



4th Carolina Classic Koi Show
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EXHIBITOR INFORMATION & SHOW RULES

Please read the following Exhibitor information for the Carolina Classic Koi Show.

Koi Show is open to amateurs only who are members in good standing of an AKCA or ZNA affiliated club. Anyone associated in any form with profiting from the sale of koi is not eligible. This includes ownership or financial support of any koi fish business. Koi that reside at a dealers facility, are taken care of by the dealer, and are transported by the dealer, are not eligible to compete. This show is for hobbieists, and all fish must reside in their home ponds and not live at dealer's facilities. Koi disqualifications are at the sole discretion of the show chairmen.

Koi Show will be held *ENGLISH STYLE*. This means each exhibitors' koi/equipment are prohibited from coming into contact in any manner with other exhibitors' koi. This style of show requires different procedures than a Japanese style show. Primarily each entrant shall be assigned their own tank, provide their own nets and tubs to prevent cross contamination. Please check-in immediately upon arrival for your tank assignment.

All koi Registration/Benching will be from 1pm to 7pm Friday, Sep. 23rd. Late registration will be allowed on Saturday morning from 7:30 am to 9 am only if prearranged with the show chairmen. Please call show chairmen Philip Bronikowski or Rich Eitel to arrange for a late check-in.

All koi *shall be in good health* and free of disease and/or injury. Any koi found to be diseased, have parasites or injuries will be disqualified from judging at the discretion of the show chairmen. Koi shall not be KHV survivors, nor have had any exposure to KHV or SVC.

All koi entered in the show *shall be purged* prior to the show (do not feed koi for 7 days prior to the show). This is critical to the health and welfare of your koi. Water quality is difficult to maintain if your koi are littering the bottom of the tank with fish waste. Not to mention the negative impression this gives to the judges and the viewing public.

All entrants shall remain with their koi at their assigned tanks until the benching team has released their koi into the tanks and check-in is complete. Owner must be present at benching.

No entrant shall handle, net, bowl, etc. any koi during the show. All koi handling shall be by the Show Officials and Netting Team only!

No entrant shall adjust the environment of their assigned tank in any way. Only the Show Officials or the Water Quality Team shall make any adjustments to the tanks. All entrants are urged to be observant and to immediately notify the Show Officials of any concerns you may have. The Show Officials shall judge whether any action is necessary and make any adjustments.

Both the entrants and the public are welcome to view the judging from outside the circle of tanks. Quiet must be maintained at all times. Questions are not permitted during the judging process unless engaged by the judges.

All necessary and reasonable precautions will be taken to ensure the safety of all koi entered in the Koi Show. All entrants agree to hold the Koi Show, The North Carolina Koi and Watergarden Society, it's officers, chairmen and members blameless against any loss or injury to the koi or owner provided equipment.

The Koi Show ends at noon on Sunday, Sep. 23th. **No entrant shall remove their koi prior to this time without obtaining permission in advance from the Show Chairmen.** The Show Chairmen shall release each tank individually for check-out. No one shall remove any koi from the show without permission from the Show Chairmen. Consideration will be given to those traveling long distances from outside of NC.

The decisions of the Judges and/or Show Officials is final. Any contingencies not covered by these rules shall be subject to the discretion of the Show Chairmen.

2012 NCKWS Koi Show Awards

Grand Champion (All sizes)
Reserve Grand Champion (All sizes)
Grand Champion "B" (All sizes)
Mature Champion (Sizes 5 and 6)
Young Champion (Sizes 3 and 4)
Baby Champion (Sizes 1 and 2)
Best in Size (7 sizes)
Best in Variety (14 varieties)
Most Unique
Best Doitsu
Best Butterfly
Show Chairmen's Award
Novice Award (First time exhibitor)

Size 1 - < 8"
Size 2 - 8"-11"
Size 3 - 11"-14"
Size 4 - 14"-17"
Size 5 - 17"-20"
Size 6 - 20"-23"
Size 7 - >23"

Koi Show FAQs

Q. What equipment will I need to bring to the show?

A. Entrants should have available a standard blue show bowl per tank and a koi net. Personal nets and/or sock nets may be brought to help in unpacking fish and collecting fish at the end of the show. All bags, transport boxes, etc. should be removed from the show area when you leave your fish. Entrants are responsible for recovering their bags after fish are released and kept to be reused for the trip home. Any bags left unattended in the show area will be discarded.

Q. Will there be security at the show?

A. Yes, a security guard will be on duty during the night.

Q. How many fish may I bring?

A. As many as you like, however, we ask that you follow the guidelines for tank fish loads so as not to overcrowd your tank(s).

Q. Will there be nets to cover the tanks at night?

A. Yes, all tanks will be covered, however your assistance in covering your tank would be appreciated.

Q. How can I help?

A. We need the most help for setup on Friday before the show and again for tear down of tanks and equipment on Sunday afternoon. Jobs vary so there is something for everyone to do. The more hands we have the quicker it goes for everyone. Check with your club reps or just ask any of the show staff when you get to the show, hey, you can always help cover the tanks. Sometimes it is the little jobs one can do that help a lot.

Q. What safety precautions does the show take for the fish?

A. All that we can, really. From having security, to netting the tanks, maintaining water quality, and recruiting and instructing only experienced fish handlers to work in the show circle.

