

CAS BOWL SHOW RULES

1. CONTAINERS

- 1.1 Any flat-sided container may be used.
- 1.2 Each entry must be shown separately.
- 1.3 A divider may be used to show two entries in one tank.
- 1.4 Containers shall be bare (no gravel, rocks, plants, backgrounds, etc.)
- 1.5 Entries will be shown under available light only.

2. PAIRS

- 2.1 Fish normally kept in pairs should be shown as pairs. Pairs will be given preference in judging.
- 2.2 Dividers may be used to separate a pair, if deemed necessary.

3. ENTRIES

- 3.1 Entries must be the property of the exhibitor for at least 30 days prior to being shown.
- 3.2 An entry may be shown only once annually in any class for which it qualifies and once annually in Open Class (total of 2 times per year per fish).

4. SETUP

- 4.1 Entries are to be completely set up (this includes completing the entry forms) by the time the Promptness Award drawing is done.
- 4.2 Exhibitors must be present to set up their own entries.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The fee for each entry is fifty cents.

6. AWARDS

- 6.1 Auction Dollars will be awarded for First, Second and Third places in each class. There will also be Auction Dollars awarded for Popular Choice and Best of Show.
- 6.2 All other entries will receive one point towards Show Person of the Year.
- 6.3 Placing entries will also receive points that will accumulate for the calendar year towards Show Person of the Year.
- 6.4 The decision of the judges is final.

7. POINTS/AUCTION DOLLARS

- 7.1 The scale for points and Auction Dollars is as follows.

First place	6 points	3 Auction Dollars
Second place	4 points	2 Auction Dollars
Third Place	2 points	1 Auction Dollars
Popular Choice	2 points	1 Auction Dollars

Best of Show	2 points	1 Auction Dollars
All other entries	1 point	0 Auction Dollars

8. CLASSES

- 8.1 The Bowl Show will consist of three classes: two regular classes and an open class from January through November. There will be five classes (four regular and an open class) for the months of June and September.
- 8.2 At the December meeting, only the first place winners of all classes held that same year are eligible to compete in a special championship class. This is the only class held at the December meeting.
- 8.3 Any aquarium animal of any kind may be entered in Open Class.
- 8.4 The Bowl Show chairperson has the authority to create additional special classes as needed if more than four fish of one species are entered into an open class.

9. JUDGING

- 9.1 A fifty-point system is used for judging. Ten points are possible in each category Size, Finnacle, Condition, and Overall Impression, Color and Department. Where it is stated that fish should be shown in pairs, preference in judging will be given to pairs; however, single fish may be shown.

SMALL FRY BOWL SHOW RULES

1. AGE QUALIFICATIONS

- 1.1 Small Fry are 10 years old or younger.

2. CONTAINERS

- 2.1 Any flat sided container may be used.
- 2.2 Containers shall be bare (no gravel, rocks, plants, backgrounds, etc.).

3. PAIRS

- 3.1 Fish can be shown as singles or as pairs.

4. ENTRIES

- 4.1 Small Fry must own their fish at least 30 days before showing it.
- 4.2 Each fish or pair of fish can be shown only one time per year.

5. FEES

- 5.1 There are no fees at this time.

6. SETUP

- 6.1 Small Fry need to have their tank set up before the meeting starts.
- 6.2 Small Fry need to fill out their name card and put it by their tank.

7. AWARDS

- 7.1 Small Fry will receive a prize from the "Tackle Box" for each fish they enter in the Bowl Show.

JUVENILE BOWL SHOW RULES

1. AGE QUALIFICATIONS

- 1.1 Adolescents between the ages of eleven (11) and seventeen (17) will follow the regular CAS Bowl Show requirements.
- 1.2 The points awarded will be towards the Junior Aquarist of the Year.

AUCTION DOLLARS

1. GENERAL RULES

- 1.1 Auction dollars may be turned in for credit towards items purchased at monthly CAS mini auctions or the bi-annual club auctions.
- 1.2 The auction dollars must be used at an auction within one year of issue.
- 1.3 It is the member's responsibility to keep their auction dollars to turn in towards the purchase of auction items.
- 1.4 The Awards Committee will only be keeping a record of the points towards Show Person of the Year.
- 1.5 Auction dollars will be presented to entries receiving first, second, or third place, Best of Show, and Popular Choice as listed above.
- 1.6 All other entries will continue to receive points toward Show Person of the Year.

