

# ARVAS AUCTION RULES 2026

ARVAS, PO Box 415, Olean, NY 14760 <https://www.arvasny.org/> and on facebook

\* **Registration starts at 10 AM --- the Auction starts at 11 AM**

\* **Anyone can buy and/or sell at this auction BUT, all items must be Aquatic related** (tropical fish keeping hobby).

**\*EVERYONE MUST REGISTER!** This information is needed for our records and required for the facility rental.

## \*\*\*BUYERS:

\* **Cash only** is accepted. No checks! You may pay cash for each item as you purchase it, or you can “run a tab” and pay for your total purchases before you leave.

\* **All buyers must have a bidder number**, even if you are paying with cash

\* **All sales are final**. Pay attention to what you are bidding on and be sure to check the information on the chit before initialing it. We suggest you keep a list of your purchases.

\* **All items are sold as is**. ARVAS is not responsible for any fish that die, mislabeled, broken or non working items.

\* **All bids will be in dollar increments**.

\* **Express**: After table #2 has been auctioned off, if you want an item auctioned off right away from any of the remaining tables, for a \$2.00 fee, you may purchase an express ticket from the cashier, give the ticket and the item you want expressed to the flow control person and he will take it to the auction table to be auctioned off right away.

\* **Checking out**: No items may be removed from the facility until paid for.

\* **All decisions of the auctioneers are final**.

## \*\*\*SELLERS:

\* **You must have a seller's ID#**. If you were mailed a seller's sheet with an ID# on it, please use that ID#.

\* **If you need a seller's ID#**, seller's sheet(s), directions, or have any questions please call 716-373-2639 and leave a message.

\* **We must have an accurate copy of your seller's sheet(s) when you register**. Turn in your seller's sheet before placing your items on the tables.

\* **Labels on all items** being sold must correspond to your seller's sheet and be in consecutive sequence (no skipping numbers). We use the 10-table system. The last numerical number on the bag or item is the table number it is placed on. Example, item 12 goes on table 2, item# 30 goes on table 10. Table #1 is the first table to be auctioned, then table #2 etc.

\* **No items may be removed** from tables.

\* **Minimum bid**: A seller may put a minimum bid on his item but must obtain a minimum bid sticker at the registration table for each minimum bid item. If the seller decides to lower the minimum bid he may do so but it will be moved to the next table before being reauctioned.

\* **All items must be properly labeled**: seller's ID# and item # (example, AVR-15), the description: for fish, both the common and scientific name (if known), how many in the bag, and the sex if known. Also the seller's name and phone number or e-mail on each item label. For lights, pumps, filters, heaters, etc., you must specify if they work or don't work. All equipment must be clean.

\* **Bags and containers**: Fish must be properly bagged in fish bags or in buckets. No baggies, zip lock bags, twist ties or staples allowed. Double bagging of fish is recommended and the use of buckets for large fish. There will be a rebagging charge for anything that needs to be rebagged.

\* **There is a 5 bag limit** on any single species of fish or item type unless it is a different color strain or fin type of fish, then a 5 bag limit for each. **And a three bag** limit on any combination of snails (common, Malaysian, Pond and Ramshorn) and/or Duckweed.

\* **Goldfish and Koi and other NYS regulated invasive**

**species** and can be sold but each bag must have the NYS regulated invasive species approved label on them. If needed, labels will be available at the registration table. **If it doesn't have an approved label it will marked as a no sale item**. For a list of regulated invasive species or labeling, refer to NYS invasive and regulated species list on the internet.

\* **There is a 70/30 split** (70% to the seller - 30% to the club).

\* **You may collect your money** at the end of the auction or a check will be mailed to you within two weeks after the auction.

Please let us know at the registration table if you want a check mailed to you.

\* **Any items not selling** may be claimed by the seller. If not claimed by the end of auction they shall become the property of ARVAS

\* **ARVAS reserves the right** to refuse to sell items not properly labeled, dirty/or damaged tanks and equipment and items not worth the dollar minimum bid. Suggest consolidating items like small bowls, small ornaments, and “dollar store” items

\* **ARVAS and the John Ash Community Center** will not be responsible for any loss, damage, theft, or injury occurring before, during or after the auction.

**CDC Guidelines** at the time of our auction will be followed.

\* **IF YOU WOULD LIKE A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**, ask at the registration table. New members and visitors are always welcome. If you join ARVAS after October 1<sup>st</sup> and pay the dues for 1 year, there will be no charge for the remainder of this year's (it's free). Your yearly dues will be credited for 2021.