



# Cichlid Club of York Inc. Auction Rules and Regulations



## Rules for the Seller:

1. This is a public auction and participation is open to anyone who is interested in selling aquarium fish, equipment, literature, food cultures, artwork or related aquatic items only. **This is an all fish-all aquatic animal and related auction.** Cichlid Club of York Inc (CCY) reserves the right to accept or reject any item brought to the auction to be sold.
2. **Registration** – The event will be using MyGroupAuctions.com to manage the auction. You are encouraged to register your items at any time once the on-line registration opens, up until the close of registration at beginning of auction. Use photos to help sell your listings, as your description will be displayed from the auction database when your item comes up for bid.
3. Most used aquatic equipment and decor is acceptable for the auction. *The following items are prohibited from being sold at the auction: Used light bulbs of any kind, open containers of food or medicine, used carbons or filter resins.* Aquariums and electronic items must be clearly marked as to condition. Cichlid Club of York Inc (CCY) reserves the right to reject any item judged as unsuitable for auction.
4. All items must be properly labeled. **All items must have lot number, proper description, seller's name, seller's phone number and/or email address, quantity and condition.** Fish must have scientific name, quantity and sex distribution, if known. Accepted terms are PAIR=1 male/1 Female same species, TRIO=1 male/2 females same species, REVERSE TRIO = 1 female/2 males same species. Any other combinations must be marked as to # of males/females or as # of fish sex unknown. Cichlid Club of York Inc (CCY) reserves the right to reject any items not properly labeled.
5. All fish and plants to be auctioned must be properly bagged. **NO Ziplocks or baggies!** Any fish that the auction staff determines unsuitable will be rejected and the seller will be able to re-bag the item or the Cichlid Club of York Inc (CCY) will rebag the fish properly for a \$3 rebagging fee. The CCY will have a limited number of bags of various sizes available for sale the day of the auction.
6. Sellers are limited to the following:
  - a. No more than 5 lots of a single species/color morph/fin type
  - b. No more than 5 lots of dry goods
7. The split is: for ALL items, the first \$1 goes to the Cichlid Club of York Inc (CCY). Then Members: 80% to the seller, 20% to the Cichlid Club of York Inc (CCY) Non-members: 70% to the seller, 30% to the Cichlid Club of York Inc (CCY)
8. No item may be removed from the auction once it has been registered unless it does not sell.
9. No sick or deformed fish will be accepted. If these are found they will not be auctioned and they will be returned to the seller.
10. Any unclaimed items at the end of the auction become the property of the Cichlid Club of York Inc (CCY)
11. Livestock restricted by either federal or Pennsylvania statutes will not be accepted. This includes ALL CRAYFISH.
12. Minimum bids will be accepted. Minimum bid must be in whole dollars. The minimum bid may be reduced at the time of auction if the minimum is not attained. If items that do not reach the



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minimum bid are not claimed by their entrant by the end of the auction, the minimum will be lifted and the items sold for whatever price that can be obtained.

13. Payment to sellers will be made after the auction is complete along with a seller's settlement sheet and a copy of the seller sheet.

## **Rules for the Buyer:**

1. Auction is cash at time of sale unless prearranged before bid is placed.
2. Prearranged credit card, PayPal or check payment: All buyers must register with the registration committee and receive a bidder's card. Buyers running a tab may pay with credit card' PayPal or check. Buyers running a tab must provide a valid drivers license which will be held by the auction registration committee until final bill is paid in full. Any checks returned to the Cichlid Club of York Inc (CCY) for any reason will incur an additional \$35.00 fee.
3. All items purchased must be removed on the day of the auction.
4. **ALL SALES ARE FINAL!** All items are being sold "as is, where is" with all faults, known and unknown. Please inspect any items you are interested in thoroughly to your satisfaction before purchasing anything. Once the auctioneer announces an item sold, ownership immediately transfers to the winning bidder.
5. You are responsible for your purchases and the security of them. Club of York Inc (CCY) or their auction staff or committee, nor the venue where the auction is being held will be responsible for the security of your items once purchased.
6. Express (Bump) bids will be available for \$2.00 Express bid request slips will be available from auction staff and lots that are expressed will be brought to the queue table after express fee is paid. All expressed items will immediately be placed at the front of the queue and auctioned off as soon as possible in the order they were expressed.
7. The Auctioneer's decision on all bids is FINAL!