



# Highlights

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**IMPORTANT:**

**These highlights are the key terms & conditions.**  
**Please ensure you read the [full terms & conditions](#)**

- The **CDAS Inc. committee** reserves the right to **refuse ANY** auction lot
- A commission (**10%**) will be deducted prior to receiving payment of **sold lots** (sponsors excluded)
- At the fall of the hammer the sale is final and immediate payment and collection is required.
- **CDAS Inc.** will do its utmost to make payment to sellers at the **conclusion** of the Auction (**unless** otherwise agreed at time of lot submission), however, **CDAS Inc.** reserves the right to make payments at the **next monthly meeting**.
- All bidders must **register on the day** and hold a **valid Bidders Card**.
- Bidding increments are as follows:
  - Under \$20 (\$1 increments)
  - \$20 to \$50. (\$2 increments)
  - \$50 to \$100 (\$5 increments)
  - Over \$100 (\$10 increments), or
  - at the discretion of the Auctioneer.
- Only current financial members of CDAS, the club itself or members of affiliated aquarium societies may sell auction lots.
- Auction lots must be submitted via Email on the approved form no later than 7 calendar days prior to the Auction date. **Incorrect** submissions will be **returned for amendment** and **late** submissions will be **ignored**.
- Sellers are responsible for **correct labelling** of lots.
- A maximum of five (5) lots of the same species may be registered per seller. Hardware (anything not a live fish or plant) is limited to **two (2)** lots per seller.
- Persons **under 16** years of age must be under direct **adult** supervision to bid on animals (livestock or invertebrates) *Refer ACT Law - Animal Welfare (Mandatory Code of Practice) Approval 2013.*
- Lots that do not pass scrutineering will require remedy. (e.g. incorrectly bagged livestock)
- Inspection of boxes or lots in the holding area is **forbidden** for anyone without the express permission and supervision of a **CDAS Inc.** scrutineer.
- Passed in lots must be collected by the seller at the conclusion of the auction.
- **CDAS Inc.** offers no refunds or other redress for any items bought at a **CDAS Inc.** auction.
- Buyers please read [Buyers – what happens next?](#) section.



## Buyers – what happens next?

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Have a sturdy box or container ready to place your won lots into.

- **CDAS Inc.** recommends the use of an Aquarium grade styrene box
- A **waterproof** bag, bucket or container with a lid to **avoid** exposure to direct sunlight at all times
- **Don't** leave plastic bags of livestock unprotected on the floor or in your car until the end of the auction.

The auction starts at **12:00pm**.

You must register and have an auction bidding card to participate in the auction.

Only bidders using the CDAS Mega Auction Cards will be accepted.

Position yourself so the auctioneer can clearly see you bidding.

If you are the successful bidder on a lot, immediate payment and collection is required.

Do not buy livestock with the intention of setting up a new aquarium “when you get home”. Do not buy livestock as a surprise “gift” for someone else.

**CDAS Inc.** promotes responsible fishkeeping. Please be sure that you can adequately transport, house and care for any livestock you are considering bidding on. Do not bid for “fun” or simply because an item is “a bargain”.

Speak with a CDAS Committee member or club volunteer before bidding if you are unsure of the suitability of a lot for your aquarium/s.

Acclimatise any livestock to your aquarium slowly by:

- Floating the bag into the new aquarium
- Add a cupful of water every ten minutes for 45 minutes
- Try and avoid placing water from the bag into your tank when you add the livestock to its new home.

**CDAS Inc.** recommends that all new livestock spend a minimum of two weeks in a quarantine tank.

CDAS recommends “dipping” any aquarium plants you purchase in a dilute solution of permanganate of potash (Condies Crystals) and/or a 5% solution of household bleach for 10 minutes. The plants can then be rinsed thoroughly and introduced to your aquarium. This will reduce the possibility of snail, algae and other infestations.

