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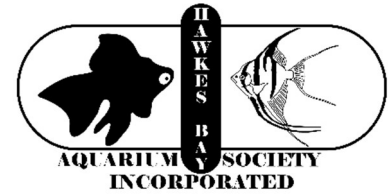
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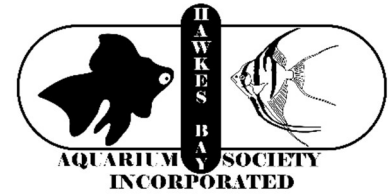
SHOW RULES PART ONE - FISH

1. All advertised classes and awards should be in open competition.
2. All sections of the show shall be run in accordance with the show rules.
3. All exhibits shall be the property of the exhibitor.
4. All exhibits shall be shown in containers having a flat front, equal at least to the total length of the exhibit and the front will be taken to be the largest viewing area. Containers will have all elevated surfaces transparent with the option of a blue or black back panel, the base may either be transparent or painted blue or black. The minimum size of a container will be 150mm x 150mm x 150mm.
5. All containers will be adequately filled with water.
6. In all fish classes there will be nothing in the container other than the Fish, Water and Natural Gravel. Gravel may be used at the discretion of the show organisers in the containers and then at not more than a maximum depth of 20mm. Where nothing is stated on the show schedule then it will be deemed that gravel may be used. (This means that if permission is granted by the show organisers, the exhibit will have the choice of showing fish in either a container with a clear base, a blue or black base or with 20mm of natural gravel).
7. Aeration may be used but must be removed or turned off during judging.
8. Fish will not be fed on the show bench prior to judging.
9. All classes shall be lettered to the current Show Class Lettering system. All containers shall be numbered.
10. An exhibit may only be entered in one class, it will then automatically qualify for any further class or award without further fee.
11. No advertised class is to be amalgamated or awards to be withheld.
12. Advertised classes may be divided.
13. Exhibitors shall not interfere with their entries after the show has commenced without the written permission of the show manager.
14. Exhibits shall not be removed before the end of the show without the written permission of the show manager.
15. Fish will be shown singly in their classes unless otherwise stated.
16. Show organisers have the right to refuse an entry from an intending exhibitor.
17. Whilst reasonable care will be taken of the exhibits, the show organisers will not be held liable for any loss or damage in whole or part of any exhibit.
- ~~18. Where possible judges graded for open shows will be delegated at open shows and these must either be graded by the Federation, or by an organisation recognised by the Federation.~~
19. All the judges delegated at an open show will be named on the show schedule.
20. During judging only stewards on duty and ~~Federation or Association~~ Officials may enter the benching area and then they will keep clear of the judges unless called for.
21. Class labels shall be fixed to the top left of the container and award labels to the top right.
22. Award labels shall either be coloured or printed, 1st Red, 2nd Blue, 3rd Yellow, 4th Green, special and other labels shall be white printed black.
23. Juniors are those under 16 years of age at the time of the show.

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24. In all Marine Classes the specific gravity of the water will be taken in the presence of the show organisers and displayed on the container class labels; exhibits in water of less than 1.016 SG will be disqualified.
- ~~25. Only those shows conforming to the Federation rules will be sponsored.~~
26. Any exhibitor who fails to comply with the show rules will have their exhibit disqualified.
- ~~27. Providing that a copy of the rules is openly displayed at the show it is sufficient to state on the show schedule that "The show will be run in accordance with F.N.Z.A. S. rules."~~
28. With any complaint regarding an open show, the person complaining should first approach the show manager who will try to resolve the matter with all parties concerned. If this does not satisfy the person complaining, they can then write to the **FNZAS HBAS** Executive (via the **FNZAS HBAS** Secretary) who will investigate and then present their verdict. ~~A final appeal can be made to a full Federation Assembly Meeting.~~
29. Submitting an entry to show implies full acceptance of all the show rules.

