**
of Kansas City

HAAS KC Auction Rules (r.08.23):

Welcome to the HAAS KC Auction! To ensure a smooth and enjoyable auction experience, please review and adhere to the following rules:

1. Registration and Identification:

- a. All Sellers must register prior to the auction date using mygroupauctions.com (join the HAAS KC) group.
- b. Contact auction@kcfishclub.org after registration to confirm participation.
- c. Participants must provide accurate identification and contact information during registration.
- d. Submitting items for sale in the HAAS KC Auction signifies sellers agreement to abide by HAAS KC Auction Rules.
- e. Schedule: Setup - 10-11AM, Buyer Registration and Viewing 11-12PM, Auction Start 12PM-2pm. Time subject to change.

2. Item Submission:

- a. Only registered Sellers/Vendors may submit items for auction.
- b. Sellers can sell up to 40 items each. Donations do not count towards the limit of 40 items.
- c. Items must be aquatic-related and in good condition.

d. Each item should be clearly labeled with: Seller Number, Item Number, and clear, accurate description of the item (common/species name, quantity, sex, etc.) - no abbreviations! If applicable, include a Starting Bid or Reserve Price.

d.1. *Printing Labels* - You can print directly on labels using mygroupauctions.com. Items not properly labeled will be asked to be relabeled or rejected. No felt tip markers should be used on bags, it runs easily.

d.2. *Listing Image* - Please include a clear photo of your item in your mygroupauctions.com listing. This will ensure that bidders can clearly see your item on the projector during the auction.

e. Fish must be properly and humanely bagged in **NEW** poly bags, breather bags, jars (plastic recommended) or buckets - 2/3 air, 1/3 water. Any fish not properly bagged will be rejected. If they are rebagged properly, they will be sold at the end of the auction and may not be moved up. Seller is responsible for rebagging their own fish. Double bagging is strongly encouraged. **NO zipper bags allowed for fish.**

f. All equipment must be **CLEAN** and in working order. Leakers must be marked. **NO** cracked tanks.

g. No more than 5 Maximum Duplicate Lots. For example, you may submit no more than 5 lots (bags) of mystery snails or 5 lots (bags) of hornwort. However, different varieties may count separately. So 5 bags of red tux guppies and 5 bags of blue metal guppies is okay. If you have enough of an item to fill more than five bags, either put more per bag (if there is safely room), combine multiple bags into a single lot, or leave some at home.

When there are too many identical items, it lowers prices and creates more work for the auctioneer. If you bring more than 5 identical lots, you may either take home the excess or donate them to the club.

h. No sick, deformed or species of fish listed on any Federal or State banned species list.

i. No Crayfish of any species may be sold (Missouri State Law)

j. No styrofoam boxes of any size may be sold or will be accepted as donations.

k. All items Must be tabled at least 15 minutes prior to auction start. Viewing begins One Hour (60Mins) prior to auction start. Items arriving after auction start may be rejected (President will have final say)

3. Dot System and Priority:

a. Dots will be used to prioritize items, providing sellers with a fair distribution of sales throughout the auction.

b. Allocation of dots: There are 4 Dot colors: 3 for Auction items, and 1 for Dutch/Buy it Now. Dot Color distribution is based on items entered (i.e. 40 lots = 40 Buttons = 10Blue, 10Red, 10Yellow, 10Green)

c. Color determination will be done during check-in upon arrival.

4. Dutch Auction Rules:

a. Purpose: Reduce overall auction time, aiming to sell about

1 item per minute.

b. All items start at a predetermined amount; the Dutch Auction chairman will lower the price by 10 or 20% based on demand.

c. Items unsold may be returned to the seller or become HAAS property.

d. Anyone can exchange normal dots for additional Dutch Auction/BIN dots.

5. Saltwater Livestock:

a. All Saltwater livestock will have their own dot color.

b. Saltwater items with special Saltwater dots will start selling at 1PM.

c. Sellers may choose alternative methods to sell Saltwater items.

6. Bidding Process:

a. Bidding will start the announce starting bid for each item.

b. Bids must be in whole dollar increments.

c. Raise bids clearly and audibly to be acknowledged.

d. Once the auctioneer declares an item sold. The highest bidder becomes the buyer.

7. Reserve Price:

a. If an item has a reserve price, bidding will start below the reserve and must meet or exceed the reserve for the sale to

proceed.

6. Express Bids:

- a. Express Bids option opens after the Saltwater section closes, allowing quicker bids on items in the auction.
- b. Cost: \$2 per item; it does not guarantee winning the bid but prioritizes bidding for those in a rush.

7. BIN - Buy it Now Rules:

- a. The Buy it Now (BIN) option allows sellers to set their prices for items using BIN/Dutch dots.
- b. Items can be added to the BIN table, Dutch Auction, or a combination of both.

c. The BIN table allows setting a price without negotiation; place the appropriate dot on the item and set the price.

8. Commission, Payments and Unsold Items:

- a. Paid HAAS+ members commission is %70/30.
- b. Free Member commission is %60/40.
- c. Seller payments will be made within 30 days of auction close via check or PayPal.
- d. Unsold items may be returned to the seller or become property of HAAS based on the auction rules.

9. Payment:

a. Winning bidders must make payment immediately following the auction.

b. Payments can be made in cash or via accepted electronic payment methods.

10. General:

a. Shilling is not allowed. A seller may place a single bid on their own item by announcing with the bid that "I'll buy it back"; but they may not secretly bid on their own items nor may they employ someone to run up the prices on their items. Anyone caught doing so will result in disciplinary action from the auction committee.

b. HAAS KC, the auction committee, and the auction site shall not be held liable for any accidents, injuries, damages, or losses which occur during the course of the auction

c. All Sales are "As is, where is"

d. All sales are final. No cancellations/refunds after auctioneer says "Sold", even for DOAs

e. These rules are not meant to be all-inclusive; the auction chairman shall be the FINAL authority.

f. The auction committee reserves the right to reject any item or any person from the auction.

g. Accepting a Bidder and Seller number signifies agreement with these rules.

By participating in the auction, you agree to adhere to these rules and contribute to a positive and enjoyable auction

rules and contribute to a positive and enjoyable auction experience for all members. Happy bidding and selling!