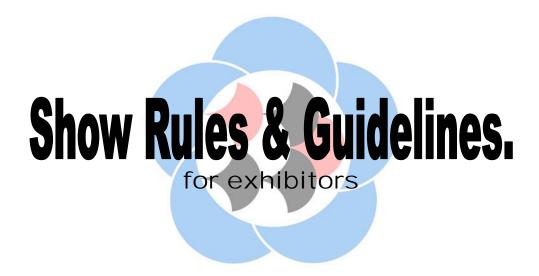
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Purpose:

The purpose of this document is to convey definitions, instructions, information and guidelines to potential exhibitors at the *South East International Koi Show*. By publishing this document the South East Koi Club endeavours to avoid misunderstandings in administration and prevent hardship to Koi exhibited at the show.

1 Definitions:

Animal Welfare Act refers to the current UK Act dated 6th April 2007.

Benching. The formal process of accepting a Koi into the show. It consists of classifying, measuring, photographing and a visual health check. Satisfactory completion will be the signing-off of the Benching form.

Benching Admin. The processes responsible for compiling the data recorded at benching and managing the paperwork through the judging stage until the production and publication of results.

Duty of Care is understood to mean the provision of the 5 freedoms decreed under the Animal Welfare Act. See Koi Club 6.

Exhibit. An exhibit is a Koi that has been duly accepted into the show and completed the Benching process.

Exhibitor. An exhibitor is the owner of an exhibit.

Nishikigoi (**Koi**) are ornamental versions of the Common Carp (Cyprinus Carpio) that originated from specimens selectively bred over centuries in Japan to produce distinct varieties based on their colours and patterns. The same definition applies to scale-less varieties produced through the introduction of the 'Mirror & Leather Carp' variants of Cyprinus Carpio. Only Nishikigoi are permitted as entries in the show.

Show Chairman is The Koi Club's representative responsible for the overall coordination, organisation and management of the show.

Show Chairman's Nominated Officials are specialised or selected representatives of the Koi Club responsible for specific tasks within the framework of the show e.g. Benching, Benching Admin, Koi Welfare, Water Management, Public Relations, Vat Allocations etc.

The **Koi Club**, refers to the South East Koi Club,

2 General Principles.

- **2.1** The South East Show is open to any exhibitor and not restricted to members of the Koi Club.
- **2.2** Exhibitors are required to ensure that only healthy Koi are brought to the show.
- 2.3 Exhibitors are required to ensure that all Koi are transported to the show in suitable containers, double bagged, with enough water to cover the gills and preferably inflated with oxygen for journeys over one hour.
- **2.4** Only *Nishikigoi* (Koi) are permitted to be entered into the show and displayed in the vats. *Common Carp, Mirror Carp, Leather Carp, Ghost Carp, or any variant selectively bred for distorted body shape or excessive finnage are not by definition Nishikigoi and are therefore excluded from the show.*
- 2.5 All exhibitors must be hobbyists and cannot cohabit or reside with a member of the Koi trade whose business involves the sale or breeding of Koi, whether wholesale or retail. Ex-traders must have ceased trading for a period of 1 year.
- **2.6** All exhibits must be owned by the exhibitor.
- 2.7 No exhibit may be sold during the duration of the show; from the show vat or within the environs of the showground.
- 2.8 All Koi are exhibited at the owner's risk. Whilst the South East Koi Club will endeavour to ensure the Koi's welfare is not compromised during their residence at the show, no responsibility can be undertaken for loss or damage.
- 2.9 Koi excluded from the show during Benching are to be removed from the showground as soon as feasibly possible. The responsibility for the welfare of such Koi rests entirely with the exhibitor.
- **2.10** The Show Chairman reserves the right to refuse bookings without explanation.
- **2.11** Violent and abusive conduct towards Koi Club officials & volunteers will not be tolerated and offenders will be asked to leave. All prizes and trophies will be forfeit.
- **2.12** The exhibitor must ensure that they have the means and necessary equipment to remove Koi from the premises should circumstance demand it.
- **2.13** The Koi Club will supply oxygen and have spare plastic bags and elastic bands available at debenching to cover emergencies.
- **2.14** The Show Chairman is the final authority on all matters relating to the proceedings at the show other than the judging of the Koi.
- **2.15** For Show Awards the Judges decision is final.

3 Preparation for showing.

"Benching begins at home"

- **3.1** Sick Koi requiring treatments have no place at a Koi Show. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure that potential exhibits are free from visible parasites, carp pox, infected wounds and are in good health.
- 3.2 Koi must be rested after a previous show for a minimum of 30 days before being transported to the South East Show. Exhibitors found to be in breach of this rule will have their fish disqualified and will be asked to remove them at the end of the day.
- 3.3 It is essential that Koi are not fed for a minimum period of 5 days before travelling to the show. There will be sufficient food in their pond to sustain them. This precaution will assist in minimising ammonia in the transport bags and prevent undue and unnecessary stress to the Koi.
- 3.4 Exhibitors that heat their ponds must begin to equalise their pond water temperatures to that of the ambient climatic temperatures well in advance of the show. It is recommended that potential show Koi are acclimatised to ambient temperatures for a period of at least one week before being transported to the show.