If you are not already a member of CDAS, consider joining us at a regular meeting for details or visit our [website \(www.cdassociety.org.au/join\)](http://www.cdassociety.org.au/join) or [Facebook page \(www.facebook.com/CanberraAndDistrictsAquariumSociety/\)](https://www.facebook.com/CanberraAndDistrictsAquariumSociety/)

Refer to the [CDAS Mega Auction Terms & Conditions](#) section for full details.



# CDAS Mega Auction Terms & Conditions

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## General Auction Rules

1. Only current financial members of CDAS, the club itself or members of affiliated aquarium societies may sell auction lots.
2. Regular, sponsor, commercial members and affiliated aquarium societies will receive an Auction Card for free on proof of membership. Others will have to purchase an Auction Card (\$20 fee, includes door entry)
3. Persons **under 16** years of age must be under direct **adult** supervision to bid on animals (Livestock or invertebrates) *Refer ACT Law - Animal Welfare (Mandatory Code of Practice) Approval 2013*
4. CDAS promotes responsible fishkeeping. Both sellers and buyers are responsible for the welfare of animals when in their care, including at the auction, while being transported and at their ultimate destination.
5. The only Auction lots accepted are as follows:
  - Aquarium fish
  - Aquatic invertebrates
  - Aquarium plants or
  - Aquarium related products.
6. All lots are sold “as is” this includes dry goods, equipment etc. are purchased as is and are non-refundable or returnable for any reason
7. A commission (**10%**) will be deducted prior to receiving payment of **sold lots** (sponsors excluded). Except where the sale is part of the CDAS Species Conservation Project when the commission may be waived on the advice of the CDAS President or Vice President.
8. Bidding increments are as follows:
  - Under \$20 (\$1 increments)
  - \$20 to \$50. (\$2 increments)
  - \$50 to \$100 (\$5 increments)
  - Over \$100 (\$10 increments), or
  - at the discretion of the Auctioneer.
9. At the fall of the hammer, the sale is final and immediate payment and collection is required.
10. **CDAS Inc.** scrutineers will review all lots submitted for auction. All reasonable care will be taken to ensure that livestock and plants are healthy and otherwise suitable for sale as aquarium stock. It is the seller's responsibility to accurately identify and label all lots and the buyer's responsibility to confirm what they are bidding on and to safely store, transport, properly acclimatise and house their purchases.
11. Lots that do not pass scrutineering will be politely turned away for remedy.
12. The auctioneer will describe each lot on offer, including the species (according to the seller's label), the size, number and, if possible, the sex of the livestock. This description is offered as a guide only and interested buyers should ensure that they can see the lot and make their own judgments before bidding. Photographs shown of species being auctioned are for



illustration and information purposes only and are not of the actual Livestock being auctioned (unless otherwise stated).

13. **Inspection** of boxes or lots in the holding area is **forbidden** for anyone to without the express permission and supervision of a **CDAS Inc.** scrutineer.
14. **CDAS Inc.** offers no refunds or other redress for any items bought at a **CDAS Inc.** auction.
15. CDAS cannot offer security on items, including auction lots, left in the holding area or elsewhere in the auction premises. Any losses are the responsibility of the owner of the item at the time of the loss.
16. As a matter of policy, **CDAS Inc.** does not accept for auction or otherwise condone the production and trade of the following:
  - Livestock that are the result of crossing different species (hybrids). This includes “Flowerhorn” cichlids, “Orange Blotch” and other hybrid Peacock cichlids and any Livestock that the scrutineers believe cannot be identified as a true species or a variety bred from a single natural species.
  - Livestock that have been bred selectively for genetic deformities such as scoliosis (“balloon” fish) or for characteristics that impair normal swimming and behaviours (such as deformed/reduced tails, buoyancy problems). The only exceptions are gold fish strains that have been in existence for decades or centuries and which breed “true”.
  - Livestock or other animals that have been adulterated by being fed or injected with dyes, tattooed or subject to genetic modification for aesthetic enhancement.
  - Livestock that have been inbred to the point of exhibiting deformities such as bent spines and swim bladder problems.
17. Sales of aquarium related products, other than through the auction, that may take place on the premises during the auction must abide by the **CDAS Inc.** terms & conditions.
18. Auction of livestock takes priority over all other Lots. **CDAS Inc.** reserves the right to not auction lots if there are livestock lots remaining to be auctioned and time is running short.
19. Lots will be auctioned to provide variety and maintain buyers interest. Lot registration time and lot numbering will not determine the sequence in which lots are auctioned. CDAS will seek to ensure that lots submitted by any individual are spread across the time available.
20. Everyone attending the auction is requested to keep conversations and other distracting noises (such as mobile phones) to a minimum. This will ensure minimal interference with the running of the auction.

