

FOTAS AUCTION RULES

- Everyone is welcome, hobbyists and professionals alike. You do not have to be a FOTAS member to buy or sell. Items are accepted for sale at the seller's risk! FOTAS will not accept responsibility for any item's safe keeping nor its condition before or after the sale.
- There is no bag limit! Priority stickers will be issued at the time of registration. Each seller in the auction will be allotted four colored stickers for each four items to be placed in the auction. The items will be divided into four color groups, red – yellow – green – blue. If a buyer wishes to move a bag up in the auction, he may do so by paying a \$2.00 fee.
- Proper fish bags must be used. **Zip-locks and baggies are unacceptable.** Live animals must be properly bagged with air and water. Please double bag. There will be a \$2.00 charge to the seller of any bags that we must re-bag.
- **Please label bags with fish or plant name, quantity, and sex if known. Labeling must be done in waterproof black ink and must be large enough to be easily read.** Scientific names are appreciated, but not necessary. If a stick-on label is used it must be white.
- Larger fish or animals may be put into buckets or Styrofoam boxes to be sold with the item.
- Minimum bids will be accepted! However, 25% of the minimum bid will be charged to the seller if the item is passed.
- Seller will retain 75% of the sale price with the remaining 25% going to FOTAS.
- All sellers will be given a Seller ID, which must appear on every item. Your Seller ID are **usually** your 3 initials in your name. For example, if your name is Homer Jay Simpson, your Seller ID would be HJS. The label on your item bags would be HJS001, HJS002 etc.
- Anyone wishing to bid, including sellers, must be registered as a bidder. There is no admittance fee.
- At least 5 minutes notice will be given before closing each table at the silent auction.
- If you wish to obtain a seller number before the auction or have any other questions please call 713-205-2623.
- Sellers will receive a check for their net proceeds, in the mail, aprox. 2 weeks after the Auction.

Below are examples of acceptable labels written using waterproof ink (it does not have to be typed).

HJS003

3 Yellow Labs
(1 Male, 2 Females)

HJS008

3 Yellow Labs
(*Labidochromis caeruleus*)
(1 Male, 2 Females)

HJS016

Pygmy Chain Sword
(*Echinodorus tenellus*)

HJS022

Slate Cave