

BOWL SHOW REGULAR CLASS SCHEDULE (new as of 2023)

JANUARY

1. Rainbow fish. **Restricted to members of the order Atheriniformes. The most popular and readily available rainbows including, but not limited to, Madagascar, boesmani, herbertaxelrodi, Threadfin, Celebes, maccullochi, praecox, Irian, etc.)**
Shown in pairs.
2. Minnows (Cyprinidae). **Includes: Danios (zebras, pearl, leopard, etc.), Rasboras, Shiners, Fatheads, White Clouds, Tiger Barbs, Odessa Barbs.**
Shown in pairs. Excludes "sharks" (Genera: Labeo, Morulius, Epalzeorhynchos [Red tail, Rainbow, etc.]
3. Open Class

FEBRUARY

1. Bettas. All varieties of **male Betta splendens**.
Shown as singles.
2. **Corydoras and related genera (Brochis, Aspidoras, Scleromystax and Brachyrhamdia).**
Shown in pairs where sexes are readily determined (Corydoras, Scleromystax, Aspidoras), otherwise two fish.
3. Open Class

MARCH

1. Aquascaping, Nano tanks only (10 gallon tanks or smaller, any shape)
Plants and hardscape only, no livestock.
2. South and Central American Cichlids not listed elsewhere, Includes Oscars, Discus, festivum, severum, rams, jaguar, **Heros, Herichthys, Cichla, Crenicichla, Apistogramma, Archocentrus, Symphysodon, Geophagus, Uaru, Vieja, Acarichthys, Astronotus, Nandopsis etc. including all fish formerly in the genera Cichlasoma.**
Shown in pairs where sex is readily determined, otherwise two fish.
Fish over eight inches may be shown as singles.
3. Open Class

APRIL

1. **African rift lake cichlids.** Those Cichlids that are endemic to the African rift lakes (Malawi, Tanganyika, Victoria, etc.) **Examples: Cobalt and Red zebra, blue dolphin, frontosa, electric blue, electric yellow, Mbuna, Pseudotropheus, Tropheus, Labeotropheus, Metriaclima, Nimbochromis, Neolamprologus, Lamprologus, Julidichromis, Tropheus, Cynotilapia, Cyphotilapia, Eretmodus, Cyrtocara, Sciaenochromis, etc.**
Shown in pairs with a divider, if needed.
Fish over eight inches long may be shown as singles.
2. All Other Non-Fish Aquarium Animals. Amphibians (**frogs, newts, salamanders**), **Lizards, Turtles, snails, corals, anemones, Echinoderms** and any other form of aquatic or semi-aquatic life that is not a fish. This includes freshwater and marine invertebrates except freshwater shrimp.
Shown as singles.
3. Open Class

MAY

1. Sharks and Loaches. Sharks from the Cyprinid Family including the **Red-Tailed, Rainbow, Variegated or Calico, Bala or Tricolor, Apollo, Arrow, Flying Fox and Black Shark genera Labeo, Labeobarbus, Epalzeorhynchos, Balantiocheilus and Morulius** (excludes Dennison's barb sometimes called Dennison's shark and all catfish such as iridescent shark), **loaches from the Botiidae, Cobitidae, Balitoridae and Nemacheilidae families including the Kuhli, Weather, Clown, Royal Clown and Hillstream loaches.**
Sharks shown as singles.
Shown in pairs for loach species where sex is readily determined (*Acanthopthalmus* spp.), otherwise two fish.
Fish over six inches may be shown as singles.
2. Livebearers of the **Poecillidae family. Mollies, Swords, Platys, Guppies & all other fish of the Poecillidae family.** Excludes Anableps, Chondrichthyes, etc. which may be called livebearers but are not in the Poecillidae family.
Shown in pairs.
3. Open Class

JUNE

1. Killifish. All Killifish (including natives)
Shown in pairs.
2. Bristle nose plecos, generally these will be cultivars of **Ancistrus spp.**
3. Open Class

JULY

No Meeting, Annual Picnic instead.

AUGUST

1. Freshwater Shrimp. **Neocaridina, Caridina, Amano shrimp, Cherry shrimp, etc.**
Shown in pairs.
2. **Angels, Pterophyllum spp.**
Shown in pairs.
3. **Marine.** Fish Species that are exclusively marine.
4. Open Class

SEPTEMBER

1. **Small Characoids (Tetras). Neon, Cardinal, Serpae, Black, Flame, Glowlight, Head and Tail light, Congo, Hatchets, Pencil Fish, etc.**
Shown in pairs where sexes are readily determined, otherwise two fish.
All fish in this category will be less than six inches at full size.
2. Miscellaneous other fish. Includes **Large Characoid** fishes over six inches (**Piranha, Headstanders, Silver Dollars, Barracudas, Distichodus etc.**), **Knife fish (Black Ghost, Glass, Clown knife, Apterionotus, Chitala, Notopterus, Rhamphichthys, Cerapo, Eigenmannia etc.)**, **Electric eel, Brackish fish (Scats, Monos, Puffers, Archers, Mudskippers, etc. but excludes Mollies)**, **Mormyrids (Elephantnose, Baby Whale etc.)**, **Osteoglossidae (Arowana), Pantodon (African Butterfly), Mastecembelidae (Fire eel, Tire Track Eel, other eels), Nandids (Leaf fish)** and naturally occurring fish that do not fall into any of the other classes (excludes all catfish).
3. Goldfish & Koi; all strains. Shown as singles.
4. Open Class

OCTOBER

1. Anabantoids/**Gouramis Includes Dwarf, Pearl, Moonlight, Kissing, Opaline, Gold, Banded, Thick-lip, Chocolate, Licorice, (Trichogaster, Colisa, Osphronemus, Macropodus, Sphaerichthys), Paradise Fish, Climbing Perch, and Bettas other than male Betta splendens.**
Shown in pairs, except for female Betta splendens and fish over seven inches long which may be shown as singles.

2. Catfish generally known as **Plecos**. Includes **Royal, Tiger, Clown, Gold Nugget, Vampire, (Hypostomus, Panaque, Pekoltia, Acanthicus, Baryancistrus, Hypancistrus)**, all that may be known by L- or LDA- numbers. Excludes cultivars of the genus Ancistrus.
Shown as pairs where sexes are readily determined, otherwise two fish. Fish over seven inches long may be shown as singles.
3. Open Class

NOVEMBER

1. Catfish. All catfish not listed elsewhere Includes **Mochokidae (Synodontis, Upside-down cat, Angelicus, Lucipinnus, Multipunctatus, Lace, Eupterus, etc), Pimelodidae (Pictus, Red Tail, Shovelnose), Doradidae (Raphael), Ictaluridae (Bullhead), Glass Cats, Bagridae (Black Lancer, Asian Bumblebee), Electric Cat, Callichthyidae (Callichtys, porthole, Hoplo), Pangasius (Iridescent shark), Chacidae (Frogmouth), etc.**
Shown as singles.
2. West African and non-rift lake Cichlids Includes **Pelvicachromis (Kribs), Nanochromis, Teleogramma, Steatocranus (Lion head or Block head), Hemichromis (Jewel), Tilapia and its derivatives, Chromidotilapia, Pseudocrenilabrus (Egyptian mouthbrooder), Haplochromis not endemic to a rift lake, Astatotilapia (burtoni).**
Shown as pairs where sex is readily determined otherwise two fish. Fish over six inches may be shown as singles.
3. **Bred-by-Exhibitor**. Any fish that was bred and raised to sellable size by the person showing the fish.
4. Open class

DECEMBER

Championship Class - All first place winners from all classes held during the year are eligible.