

# TROPICAL AND NATIVE FISH EXHIBIT

**Board Members in Charge**  
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**Assistant Superintendents**

**Amount of premiums offered by Ky. State Fair .....\$1,260.00**

**RULES**  
**ENTRY DEADLINE: JULY 1**  
**ENTRY FEE - \$8.00**

**Only Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents and workers may be present during judging. NO EXHIBITORS ALLOWED IN AREA.**

1. All entries must be made on official State Fair entry blanks and postmarked or submitted online by July 1. Section number and class number must be listed on entry form. Exhibitors are responsible for placing fish in correct class. Adult size determines class. Fish entered incorrectly will be disqualified. **NUMBER AND SIZE OF TANKS TO BE USED MUST BE INCLUDED.**
2. **\*NEW THIS YEAR!** Exhibitors in the Tropical and Native Fish Department have the option of making entries online. For more information, see page 7. To enter online, go to [www.kystatefair.org](http://www.kystatefair.org). Online entries require a credit card. Complete information must be provided.
3. For exhibitors 18 to 54 years of age as of August 1, an \$8.00 departmental fee is required. For senior citizens 55 years of age and over as of August 1, the fee is \$6.00 per department. For youth who have not reached the age of 18 by August 1, the fee is \$4.00 per department. Entries must be postmarked by July 1 or a late fee will be charged.

LATE ENTRIES: An entry fee of \$15 per department will be charged for **all** entries postmarked after July 1. Late entry forms must be received by July 10. No entries will be accepted after that date.

4. **TANKS WILL BE RECEIVED SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. ALL WORK MUST BE FINISHED BY 7:00 P.M. ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, INCLUDING TAGS ON TANKS. ANYONE NOT ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN SETTING UP A TANK AT THE END OF THE RECEIVING PERIOD MUST LEAVE THE AREA. NO EXHIBITORS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE EXHIBIT UNLESS A WORKER IS PRESENT. ALL UNUSED ENTRY TAGS MUST BE PLACED IN AN ENVELOPE AND RETURNED TO A WORKER. BRIEF EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED ON MONDAY, AUGUST 17, TUESDAY, AUGUST 18 AND WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19--EXHIBITORS SHOULD CHECK WITH WORKERS FOR TIMES. TANKS CANNOT BE REMOVED UNTIL SUNDAY, AUGUST 30. TEAR DOWN IS BETWEEN 9:00 P.M. AND 11:00 P.M. SUNDAY, AUGUST**

**30 AND 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. MONDAY, AUGUST 31. ANY EXHIBIT NOT REMOVED BY 4:00 P.M. AUGUST 31 WILL BE DISPOSED OF. THESE RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. ALL TAGS MUST BE IN PLACE AT THE TIME OF SET-UP OR THE ENTRY WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. ANY CHANGE OF FISH OR TANK, OR ANY OTHER CHANGE MUST BE APPROVED IN ADVANCE BY A WORKER, OTHERWISE IT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

5. **IN ORDER FOR SPACE TO BE ALLOTTED, EXHIBITORS MUST NOTE IF BRINGING A LARGE TANK & STAND.** It is suggested that blocks be used to raise tanks above barriers. Exhibitors using large air supplies should count on two supplies. Tanks **MUST** be shown in section assigned. Any changes about exhibitors stands must be reported to Betty Finch by August 1.
6. Anyone may exhibit as many entries in any one class, or as many sub-classes as desired except as specified under the rules for a particular class. Dealers may exhibit in Dealer's class only. Dealers not entering competition may set up one tank for display purposes only, subject to space availability. Display only tanks must be listed on entry and tank size stated. Maintenance Services may enter both dealer and individual classes. Separate entries must be submitted if exhibiting in both.
7. **ANY EXHIBITS ENTERED IN COMPETITION ARE TO INDICATE THE ABILITY OF THE EXHIBITOR TO MAINTAIN AND ASSUME COMPLETE CARE OF GIVEN SPECIES.**
8. An entry consists of a pair or a single fish. Others will be disqualified. Only two entries per tank permitted. These entries may be double entered in the breeder classes. Same fish may not be entered in two breeder classes. In community and theme tanks, two other entries per tank are permitted. These entries must be a pair or single fish that is easily identified by the judges. Theme tanks may not be entered in both theme divisions. Breeder classes must have required number of fish. Breeder entries that are also entered in their respective classes should have a divider to show pair or single fish. Disregarding these rules will cause disqualification of entire tank.
9. All tanks, lights, gravel, extension cords, three-way sockets, gang valves, air supply, siphon hoses and buckets or other containers must be provided by the exhibitor. Stand and electric outlet will be provided, one for each tank. Exhibitors must provide stand for all tanks over 55 gallons. No bowls will be permitted; 2 1/2 GALLON TANK SIZE MINIMUM PERMITTED; NO EXCEPTIONS. All tanks must have a flat side. All tanks must have covers over entire top of tanks. Tanks containing turtles must have resting ledge out of water. A step stool may be needed to set up tanks. **ALL EQUIPMENT MUST BE CLEAN. ALL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT MUST BE U. L. APPROVED.**
10. Gro-lux and similar lights will be permitted in all classes. Also any type of gravel may be used in any class except the Community Divisions. Community aquariums will be judged on their natural appearance, so it is preferred that entrants use a natural color of gravel. Back coverings and gravel must be used in all tanks.

