

## EIAA Auction Rules, (Updated 2/19/2026)

### GENERAL:

- 1.) You do not need to be a member of the EIAA or any other club to buy or sell.
- 2.) All items are sold "AS IS." The EIAA does not warrant the condition or authenticity of any item.
- 3.) Tables will be sorted by type. (example: Catfish, Cichlids, Plants, Dry Goods). The Auction's Grabbers will go through and collect fish off each table at random, to be auctioned off. They will be selected at random to be fair. Like things will be sold as choice in interest of time.
- 4.) Bidding will be in full dollar increments.
- 5.) Aquariums will be kept in a separate area for display and sale to prevent injury or damage.
- 6.) All persons attending this auction do so at their own risk. Neither the Eastern Iowa Aquarium Association, its officers, members or any persons connected with the auction, assumes any responsibility for any loss, damage or injury or assumes liability, legal or otherwise in attending this sale.
- 7.) The EIAA is acting in the capacity of an Auction Facilitator. Responsibility for items sold/purchased lie solely with the seller / buyer. The EIAA is not responsible for items incorrectly labeled, crossing state lines after sales, or policing for hybrid, patented, or designer species. We will do everything within our power to ensure that items sold are legal to be sold within the state of Iowa but it is ultimately the responsibility of the buyer to ensure items purchased are legal in their home state.

### SELLERS:

- 8.) You may sell fish, live and plastic plants, and aquarium related equipment and dry goods...
  - (a) The EIAA reserves the right to refuse to sell an obviously sick or deformed fish.
  - (b) All equipment sold must be marked in working order or marked non-working. All equipment not marked will be assumed to be non-working
- 9.) There is a **40 ITEM LIMIT PER HOUSEHOLD**. Bring your best fish, plants and dry goods.
  - (a) **LIMIT 5 (FIVE) DRY GOOD ITEMS PER HOUSEHOLD OF SELLERS.** (please bundle your small items)
  - (b) **NO MORE THAN 5 (FIVE) BAGS OF ANY COLOR VARIETY** of fish will be allowed from one HOUSEHOLD. (Too many bags of the same color variety just drive down the prices.)
  - (c) **NO Convict Cichlids.**
- 10.) EIAA generated LABELS will list:
  - (a) Seller Number and Item Number
  - (b) Seller Name
  - (c) Seller Phone Number
  - (d) Seller Email Address.
- 11.) SELLER generated LABELS will list: (a) Species Name or Product Name (b) Quantity and sex (if known)

All items not labeled with this information and which we are not able to identify, will be set aside & sold last.
- 12.) **All sellers must preregister before Thursday at 10 pm, two days before the auction** to allow us to have your labels printed and ready for you on the day of the auction.
- 13.) **Sellers are to arrive between 8:15 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.** before viewing begins, to allow time for labeling & placement of their items on the tables.
- 14.) No BAP or HAP items can be sold at this auction. (Reason: they are for members only at meetings.)
- 15.) **BAGGING FISH:** Proper fish bagging is required. Double bagging is highly recommended. NO zip-lock type bags or baggies are allowed. Please use bags big enough for the health of the fish and make sure it is half air, half water. If fish need to be re-bagged that day, it is not a problem, there will be a re-bagging station. A \$1 to \$3 Re-Bag Fee, depending on the size of the bag, will be charged to the seller, for any leaking bags.

**Questions?** Call or Text Cameron Bearce

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**Sellers Please Pre-Register here:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevZ1xNvrPhuj2sKyaKGF2GIM81gqFOR7E3eFo\\_s5r39rnvJw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevZ1xNvrPhuj2sKyaKGF2GIM81gqFOR7E3eFo_s5r39rnvJw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**16.) AUCTION SPLIT:** EIAA retains the first \$1.00 of each sale. An 80/20 (Seller/EIAA) split of the remaining price.

Checks to the sellers will be mailed within two weeks after the sale and delivered by the US Postal Service.

**17.) Minimum prices:** You may set a minimum bid price on your fish or equipment by obtaining a Minimum Bid Sticker at the registration table. The cost is \$2.00 each. The auctioneer will make two attempts to reach your minimum bid. If we fail to reach the price, we will set the item aside, and you must pick up and remove the item before the end of the auction.

**BUYERS:**

**18.) Call-ups:** After 12:00 NOON, items may be called up for sale for \$2 cash/item by anyone. Item can be taken to the registration desk to be recorded, then directly up to the front table and put next in line for sale.

**19.)** All buyers will be required to deposit a driver's license for their buyer number flag. We also register each buyer in the case we need to reach out to someone after the auction (name, cell phone number, optional email if you want to join our email list).

**20.)** All items become the buyer's responsibility once they are sold. The EIAA assumes no responsibility for sold items. **PLEASE KEEP TRACK OF YOUR PURCHASE SALES SLIPS** to expedite Checkout.

**21.)** Please bid from an area of the room that is visible to the auctioneer. We recommend if you are standing, please stand to the sides and about half way back.

**22.)** All rules are strictly enforced. Those items not adhering to the rules will be rejected or sold last. The auction chairperson or designated person will have sole authority over the interpretation of the rules. Each item will be sold to the highest bidder. The auctioneer has the final say in disputes concerning the bids.

**23.) PAYMENT:** The EIAA will be accepting cash, checks and credit cards for payment of purchases. There will be a **4% handling fee for using a credit card**. A \$35.00 fee will be charged for any non-sufficient funds or returned check. Refusal to pay bad check and fee will result in prosecution.



**This is an auction.**

Everyone should have a positive experience at the auction so we have set up the rules with these goals in mind:

In an effort to allow all sellers an equally fair chance to have their items sold early in the auction and distributed throughout the auction we continue to strive to remove human error and preferences in the staging of the sale.

We strive to share information we have learned from experience to help the sellers bag, mark and bundle their items in ways that help them get the best prices.

Because we appreciate our volunteers we strive to help the volunteers by making the logistics of the auction easy to follow and employ.

We want to give buyers a general idea of when items will be coming up for sale allowing them to step out for a break or even run an errand.

The rules are not perfect but we feel at this time they are the most fair for all involved.

**It is HIGHLY recommended that you bring an insulated container for your fish purchases.**