BOWL SHOW REGULAR CLASS SCHEDULE

JANUARY

- 1. Minnows (non-native, Cyprinidae). Danios (zebras, pearl, spotted, etc.), Rasboras, and White Clouds. Shown in pairs.
- 2. Corydoras and related genera (Brochis & Aspidoras). Pairs or two fish per entry.

FEBRUARY

- 1. Rainbows. Shown in pairs
- 2. African cichlids. Species such as Haplochromis, Lamprologis, Tropheus,

Pseudotropheus, Jewel Cichlids, *T. buttikoferi*, *S. mosambica*, *Chromidotilapia*, and others native to Africa. Shown in pairs with divider, if needed.

MARCH

1. Bettas. All varieties of male *Betta splendens*.
2. Brackish Water Fish. Scats, Pupfish, Monos and other such fish that are kept in brackish water. Shown as singles or pairs.

APRIL

1. Invertebrates. Snails; Starfish; Anemones; Crabs, Shrimp and other Crustaceans, etc.
2. Sharks and Loaches. Sharks from the Cyprinid Family including the Red-Tailed and Black Shark and loaches from the Cobitis Family including the Kuhli and Weather loaches and members of the genus *Botia*. Singles or pairs may be shown.

MAY

1. Non-native killifish. All species not native to the US. Shown in pairs or twos with dividers if needed.
2. Angels. Shown in pairs.

JUNE

1. Characins and Tetras. Neon's, Serpaes, Black Tetra, Flame Tetra, Piranha, Silver Dollars, Anostomus, Leporinus, Metynnis, Headstanders, etc. Hatchets, Headstanders and Pencil Fish are classified as non-characins by some, but are included in this class. Shown in twos, with a divider, if necessary.
2. Barbs. All species of the genera *barbus*, *Barbodes*, *Capoeta* and *Puntius*. Shown in pairs or twos.

JULY

1. Livebearers. Mollies, Swords, Platys, Guppies & all other fish of the Poecillae family. Shown in pairs.
2. Goldfish & Koi. Shown as singles.

AUGUST

1. Marine Fish. Species that are exclusively marine.
2. Large Neotropical Cichlids. Cichlids from North, Central, and South America, not listed in any other category, whose adult size is over 4 inches; examples: Oscars, Jack Dempseys, Convicts, Festivums, Discus, Severums, Uarus, most Aequidens, *Cichlosoma*, *Crenicara*, and *Geophagus*. Shown in pairs, except for the very large fish.

SEPTEMBER

1. Native Fish. Fish native to the U.S., such as Bass, Sunfish, Minnows, Catfish, Killies, the Texas Cichlid, wild Sail-fin Mollies (*P. latipinna*), and Mosquito Pish.
Does not include Carp, Brown Trout or other imported fishes. Fish shown must be the native wild types, not hybrids. Shown in pairs, large species may be shown alone.
2. All Other Non-Fish Aquarium Animals. Amphibians (frogs, newts, salamanders), Lizards, Turtles and any other form of aquatic or semi-aquatic life that is not a fish or an invertebrate.

OCTOBER

1. Oddballs. Any fish not listed elsewhere; examples: Anableps, Archers, Butterfly Fish, Eels Halfbeaks, Elephant noses, Knife Fish, Lungfish, and Mudskippers.
Freaks, mutations, and hybrids are not included. Shown as singles or pairs.
2. Dwarf Cichlids. Includes Apistogramma, Nannacara, Kribbs, Rams, other small cichlids of similar disposition. Shown in pairs.

NOVEMBER

1. Catfish. All catfish not listed elsewhere; examples: Upside-down Cats, Glass Cats, Pimelodus types, Electric Cat, (*Callichthyidae*) and *Plecostomus*.
Shown as singles, smaller species better shown as pairs.
2. Anabantoids Gouramis, Paradise Fish, Climbing Perch, and Bettas other than male *Betta splendens*. Shown in pairs, except for female *Betta splendens*.
Use dividers if needed.

DECEMBER

1. Championship class. All first place winners from all classes held during the year are eligible.