Artificial plants may be used in all classes as well as in Community Divisions.

11. Tanks should be tested for leaks prior to the show and provisions made for leveling them on the stands. All tanks must be covered. The Kentucky State Fair Board and employees will not be responsible for fish and/or equipment. The removal of leaking tanks will be left up to the Superintendent. Any exhibitor not performing requested maintenance or medication on a tank will forfeit all premiums and/or be barred from exhibiting at next year's Fair.
12. It is recommended that heaters be used in all aquariums - the show area is air conditioned. The judges will be instructed not to count off for use of heaters.
13. All exhibitors are limited to winning two premiums and two ribbons in each class. The winner of the Sweepstakes award is not eligible to win the award the following year.
14. Any entry may be disqualified by the Superintendent for violation of the above listed rules. Also, see General Rules and Regulations in front of this book.

#### PREMIUMS

1st . . . \$15      2nd . . . \$8      3rd . . . \$4      4th . . . \$3

#### AWARDS

##### BEST LIVEBEARER OF SHOW

**BEST GOLDFISH OF SHOW** given by Schnitzelburg Area Community Council, Louisville, KY

**BEST MARINE TANK OF SHOW** given by Sandy's Pet Shop, 1421 Hess Ln.

**BEST FRESHWATER TANK OF SHOW** given by Louisville Tropical Fish Fanciers

##### BEST DEALER FRESHWATER EXHIBIT

**BEST THEME TANK** given by Something Fishy, Phone: 297-9891 Maintenance, Sales and Service

**BEST DEALER MARINE EXHIBIT AND BEST JUNIOR AGES 6-11** given by Feeders Supply Co.; 315 Baxter Ave., Louisville, KY; 5763 Preston Hwy., Louisville, KY; 4600 Shelbyville Rd, Louisville, KY; 12314 Shelbyville Rd., Louisville, KY; McMahan Plaza, Louisville, KY; 10948 Dixie Hwy., Louisville, KY; 1610 Ring Rd., Elizabethtown, KY; 187 Adam Shepherd Pkwy., Shepherdsville, KY; 3400 Grantline Rd., New Albany, IN; 229 E. Lewis & Clark Pkwy., Clarksville, IN

**BEST CICHLID OF SHOW** given by Economy Aquatic Gardens, 2915 Preston Highway, Louisville, KY

**BEST JUNIOR AGES 12-18** given by Thornhill's Pet Shop, 7280 Dixie Highway

**BEST MARINE SPECIES OF SHOW** given by Greentree Pet Center, 1604 Greentree Blvd., Clarksville, IN 47129

**SWEEPSTAKES** - Exhibitor winning most points in Show. (See Rule 13) Blue Ribbon - 4 points; Red Ribbon - 3 points; White Ribbon - 2 points; Pink Ribbon - 1 point. The sweepstakes winner will receive a trophy courtesy of Sandy's Pet Shop.

**DIVISION 3001****EGGLAYER DIVISION**

An entry consists of a pair or single fish. In judging, pairs will be preferred.

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|----|---|----|---|
| 1  | Rainbows  | 11 | Catfish (6" & over)                     |
| 2  | Angels and Discus   | 12 | Sharks                                  |
| 3  | Dwarf Cichlids  | 13 | Loaches                                 |
| 4  | Medium Cichlids (under 6")<br>excluding Dwarf and Rift Lake<br>Cichlids | 14 | Barbs                                   |
| 5  | Large Cichlids (6" and over)<br>excluding Rift Lake Cichlids            | 15 | Rift Lake Cichlids - Lake Malawi        |
| 6  | Goldfish - Plain, single tail   | 16 | Rift Lake Cichlids -<br>Lake Tanganyika |
| 7  | Goldfish - Plain, double tail   | 17 | Labyrinth Fish (other than Bettas)      |
| 8  | Goldfish - Fancy  | 18 | Characins                               |
| 9  | Corydorus   | 19 | Tetras                                  |
| 10 | Catfish (under 6")  | 20 | Bettas                                  |

**NOTE:** Dwarf Cichlids Class 3 - Only those listed as Dwarf in reference books will be entered in this division. Angels, Discus and Rift Lake Cichlids have divisions of their own and will not be entered in 3, 4 or 5. Size Limitations refer to mature adult size.

