

Koi and Fancy Goldfish
REGISTRATION GUIDELINES
FOR
TKFGS 25th ANNUAL FALL SHOW

Our show entrants are required to be hobbyist's and not fish dealers or breeders.

TANK Reservations: Show entrants, please read very carefully! Because of the "English" style show system, we need to know in advance how many koi tanks and goldfish aquariums will be needed. Be aware we usually sell out of tank space before the show. Fees for the koi tanks will be \$100 each for an eight foot tank and \$75 each for the six foot tanks. If you want to share a tank with someone, that is fine. You can find your own tank buddy, or we will try to find one for you. Registration fee for goldfish will be \$5 per fish. Please e-mail Joann at joann_tkfgs@att.net with the following information:

- (1) The number and size of koi tanks you want,
- (2) The number of 20 gallon goldfish aquariums you will need and the estimated number of goldfish you will be bringing
- (3) Please mail payment for koi tanks and goldfish to be entered to: TKFGS care of Shelly Wheeler, 8710 Brocken Forest, Helotes, TX 78023

There is a limit of three (3) koi tanks per family and only one can be an eight foot tank. A waiting list will be utilized for any entrant wanting more than one eight foot tank in case all 10 eight foot tanks are not reserved.

We have 10 – eight foot tanks and 20 – six foot tanks for the show for a total of 30 tanks. We recommend that unless you have several size 6 koi, you please use the six foot tanks. This is intended to be a guide and less fish load per tank is better. We do not want to over crowd anyone's fish. If your fish load is too great for the tank/s reserved, we will require you take another tank if available. Koi show entrants need to bring a standard koi net and koi tub appropriately sized for their koi for each of their reserved tanks. Koi size 5 and larger will not be placed in the tub for judging. In order to keep everyone's fish quarantined from another owner's fish, we need dedicated nets and tubs for each tank. If you do not have your own nets and tubs, you should plan to buy them – you will need them to catch and transport your koi anyway. As a last resort, you can rent a net and a tub from the club for \$10 during the show.

We will be taking digital photos of your fish, so there is no need to bring photographs with you. Your fish will be carefully measured and classified by our benching team. The final determination of the placement of koi into the various judging classes is made by the benching team.

We will enforce the following tank stocking rules to ensure that your fish are returned to you in excellent condition after the show.

- With koi, use the following stocking formula: Multiply the size group number (size 1 to size 8) of your fish by the number of fish you are showing in that size class. Do this calculation for all your

koi. The size groups for this show are as follows: Size 1 = under 10 inches, Size two – 10 to under 13 inches, Size three = 13 to under 16 inches, Size 4 = 16 to under 19 inches, Size 5 = 19 to under 22 inches, Size 6 = 22 to under 25 inches. For example, if you bring one size 5 = 5 points and two size 4 = 8 points, and 3 size 3 = 9 points, they would total 22 points (5+8+9=22). The show guidelines for the six foot tank capacity is 24 points and 40 points for eight foot tanks. Since your point total is “22” in this example, you would need a single six foot tank.

- With goldfish, use the following system as a guide to determine how many goldfish can be placed in each aquarium. Plan on 2 – 4 small to medium goldfish per aquarium. With larger goldfish (over six inches) plan on 2 per aquarium.

The deadline for tank reservations / payment will be 30 September 2016. Make checks payable to TKFGS and mail to TKFGS care of Shelly Wheeler, 8710 Brocken Forest, Helotes, TX 78023. This procedure will ensure that we have enough tanks set up to handle everyone’s fish.

Fish registration (check-in) is from noon to 4 pm on Friday and 8:00 am to 9:00 am Saturday. NO fish may be removed earlier than 1 pm Sunday except by special permission. ALL fish must be claimed and removed by 3:30 pm on Sunday.

CONDITION OF FISH DURING TRANSPORT AND EXHIBIT

For the safety and health of your fish, DO NOT FEED THEM FOR 5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SHOW. Fish with undigested food require more oxygen, excrete contaminants into the water, and are more easily stressed. Only members of the fish handling committee will handle fish during the show. Anyone wishing to inspect their fish must receive permission from the show Chairperson.

All fish will be monitored routinely for any problems and show tank water will be tested and treated for ammonia as needed. All koi show tanks will be covered with netting except during the actual judging. Screens will be placed between tanks to prevent cross-contamination from splashing. Overnight security will also be provided.

TKFGS AWARDS BANQUET

The Texas Koi and Fancy Goldfish Society is hosting an awards banquet on October 28th at 6:30pm to celebrate the **25th Annual Koi and Fancy Goldfish Show**. TKFGS members and all show attendees are welcome to attend.

The location is TBD at this time. The results from the Koi and Goldfish show will be announced and award presentations made.

Please RSVP to Joann Socash by email, joann_tkfgs@att.net or call 210-545-4076 by October 15th. All dinner reservations will be confirmed. Come and join us for a relaxed evening with great food good company.