Q. How can I see the fish during the koi judging?

A. The show tanks will be in a rectangle layout this year so during judging you can see the fish from the perimeter.

Q. Will the judges talk about their decisions regarding the koi they select?

A. The judges will be available to discuss their decisions at the Saturday night banquet and will answer questions in the show circle Sunday morning. No comments or questions should be directed to the judges while they are in the process of judging on Saturday.

Q. When will the awards be presented?

A. At the banquet Saturday night. Everyone is encouraged to come to the banquet as your participation supports our show and benefits you in the form of information shared and good fellowship. All major award recipients should plan to attend the banquet. It is the proper thing to do.

Q. When can I bring my fish?

A. Most fish will come in at the normal benching time scheduled for Friday between 1pm and 7pm, or before 8:30AM on Saturday by prior arrangement with the show chairmen. Judging will not be held up for late arrivals.

Q. What do I do when I get to the show?

A. Unload your fish and bring them into the show area so they are in the shade. Go to the koi show registration area and ask for your tank assignment. Do not place any bags or fish in show tanks until your tank has been assigned. Attendants will be in the show area to help you unload your fish and to help you remove your fish when you leave. Ask for help if you are unsure about what to do.

Q. What do I do with the fish after they have floated in the show tank?

A. Do not undo the bag until you are ready to release fish. Carefully remove fish from the bag being cautious not to introduce your bag water to the show tank. Dispose of water in side drains along the parking lot curb.

Q. When can I remove my koi from the show?

A. The official close of the koi show is noon Sunday and the fish should remain in the show on Sunday unless arrangements to leave earlier have been discussed with the show chairmen.

Q. What equipment will I need to bring to the show?

A. Entrants should have available a standard blue show bowl per tank and a koi net. All bags, transport boxes, etc. should be removed from the show area. Entrants are responsible for recovering their bags after fish are released. Please do not leave bags in the show. Use trash receptacles please.

Q. Will oxygen be available to rebag fish?

A. Yes, oxygen will be available. Each entrant will be provided their own air tube to fill their bags with oxygen and there will be a bin for proper disposal of old bags and used air tubes. You must bring your own bags and rubber bands as these items are not supplied by the show. Clean treated transport water will be provided. Used bags are NOT to be placed in transport water. Disinfect your hands if you touch your tank water or fish before handling transport water.

Q. I am not sure what category some of my fish are in, what do I do?

A. Not to worry, just indicate on the form the number of fish and put a question mark if you are not sure of the category or length. All fish will be measured and placed the proper category when they are benched.

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If you do not now the correct variety, just use your best guess. This chart is most important to calculate your tank load using the below formula.

Variety	Size 1	Size 2	Size 3	Size 4	Size 5	Size 6	Size 7
Kohaku							
Sanke							
Showa							
Utsuri							
Asagi/Sushui							
Tancho							
Hikari Moyo							
Hikari Utsuri							
Hikari Muji							
Kawarigoi							
Gin Rin A							
Gin Rin B							
Bekko							
Goromo/Goshiki							
Butterfly							
TOTAL							

Point System for Determining Show Tank Requirements

Please use the following system as a guide to determine how many fish can be placed in each 8' show tank:

Multiply the size (1 thru 5) of your fish by the number of fish you are showing in that size.

Size 1 – up to 8 inches

Size 2 – 8 to 11 inches

Size 3 – 11 to 14 inches

Size 4 – 14 to 17 inches

Size 5 – 17 to 20 inches

Size 6 - 20 to 23 inches

Size 7 - over 23"

Do this calculation for all your koi. For example if you bring one size 5 = 5 pts., and two size 4 = 8 pts.,

and three size 3 = 9 pts. These six fish would total $5 + 8 + 9 = 22$ points.

The show guidelines **for tank capacity is 35 points** for an eight-foot show tank. (Only 8 foot tanks will be available). Please do not endanger your koi and overload your tank.

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE FILLED OUT AND SIGNED WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FEES

I declare that I am a hobbyist and not a koi professional as defined in the show rules.

I declare that I am a dues paying member in good standing of an AKCA or ZNA affiliated koi club.

I declare that I am the owner of the fish, and they reside in my pond.

I declare that to the best of my knowledge my fish entered in this show are not KHV survivors, have not been in contact with any fish known to have KHV or is a survivor of KHV treated fish with KHV vaccine.

Registrant agrees to indemnify THE NORTH CAROLINA KOI AND WATERGARDEN SOCIETY and its sponsoring venue from all legal harm; and

Registrant agrees to pay all legal fees, court costs, and damages that may arise from registrant taking any civil action against the club, its host venue, its members and officers due to or caused as a result of any action or negligence of any party.

By signing below, I agree to all the terms and conditions of this indemnification and the printed koi show rules and regulations.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

AKCA or ZNA affiliated club _____

I wish to reserve # _____ **8' show tank(s) @ \$40.00 (early bird) ea = \$** _____

I wish to reserve # _____ **8' show tank(s) @ \$50.00 (after August 30) ea = \$** _____

There will be _____ **guests attending the banquet (banquet is free, but donations are greatly appreciated).**

I will need show bowl (yes) _____ and show net (yes) _____
(we have limited number of bowls and nets, so please provide your own if possible)

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