



C.O.A.S.T. Fish Club

Live, Silent, & Mega-Auction Rules

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All lot items must be related to the freshwater fishkeeping, pond, and aquarium hobby!

Rules for C.O.A.S.T. Members and Guests

Monthly Silent & Live Auction Requirements and Guidelines

- **Must be a current C.O.A.S.T. member to sell.** Guests are allowed up to (3) visits with a guest # assigned by our auction table per year. The revenue split will be **(75% to seller, 25% to club)**, effectively voted by active club members during elections hosted on 11/2/25.

Example 1: Member #999's total revenue totals \$60.00 from selling 4 auction lot items at a club meeting. After applying the 75/25% auction pay-out rule, Member #999 will earn \$45.00, the club's cut will be \$15.00).

- Item limit: **25 live auction lot items + 5 silent auction items**/membership per meeting, not including lot donations for the club
- Species Limit: we ask that you self-limit to 5 lot items of the same species per meeting.
- **Live auction includes fish, plants and, invertebrates.**
- **Dry goods, including used aquariums, dry food, are sold in the silent auction section.**
- Dry goods (tanks, aquarium supplies, etc.) are recommended to be completely cleaned out & ready for resale!
- Dry goods (for silent auction) are limited to 5 entries per member per meeting.
- Items must be labeled following the guidelines below (use our silent auction form on website).
- Check-in ends at **1:00pm. Items submitted after 1:00pm will be rejected.**
- Payout Ratio:
 - **Current C.O.A.S.T. Member: 75/25% Split**
 - *Applicable to Live Auction, Silent Auction, and Mega Auction***

C.O.A.S.T. MEGA Auction Requirements and Guidelines

- **Anyone** can sell at the **C.O.A.S.T. MEGA Auction(s)** (note: item limitations apply, payouts are different ranges for current C.O.A.S.T. members vs. non-members).
- All items sold in the live auction; includes fish, plants, invertebrates, and dry goods (tanks, led lights, filters, heaters, chemicals, etc.). Please note, there is **no silent auction event** during the mega auction event club meetings.
- **All lot items are \$1.00 to list each lot item during Mega Auction events.**
Payout scale at 75/25% split still applies for seller/club.
- Item limit: **50 items or auction lot numbers/membership.**

Species Limit: 10 bags of the same species per member.

- Check-in ends at **2:00pm. Items submitted after 2:00pm will be rejected.**
- Follow labeling & checking requirements below.
- Payout Breakdown:
 - **Current C.O.A.S.T. Member: \$1 per lot item, PLUS;**

Hammer Price	Payout
Any	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 75% member / 25% club (effective 1/1/2026)

- **Non-Member (Guests): \$2 per lot item, PLUS;**

Hammer Price	Payout
Any	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 50% donation / 50% seller

C.O.A.S.T. General Auction Requirements

(Monthly Live & Silent Auction, & Mega Auction)

Item Labeling & Packaging Requirements

- Each item **must be labeled and numbered** with the seller's member number followed by unique three digits numbers beginning with **001** (e.g., 999-001, 999-002, etc.).
- **Species** (if known) and/or common name/trade name in the hobby
- **Number** of fish, invertebrates, or plants in the bag
- **Sexes** (if known)
- Fish should be **at least 1"** total length (Nano species excluded).
- Fish should be secured in an appropriate bag/container (no Ziploc). Inappropriate or leaking bags may be replaced at the seller's expense (\$1 Per Bag).
- **Minimum bids** are encouraged but **must be at least \$3**. Minimum bids must be written clearly on the container, tank, and check-in form
- Items submitted for the B.A.P./ Cares must be **clearly labeled** as such and must follow BAP/CARES submission rules (i.e., 6 Fish or 6 invertebrates are required for the BAP in one bag of 6 or two bags of 3)

Check-In

- The auction forms must be filled out by the seller; the auction chair will not fill out your forms.
- Return completed form to the auction chair, and then take items to the auction support team for tagging. Please do not place items on auction tables until they are tagged.
- **Items not arriving by the check-in time will be rejected by the auction chair.**
- Please note: **Once an item is entered into an auction, it cannot be removed until after the auction concludes.**

Terms of Sale

- **All sales final.**
- **Early check-outs will not be allowed during the final 30 minutes** of the auction; if buyers depart prior to all of their items selling, any payment due will be made available at the next monthly meeting
- Any **unsold items** can be reclaimed by the seller at the end of the auction (not before).
- Unless other arrangements are made, unsold items not reclaimed by the seller after the end of the auction will become the **property of the C.O.A.S.T.** and may be sold as donations at a later auction.

Auction Guidelines (Continued)

General Guidelines

- **Auction Types & Times:**
 - **Monthly** – general meetings start at **12:00 pm**, and the auction starts following the presentation from our guest speaker, usually around 1 pm. These auctions generally bring 200+ items.
 - **Mega (only occurs once or twice annually)** – auction starts at **1:00 pm and ends at 3:30 pm**, there is no guest speaker, just the auction. There is also no silent auction. 400-600 items typically sell at mega auction. The auction is expected to move quicker paced than the monthly auction due to volume of auction lot items to get through
- Buyers are encouraged to visit the tables and inspect bags. The **C.O.A.S.T. auction team is not responsible** for the health or quality of plants, fish or invertebrates or equipment, or any other seller claims.
- **D.O.A. Policy** – Each member or guest attending our club meetings is expected to bring the necessary equipment to ensure their livestock (both bought and sold) will be healthy enough to survive the trip home. This includes, but is not limited to, styrofoam containers, insulated lunch boxes or cardboard boxes, portable air pumps with air stones, buckets, plastic bags or breather bags for carrying livestock, and access to fresh water. Unfortunately, accidents do happen and livestock deaths do occur due to stress, lack of oxygen, ambient temperature, etc, and is not the responsibility of the seller or the club. If livestock has passed or a bag is D.O.A. during the actual meeting time of 12-4 pm, we typically will ask the seller to take their auction lot item back. C.O.A.S.T.'s board cannot guarantee or promise a refund for each case that comes up, but we will do our part to ensure each party is treated fairly and with respect.
- Live Auction tables are **closed to viewing** during the guest speaker presentation and once the auction has begun.
- **Non-members must pay cash** after each transaction; auction runners will assist
- **Members may pay cash or run a tab** and can pay via cash or credit card at the end of the auction. **Tabs must be paid before you leave. Failure to pay your tab may result in revoking your privilege to run tabs in the future.**
- Please, when bidding raise bidder paddle high and keep it raised until you are done bidding; this makes it easier for our auctioneer and for our runners to bring you your fish quickly.

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- **All sales are final. Early check-outs will not be allowed during the final 30 minutes** of the auction; if buyers depart prior to all of their items selling, any payment due will be made available at the next monthly meeting. C.O.A.S.T. Fish Club reserves the right to move or place any auction lot item in either the live auction or the dry goods silent auction.