4 Benching.

- **4.1** Exhibitors or a delegate of authority are required to be present during the benching of their exhibits. Exhibitors must formally register DOAs (in writing) with the Show Chairman prior to the show.
- 4.2 A valid contact number should be left with the Benching Admin staff. Under normal circumstances this will have been provided during the Vat Registration process. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to advise the Benching staff of any change in that number.
- **4.3** Exhibits in their transport bags are to be floated in their vat for the minimum time specified by the Vat Allocation Officer.
- **4.4** Koi are generally released for benching from bag to bowl or bag to vat, keeping the transfer of water from their transport bags to an absolute minimum.
- **4.5** Releasing Koi from bags can be undertaken by the exhibitor or by members of the Benching team, providing 4.6 is complied with.
- **4.6** To reduce the handling of large Koi, the Benching team may choose to release the fish from its bag with the smallest amount of transport water. This will

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only be permitted if the water contains no additives e.g. salt etc, visible or otherwise. Such chemicals could give false readings and hamper water testing. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to inform the Benching team of such additives.

- **4.7** Exhibitors are encouraged to bench their fish on the Saturday. Vehicular access to the centre ring on Sunday morning will be restricted prior to opening time and then forbidden once the public is admitted.
- **4.8** No photographs are required to be brought by the owner. The Koi Club will take a photograph suitable for recognition purposes during benching. This photograph will be the one attached to the Exhibition Certificate.
- **4.9** At benching each Koi will be measured and its size recorded according to the size categories stated on the 'Vat Request form' and in Koi Club 7.
- **4.10** At benching each Koi will be assigned to one of the Show Classifications shown in Koi Club 7
- **4.11** Should there be any disagreement over the size and/or classification the exhibitor may request the bencher to bring it to the notice of the Judges prior to judging. The Judge's decision will be final.
- **4.12** At benching all Koi will be inspected for deformities, parasitic infestations, infected wounds and serious stress. The Show Officials on duty reserve the right to reject any Koi due to any of these issues.
- **4.13** Koi residing in 'Recovery vats' are excluded from the competition.
- **4.14** Exhibitors must retain the white copy of the Benching Form as this constitutes the Debenching Form, necessary for reclaiming their exhibits. (see 5.1.4 and 5.3.1).
- **4.15** An exhibitor may inspect his vat's water testing record on production of their white copy of the Benching Form.

5 Debenching.

5.1 Access

- **5.1.1** Vehicular access to the centre ring for debenching will not be permitted before 5pm
- **5.1.2** Debenching will not commence until after the prize giving has been completed.
- **5.1.3** Preference will be given to exhibitors with "Priority Debenching".
- **5.1.4** Exhibitors without Debenching Forms will not be permitted vehicular access to the Centre Ring. (see 5.3.2)

5.2 Priority Debenching.

- **5.2.1** Priority Debenching will be given to exhibitors travelling in excess of 75miles on their return home, exhibitors with physical disabilities and Koi Club members who will be returning to the showground that evening to participate in the breaking down of the show.
- **5.2.2** Priority Debenching status will be decided during the Vat Registration process and exhibitors will be advised along with their confirmation of booking.
- **5.2.3** Priority Debenching will not be allocated at the Showground.

5.3 Procedure.

- **5.3.1** Exhibitors must present their Debenching Form (see 4.14) to a centre ring official before commencing de-benching.
- **5.3.2** Exhibitors that have lost their Debenching Form must report to Benching Administration before driving onto the showground.

*Tip from Bernice Brewster.

If you are using the same pair of bags to transport your Koi home, turn them inside out before re-using them. Damp bags, stored for days in humid conditions at the show could provide a breeding ground for harmful bacteria. Why take the risk?

6 Duty of Care.

'The five freedoms'

- 6.1 Duty of care is understood to mean the observance of the 5 freedoms as decreed by the Animal Welfare Act. Namely ensuring our exhibits needs in regard to environment, diet, behaviour and protection from suffering, pain and disease.
- 6.2 Upon acceptance of an exhibitor's Koi into the show through completing benching, the South East Koi Club undertakes to share the responsibility for the "duty of care" up to the Debenching process.
- **6.3** The Koi Club reserves the right to call upon the professional services of a Veterinary or an Aquatic Consultant if necessary.
- **6.4** Exhibitors can view their water quality test results by prior arrangement with the Chief of the Water Management team. Exhibitors must produce their white Debenching Form as proof of identification.
- **6.5** Exhibitors permitted to enter the centre ring under 6.4 must abide by our Bio Security procedures and our Basic Centre Ring Protocol..



ANNOUNCEMENT

"Having represented fish during the revision of the Animal Welfare Act I now see firsthand how the legislation has improved animal welfare generally and the best interests of Koi specifically. The ethos of the Act has been understood by the South East Koi Club members and well demonstrated in their Rules and Guidelines for use at all Koi shows held under their auspices to ensure the highest possible Koi welfare standards."

Dr P A Reynolds BSc PhD BA Consultant in Fish Medicine. 19th June 2010.

