

# EIAA FALL 2017, NEW Auction Rules (updated 9-29-17)

## General Rules:

1. You do not need to be a member of the EIAA or any other club to buy or sell.
2. All items are sold "AS IS". EIAA does not warrant the condition or authenticity of any item sold.
3. All bidding will be in full dollar increments, unless led by the auctioneer.
4. The ten-table method will be used to conduct the auction. All item numbers ending in a 1 will be placed on Table #1. Item numbers ending in a 2 will be placed on Table #2, etc. **The order that the tables will be sold will be determined the day of the auction.**
5. Aquariums in excess of 20 gallons will be kept in a separate area for display and sale. The intention is to prevent damage to the tanks and the people handling them.
6. All rules are strictly enforced. Those items not adhering to the rules will be rejected or sold last. The auction chairperson or designated person will have sole authority over the interpretation and will enforce all rules.
7. All persons attending this auction do so at their own risk. Neither the Eastern Iowa Aquarium Association, it's officers, members, or any persons connected with the auction, assumes any responsibility for any loss, damage or injury or assumes liability, legal or otherwise in attending this sale.
8. You may sell fish, live and plastic plants, and aquarium related equipment and dry goods... **a)** The EIAA reserves the right to refuse to sell an obviously sick or deformed fish. **b) All equipment sold must be marked in working order or marked non-working.** **c)** Pack small and inexpensive dry goods items together as one. **d)** Experience proves that you will get a better price for clean and complete equipment.
9. **All items must be marked Legibly with: Seller Number and Item Number, Seller Name, Seller Phone Number, Species Name or Product Name, Quantity, and sex (if known). Items not labeled with this information will placed on a special table and sold last.** **\*\*Labels will be provided by the EIAA at the registration desk\*\*** (These labels will have Seller Number, Item Number, Seller Name and Seller Phone Number on them. *You must label the species Name/Product Name, Quantity and Sex.*)
10. No BAP or HAP items will be sold at this auction. (Reason: these treasures should be available to members only at the general membership meetings.)
11. **No more than 5 bags of any color variety of fish will be allowed from one seller.** (Too many bags of the same color variety just drive down the prices.)
12. Proper fish bagging is required. Double bagging is highly recommended. No zip-lock bags or baggies are allowed. **EIAA will charge the seller a fee of \$1.00 for any fish bag that needs re-bagging. An EIAA member will be stationed at the re-bagging table through-out the auction.**
13. Auction Split: EIAA will retain the first \$1.00 of the sale plus 20% of the price exceeding the first \$1.00. All sales of \$1.00 will be considered a donation to EIAA. **a)** The EIAA reserves the right to pay all sellers by check within one month after the sale. (Usually 10 days - 2 weeks)
14. Minimum prices: You may set a minimum bid price on your fish or equipment. To do so, you must obtain a minimum Bid Sticker at the registration table. The cost for minimum bid stickers is \$2.00 each. We will make two attempts to reach your minimum bid. If we fail to reach the price, we will set the item aside, and you must pick up the item at the end of the auction.
15. **All buyers will be required to deposit a driver's license for their buyer number.**
16. Each item will be sold to the highest bidder. The auctioneer will settle any disputes as to the bids and his decision on such matters will be final.
17. All items become the buyer's responsibility once they are sold and EIAA assumes no responsibility for sold items.
18. **\*\*The EIAA will be accepting cash and checks for payment. A \$35.00 fee will be charged for any non-sufficient funds or returned check.** Refusal to pay bad check and fee will result in prosecution.

19. **CALL-UPS: NO call-ups will be allowed the first two (2) hours of the auction. After the first two hours, for a \$2.00 fee, any registered buyer or seller may have an item called up for sale. You must obtain a special COLORED call-up ticket available only at the registration table. Take this colored ticket to a runner. The runner will take the item up to the auctioneer. The \$2.00 fee is assessed to whomever calls the item up for bid, whether or not the individual calling an item up wins the bid. Call-ups will be charged to their bidding number.**
20. **\*\*We are moving to a BARCODE SYSTEM OF PRINTING LABELS. Early SELLER registration is strongly encouraged to prevent delays on Saturday morning.** Our goal is to have as many Seller's Labels, as possible, printed by the day before the auction begins.
21. **\*\*TO PRE-REGISTER, CONTACT: MARTI VANALLEN [MJVANALLEN321@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MJVANALLEN321@GMAIL.COM) OR CALL/TEXT : 319-530-3687**
22. **\*\*INFORMATION NEEDED: NAME, ADDRESS, CELL PHONE #, EMAIL ADDRESS AND NUMBER OF LABELS YOU NEED.**
23. **\*\*THERE IS A *NEW 60 ITEM LIMIT PER SELLER.*** Labels are available in sheets of 20 barcoded labels. See **Rule #9** regarding item labels.
24. **DOWNLOAD** a copy of **THE NEW RULES AT: [WWW.FINFLAP.COM](http://WWW.FINFLAP.COM)**

#### **Recommendations:**

It is **HIGHLY** recommended that you bring a Styrofoam cooler or fish box for your fish purchases.

**Sellers** are advised to arrive 1 hour before the auction begins to make sure their items are properly labeled. (See rule #9)

**Sellers are** advised to know: **a.)** How many items they brought to sell (this info is needed at registration so we can print your labels) **b.)** Who (buyer #) bought them and **c.)** How much each item sold for.

**Buyers** are advised to keep track of their purchases to expedite checkout at the end of the auction.