



## Charity Auction Rules

The following rules are intended to provide safety and consistency in the handling of auction items. Any item not conforming to these guidelines may be rejected and returned to the seller or donor. This is an **ALL SPECIES AUCTION** restricted to items relating to the aquarium hobby. The following rules are intended to provide safety and consistency in the handling of auction items. Any item not conforming to these guidelines may be rejected and returned to the seller or donor.

### Responsibilities of the seller:

- Must purchase a bidder / seller card for \$2.00 (Pre-register before October 27<sup>th</sup> for a free bidder/ seller card)
- There is a 9 item limit to the number of items that a seller can enter into the auction. There is no limit for sellers who pre-register before October 27<sup>th</sup>. There are no limits on donations.
- Must wait until the bidders have paid at the end of auction before collecting any earnings from the auction.
- If you don't collect your part of the share of non-donated item sales by end of the auction, the proceeds will be considered donated to Stonehill Student Research. Exceptions include filling out the form by end of auction day or if otherwise confirmed with the auction administrator.
- All non-donation items must be labeled with the seller number. Donated items do not need item number.
- Live plants, corals and animals must also be labeled with quantity and common (if one exists) and Latin names (when known), and must be properly bagged:
- All bags should be fully filled with air to prevent inadvertent crushing or damage to contents ( 1/4 water to 3/4 air as a rule of thumb). The exception is with Breather Bags which can be full of water.
- All fish and plants requiring submersion must be double-bagged with exception of Breather Bags.
- The bag should be appropriately sized for the contents, without overcrowding.
- Aggressive fish should be individually bagged.
- Any fish which cannot be safely bagged (i.e. too large or sharp-spined) should be put in a suitable alternative watertight container.

## **Auction Proceeds Split**

Auction proceeds will be split as follows. 50% to the Seller 50% to Stonehill Student Research.

Donations are strongly encouraged and greatly appreciated.

## **Responsibilities for Buyers**

Bidding is open to anyone who purchases a Bidder Card \$2.00

Buyers must wait until the end of the auction to pay for winning bids.

**Guppies entered in the show will be auctioned off last.**