## Buyer's Responsibilities

21. You must register and have an auction bidding card to participate in the auction.
22. Only people bidding with CDAS Mega Auction Cards will have their bids accepted.
23. If you are the successful bidder on a lot, please approach the cashier immediately after the hammer falls, pay and collect your purchase.
24. If you are interested in bidding on an item, please position yourself in the room where you have a clear view of the lot and where the auctioneer can see you. If your bid is missed it is likely because the auctioneer cannot see you.
25. CDAS promotes responsible fishkeeping. Please be sure that you can adequately transport, house and care for any livestock you are considering bidding on. Do not bid for “fun” or simply because an item is “a bargain”.



26. Items cannot be resubmitted for auction on the day.
27. Do not buy livestock with the intention of setting up a new aquarium “when you get home”. Do not buy livestock as a surprise “gift” for someone else.
28. Have a sturdy box or container ready to place your won lots into
  - **CDAS Inc.** recommends the use of an Aquarium grade styrene box
  - A **waterproof** bag, bucket or container with a lid to **avoid** exposure to direct sunlight at all times
  - **Don't** leave plastic bags of livestock unprotected on the floor or in your car until the end of the auction.
29. Speak with a CDAS Committee member or club volunteer before bidding if you are unsure of the suitability of a lot for your aquarium/s.
30. Acclimatise any livestock to your aquarium slowly by:
  - Floating the bag into the new aquarium
  - Add a cupful of water every 10 minutes for 45 minutes
  - Try and avoid placing water from the bag into your tank when you add the livestock to its new home.
31. **CDAS Inc.** recommends that all new livestock spend a minimum of two weeks in a quarantine tank.
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33. If you are not already a member of CDAS, consider joining us at a regular meeting or visit our [website \(www.cdas.org.au/join\)](http://www.cdas.org.au/join) or [Facebook page \(www.facebook.com/CanberraAndDistrictsAquariumSociety/\)](https://www.facebook.com/CanberraAndDistrictsAquariumSociety/)

## Sellers' responsibilities

34. Completed Registration Forms must be submitted via Email ([canberradas@gmail.com](mailto:canberradas@gmail.com)) no later than 7 calendar days **before** the Auction date.
35. Registration Forms must be accurately completed. You must include:
  - Your CDAS membership number
  - Common/scientific name of item
  - Number of items, and
  - Reserve price (if any).
36. Items that violate Australian Capital Territory laws or regulations may not be sold, offered for sale or advertised for sale on the premises. These include such items as:
  - Used Electrical Items
  - Plants
  - Animals and
  - Organisms.
37. Items that violate **CDAS Inc.** policies on hybrids, deformed, adulterated or inbred organisms. (see paragraph 16) are not to be offered for Auction or sale.
38. Any livestock likely to or known to be diseased, infested with parasites or injured may not be auctioned or sold.



