

ARVAS Tropical Fish and Supplies AUCTION RULES 2026

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Registration starts at 10 am --- the Auction starts at 11 am

***Anyone can buy and/or sell at this auction 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.** All items will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Any items not selling may be claimed by the seller. If not claimed by the end of auction they become the property of ARVAS

***Express:** After table #2 has been auctioned off, an item expressed may be expressed for a \$2 fee. You may purchase an express ticket from the cashier; give the ticket and show the item you want expressed to the flow control person and he will take it to the auctioneer to be the next item sold.

*** 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 need a seller's ID#, or have any questions please call 716-373-2639 and leave a message. The flyer, auction rules and a seller's sheet can be found and printed from our web page, www.arvasny.com.

***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 must 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 1, 11, 21 go on table 1, item #12, 22, 32, go on table 2, item# 10, 20, 30 go on table 10. Table #1 will be the first table to be auctioned, then table #2 etc.

*** No items may be removed from the tables**

***Minimum bid:** A seller may put a reasonable 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 last table before being reauctioned.

***All items must be properly labeled:** seller's ID# and item # (example, AVR-15), and a brief description. For fish, species, quantity, pair, trio, etc. and sex if known. Also, the seller's name and phone number or e-mail on each item label. No markers on bags. Tape over your label so they don't get damaged. For lights, pumps, filters, heaters, etc., you must specify if they work or don't work. All equipment must be clean. No broken items will be accepted.

*** No out dated, expired food or meds can be sold.**

***Bags and containers:** Fish must be properly bagged in fish bags or in buckets. Fish bags can be obtained from fish stores or usually at auctions. 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.

***Goldfish and Koi and other NYS regulated invasive species** and can be sold but each bag must have the NYS regulated invasive species label on them. If needed, labels will be available at the registration table. If it doesn't have an approved label, it will be marked as a no sale item. No NY restricted species will be accepted. 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.

***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.

***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 1st 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 2027