7 Show Criteria

7.1 **Show Sizes**

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Size 1 (15 -25cms)
                   Size 2 (>25-35cms) Size 3 (>35-45cms)
Size 4 (>45-55cms) Size 5 (>55-65cms) Size 6 (>65-75cms)
Size 7 (over 75cms)
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Please note – Koi under 15cms are not permitted.

Show Classes 7.2

Kohaku Sanke Showa Utsurimono

Bekko

Asagi/Shusui

Koromo (incl Goshiki, Goshiki-Sanke, Goshiki-Showa,

Koromo-Sanke & Koromo-Showa)

Kawarimono

Hikari-Muji Mono Hikari-Moyo Mono Hikari-Utsuri Mono

Tancho (Go Sanke only incl GinRin)

Kinginrin (Go-Sanke only)

7.3 Show Awards

7.3.1 Round 1 - Best in class.

A 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize will be awarded for each Show Class (13) in each size (7). A total of 273 possible awards open to all Koi in the show.

7.3.2 Round 2 – Best in size.

A 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize will be awarded in each size (7) irrespective of Show Class. A total of 21 awards. Only prize winners from Round 1 are eligible.

7.3.3 The Champions.

Baby Champion – will be selected from the winners of sizes 1 & 2.

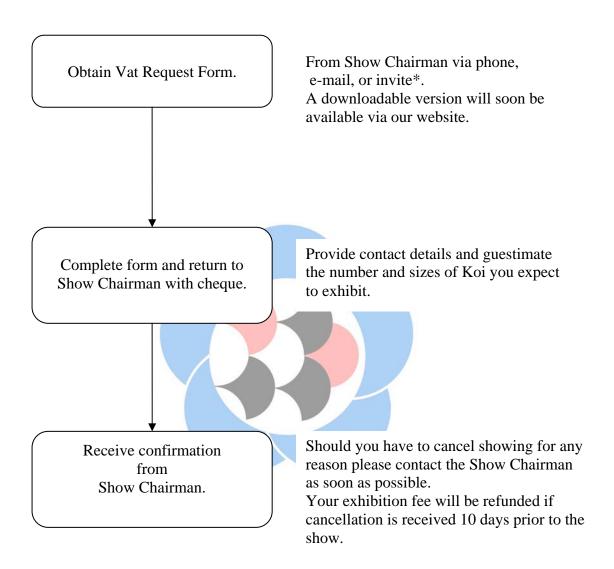
Young Champion – will be selected from the winners of sizes 3 & 4.

Adult Champion – will be the winner of size 5.

Mature Champion – will be selected from the winners of sizes 6 & 7.

- **7.3.4** The Grand Champion. Will be selected from all exhibits and once chosen will take no further part in the show.
- **7.3.5 The Jumbo Champion.** Will be decided by the tape-measure and awarded to the longest Koi in the show.
- **7.3.6 Best Doitsu Award.** Will be selected from any Doitsugoi in the show irrespective of size or Show Class.
- **7.3.7 Selected Variety Awards.** Every year the Koi Club selects a different variety to receive these awards. 3 prizes are given. For details of this year's variety please refer to the information on your Vat Request Form.
- **7.3.8 Friendship Trophies**. These ad-hoc trophies are provided by visiting officials from other Koi Clubs whose representatives will select the beneficiary.

Appendix A: Booking Procedure:

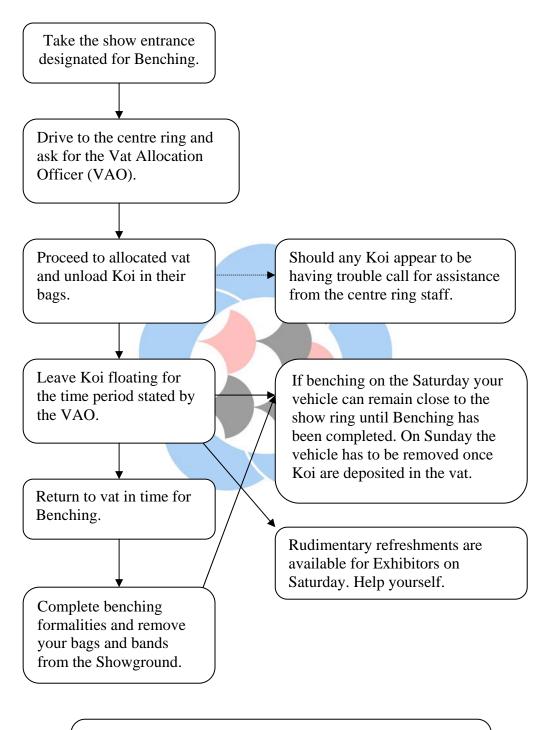


The limited time period is nominally two weeks.

^{*} Invitations are only sent to previous exhibitors of good standing.

They have a limited time period to return the forms ahead of new exhibitors. Thereafter it is first come – first served.

Appendix B: Booking in procedure at the show.



Results will be published overnight on the South East's website www.koi-clubs.com/SouthEast and on display at the showground on Monday morning.