

TFCEC Tropical Fish and Supply Auction

The auction will be a 70/30 split auction, 70% of the selling price goes to the seller and 30% to the Tropical Fish Club of Erie County Inc. . All items will be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

Procedures and Rules:

1. **Each seller must register and receive ID letters before placing items in the auction. ITEMS MUST BE NUMBERED CONSECUTIVELY 1-10, 11-20 ETC.** The items will be auctioned off by number, all #1, #11, #21 etc. items will be auctioned first, followed by all #2, #12, #22 etc. There will be tables for each number 1-10. Sale items are to be placed on the corresponding tables. After table 2 a lottery will be held for the remaining Tables. The order in which they are picked will be the table that will be sold next. No items may be renumbered or moved from the original positions.

2. Buyers may register to charge their purchases, or pay cash at the time of the sale. Each buyer that registers will be given a buyers ID number. These are to be used during bidding and purchase of an item.

3. All items must be properly labeled: item letter and number, brief description, type of species, quantity, and also if the fish are a pair, trio, male or female, if known. On dry goods items, mark the condition of the item. **Sellers name and Phone number is suggested.**

4. **On dry good items only a limit of 5 like items will be accepted** (ex. 5 bags of flake food) **New: ALL USED EQUIPMENT MUST BE CLEAN or it WILL BE REJECTED**

5. We have established a sales limit for Duckweed and ramshorn snail. Not more then three (3) bags of these 2 items in any combination per seller will be allowed. Example 2 bags of snails and 3 bags of duckweed.

5. **Selling increments will be \$1.00. NO ITEM WILL BE SOLD FOR LESS THAN \$1.00--if it does not sell, it will be returned to the seller.**

6. **Proper bagging is necessary.** Fish and plants must be in proper fish bags (available from most fish stores). **NO BAGGIES, ZIP LOCK BAGS OR TWIST TIE BAGS ALLOWED.** There will be a 50 cent re-bagging charge if re-bagging is necessary. This will be deducted from your auction money. Double bagging is suggested.

7. **Minimum bid:** Sellers may place a minimum bid on an item. This should be a reasonable price. Any item with a minimum bid that does not sell at the minimum bid will be put to the side. If the seller so requests a lower price, these items will be auctioned at the end of all the numbered 10 items.

8. **Any single item that sells for \$50.00 or more, there will be a maximum club split of \$15.00, all other proceeds for that item goes to the seller.**

9. **The Tropical Fish Club of Erie County Inc. and the Patchin Volunteer Fire Company will not be responsible for any personal injury or any damages or losses incurred before, during or after the auction.**

10. All unclaimed items become the property of the Tropical Fish Club of Erie County Inc.

11. **Payment:** The auction staff will keep track of all transactions throughout the auction. Buyers may pay their tab anytime before leaving. Sellers may settle up after all of their items have sold or if the seller chooses to leave early, a check will be mailed to the seller. However, **all purchases must be paid for before leaving.** No checks will be accepted, **CASH ONLY.**