PART TWO - AQUARIA & AQUASCAPES

1. Only Furnished Aquaria and Aquascapes of the sizes stated on the show schedule will be used.
2. Furnished Aquaria and Aquascapes of differing sizes will not be classes together.
3. The minimum sizes of furnished Aquaria will be: Society, 60cm x 30cm x 30cm; Individual, 45cm x 25cm x 25cm; Junior and Miniature 25cm x 20cm x 15cm. All aquaria may be plus or minus 2.5cm of the above sizes.
4. The minimum size for Aquascapes will be: Society, 60cm x 40cm x 30cm; Individual, 45cm x 25cm x 25cm, plus or minus 2.5cm. The container may be constructed of any suitable material and may be open fronted to any degree. The back and sides may be either coloured or transparent and decorated in any way.
5. Fish, Animals, Plants, Rockwork and decorations will be supplied by the exhibitor; ~~gravel may be supplied by the show organisers. Choice of gravel rests with the exhibitor.~~
6. Choice of fish rests with the exhibitor.
7. Only plants that flourish under aquatic conditions will be used in the Furnished Aquaria.
8. Where any model is used in an Aquascape this will automatically class it as a Novelty Aquascape.
9. The lighting of each class of Furnished Aquaria and Aquascape will be uniform. Coloured lighting is prohibited.
10. No appliance shall be used in conjunction with a Furnished Aquaria, external powerfilters, heaters, thermostats and lights excepted. Excluding Marine Furnished Aquaria which may use water conditioning appliances.
11. Furnished Aquaria sides and back may be covered with monochrome material only.
12. Furnished Aquaria and Aquascapes may be brought to a show ready set up, with the agreement of the show organisers. Such agreement must appear on the show schedule and be open to all exhibitors.
- ~~13. The Judging of Furnished Aquaria and Aquascapes will be undertaken by two judges.~~

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14. Where a diseased fish or animal is exhibited in a Furnished Aquaria or Aquascape, the whole will be disqualified. However, the judges will enter on the judging sheet the pointing allocated for the other features in the set up.

PART THREE - BREEDERS

1. A breeders entry not exhibiting the correct number of live fish will be disqualified.
2. A breeders entry not exhibiting the date of birth will be disqualified.
3. A breeders entry may be shown with each fish in a separate container, the whole to count as one exhibit.
4. A breeders entry shall have been bred by the exhibitor and not be older than 14 months at the date of the show.
5. Fish raised from stripped eggs are eligible for a breeders entry providing the fry have been raised by the exhibitor and that the parent fish were in the possession of the exhibitor at the time of stripping.
6. Fish raised from transferred eggs are not eligible for entry as a breeders team.
7. Breeders entries will be divided into at least three classes; Tropical Egglayers, Tropical Livebearers, Coldwater Fish. The fish from one spawning of one female to constitute an entry.
8. Breeders teams may consist of either four or six fish a team, the show organisers to state the number in the show schedule. Teams of differing numbers will not be shown together. Where nothing is stated on the show schedule it will be deemed that the breeders teams will number four fish.

PART FOUR - PLANTS

1. All plants other than floating species will be shown fully submerged.
2. Rooted plants will be shown in either terra cotta or black pots, with their root crowns showing, the planting medium will be covered with a layer of natural gravel.
3. Cuttings will not be shown in pots and each cutting will be weighted separately.
4. Floating plants will be shown so that the root structure can be judged as well as the leaf formation.
5. One rooted plant will constitutes an entry. Three separate cuttings will constitute an entry. A portion (clump) of floating plant if a small species or one plant if a large species will constitute an entry.
6. Plants shall be classed for judging as falling into one of three groups: Rooted, Cuttings, or Floating. Rooted plants are those which are not normally propagated by cuttings and are

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usually reproduced by seed or division of the root stock or by sending out runners. Cuttings are plants which are usually propagated by taking cuttings. Floating plants are those which are free of permanent anchorage.

7. Young plants and offshoots may be left attached to the main exhibit, these however will be judged as being part of the main exhibit.

PART FIVE - JUDGING GUIDELINES

- ~~1. Where judges have a specialised grading they will get first option at judging those classes for which they are graded.~~
2. Judges will fully abide by all standards and rules.
3. Judges will not put any instrument into a container.
4. A judge will not judge their, or their families, entries at any show.
5. Heavily gravid livebearers will be severely down pointed.
6. All diseased and deformed fish will be disqualified.
7. Pairs of fish will be reasonably identifiable as a male and female of the same species or variety.
8. Judges are entitled to remove themselves from any show that is not operating to the rules advertised.
- ~~9. Federation judges are at liberty to judge at shows not being run to the Federation rules and at shows run by non member societies, but at all times the judge must abide by to the rules forming part five of the Federation's Show Rules.~~

****Please note: Due to using old FNZAS rules some changes have been made in order to make it relevant to this application. The changes have been left in in order to show transparency in how the rules were changed****