- If an Auction lot is suspected to be carrying an infectious disease, all of that seller's lots may be refused registration or be withdrawn from the auction by a scrutineer.
39. All Auction lots must be accurately described so as not to mislead or intentionally misrepresent the item. The description must:
- State the condition of any non-livestock items (dry goods, aquariums, equipment).
  - Detail any damage (including working/not working).
40. All Auction Lots are to have correctly affixed labels (ref [Attaching your Auction lot labels](#)).
41. The seller is responsible for the accuracy of the registration information, including ensuring that each lot is given a proper and separate lot number.
42. When more than one item of livestock is to be sold as a single ensure you have:
- Printed the same lot number for each bag
  - Secure labels to each bag correctly
  - Add a mark for each bag as being, e.g. "1 of 3", "2 of 3", "3 of 3"
  - Tape all bags together, or use a larger bag to keep them together as a single Auction lot to prevent separation and confusion with other lots nearby.
43. Livestock lots that are incorrectly labelled will not be accepted into the auction until remedied (time permitting).
44. Livestock Auction lots must be correctly bagged, **CDAS Inc.** will require lots to be re-bagged that are:
- Too small for the livestock
  - Too many items per bag
  - Water quality appears substandard (cloudy, too much detritus)
  - Water/Air ratio incorrect
  - Placed in a zip-lock bag.
45. If re-bagging of livestock or lot modification is required, it must be done at the designated re-bagging area with bags provided by **CDAS Inc.** for a small fee.
46. The auctioneer or scrutineer's decision regarding appropriately bagged livestock is final.
47. All lots must be submitted for registration no later than **11:00 am** on the day of the Auction.
- **CDAS Inc.** may authorise individual changes to registration for exceptional reasons please note your reason when submitting your request for lot allocation.
48. All items labelled with the same lot number will be auctioned as one lot.
49. Each seller may only submit up to the maximum of their entitled allotment.

Membership Type	Number of lots
<b>Regular/Family</b>	15
<b>Sponsor</b>	50
<b>Commercial (subject to committee approval)</b>	30
<b>Committee and volunteer members</b>	20

50. Anyone joining CDAS one month or less before the auction is limited to 15 lots regardless of their membership type.
51. The seller (or proxy) must be present to finalise registration of their lots, unless prior approval has been made with:



- CDAS President
  - CDAS Vice-president.
52. A maximum of five (5) lots of the same species may be registered per seller. Hardware (anything not a live fish or plant) is limited to **two (2)** lots per seller.
53. Lots without a reserve marked on the spreadsheet will be auctioned as if no reserve exists and will be sold to the highest bidder.

## Auctioneers Rules

54. If bidding does not reach the reserve price, at auctioneer's discretion, the reserve may be removed or the lot passed in.
55. Once an Auction lot has been accepted for submission. Removal from the auction area is only possible:
- Once it's sold, or
  - At the discretion of the Auctioneer, Vice President or an Auction steward.
56. Lots that are passed in must be collected immediately by the seller at the end of the auction. Failure to collect unsold lots may result in a member being ineligible to submit lots at future CDAS Auctions.
57. **CDAS Inc.** takes no responsibility for unclaimed (remaining) lots.
58. Where time is a factor (either as a constraint or abundance) The Auctioneer reserves the right to:
- Combine an individual seller's Auction lots of same species into one larger lot (e.g. five lots of java moss) accounting for the total combined reserve when starting to auction lot
  - Combine similar lots to create a 'Dutch Auction' (10 piece of wood – winning bidder is can choose how many items they want at the hammer price. Remaining Lots (per Lot) are sold at the hammer price
  - Re-auction previously passed in lots with the original reserve or with a reduced/no reserve (as agreed by the seller).
59. Payments to sellers will only be made at the completion of the Auction (unless otherwise arranged). The payment structure is as follows:
- Cash where possible
  - Electronic reimbursement via PayPal or direct deposit
  - Interstate and Regional sellers first
  - Locals (Canberra and surrounding areas) second
  - CDAS members third.
  - **CDAS Inc.** will do its utmost to make payment on the day however reserves the right to pay out at the next monthly meeting.
60. Auctioneers or Scrutineers decision is final.

**END OF DOCUMENT**