**DIVISION 3002****LIVEBEARER DIVISION**

An entry consists of a pair or single fish. In judging, pairs will be preferred.

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| 1 | Fancy Livebearers (excluding<br>Guppies) | 3 | Guppies (only one type and color<br>per tank) |
| 2 | Livebearers (excluding Guppies)          |   |   |

**DIVISION 3003****Class 1****NATIVE FISH**

Native fish entries should be in their own tank. A pair or single fish will be judged for this class. Native fish in a community tank must be easily identified by the judges. All Federal, State and Local laws must be complied with in this division, including necessary permits. Clarias (Walking Catfish) are prohibited.

**DIVISION 3004****BREEDER DIVISION**

1. **EGGLAYER BREEDER:** Display shall have one variety of fish but must have five or more fishes of that variety to compete. Fishes in this category **MUST** have been bred and raised by exhibitor. Difficulty in breeding, and not maturity, is the major factor in judging this category.
2. **LIVEBEARER BREEDER:** Display shall have only one variety of fish but must have five or more fishes to compete in this division. Fish in this category **MUST** have been raised and bred by exhibitor.
3. **FAMILY GROUP:** This Display can be either egglayers or livebearers but must contain two (2) parent fish and at least five (5) or more offspring. (In cases of belligerent parents, a tank divider may be used.) There must be one adult male and one adult female in this class.

**DIVISION 3005****JUNIOR COMMUNITY**

Tanks must be brought to the Fairgrounds completely unassembled. All work on tank must be done by exhibitor. Parents may help fill tank with water and add fish. Tanks must be 10 gallon or larger.

**Class 1**

This class open to youth age 6 - 11 as of August 1 of the current year.

**Class 2**

This class open to youth age 12 - 18 as of August 1 of the current year.

Displays shall consist of any number of types of fish. See rule no. 8 for double entering fish shown in this exhibit.

**DIVISION 3006****OPEN COMMUNITY**

Display shall consist of at least five different species of fish. Some type of background and side coverings must be used (mirrors, plants, decals, etc.) Preference in judging will be given to those that do not distract from a natural appearance. However, in judging, emphasis will be placed on the naturalness of the exhibit. (See rule no. 8 for double entering fish shown in this exhibit.)

1 Live Plants

2 Artificial Plants

**DIVISION 3007****Class 1****MARINE COMMUNITY**

Display shall consist of at least five marine creatures. Some type of background and aqua-scaping must be used. Preference will be given to the overall quality of the display. All entries in this division must be true salt water specimens.

**Class 2****MARINE REEF**

Display must contain at least three of the following: living rock, coral, crustaceans, invertebrates, fish. Preference will be given to overall quality and variety of the display. Background must be used.

**DIVISION 3008****Class 1****MARINE SPECIES**

Aquarium and decor will not be judged in this division. Fish can be entered one fish per entry as no preference is given for pairs.

NOTE: Scavengers will be allowed in all classes, but will not be judged except in Division 3001, Classes 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13.

**DIVISION 3009**

**DEALERS DIVISION**

Tank may contain any number, or type, of fish.

- 1 FRESHWATER EXHIBIT - Some type of decor to be used. Only two entries from community tank may be entered in Dealer species.
- 2 MARINE EXHIBIT - Two entries may be entered in Dealer species.
- 3 FRESHWATER SPECIES - No preference given to pairs.
- 4 MARINE SPECIES - No preference given to pairs.

**DIVISION 3010**

**Class 1**

**ODD FISH DIVISION**

This division is for fish that do not belong in any of the above classes.

**DIVISION 3011**

**Class 1**

**NOVELTY DIVISION**

Select any theme for tank and use decorations and fish to carry out the theme. Fish must match theme by name or color. If a title is used, write on small card and attach to front of tank.

**DIVISION 3012**

**Class 1**

**WHAT I DO**

This can be your occupation, hobby, sports or other interest. Fish type need not relate to theme.

**DIVISION 3013**

**Class 1**

**AMPHIBIAN DIVISION**

This division is for land & water animals, frogs, newts, salamanders, etc. All snakes prohibited. **THESE TANKS MUST BE TIGHTLY SECURED.** Resting ledge for turtles must be supplied.