

Exhibiting T&C's

The National Koi Show Association

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The National Koi Show adopt the ***Koi Policy Group Show Rules & Guidelines 2022*** and we would ask that you read and understand these:

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The National Koi Show provides comprehensive advice via our ***Exhibitor Guides*** which can be found on our website:

[National Koi Show Exhibitor Guides](#)

If you require further clarification on maximum fish per vat, size points or where your exhibitor vat is located on the showground, please see our ***View Upcoming Show*** page:

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Exhibitor Policy

We'd like to remind everyone that The National Koi Show remains a hobbyist show.

Over the last few years, we have started to see a few exhibitors blurring these lines. As you may imagine, this has led to some questions, and we'd like to take this opportunity to clarify a few points.

If you organise or take part in paid promotional activity, receive income from online advertising, sponsored auctions or indeed have any sort of financial connection with specific trade dealer(s), you will not be eligible to exhibit as a hobbyist.

Similarly, if you own a koi related business and make your primary living from the sale of koi, we do not consider you or your immediate relatives' hobbyists, and as such you also cannot exhibit.

Unfortunately, when outside monetary or other influences become a factor, it can lead to the souring of other exhibitors' show experiences.

Terms & Conditions

Without explanation The National Koi Show Committee reserve the right to refuse booking or entry to the show.

All koi exhibited must be owned by you and are exhibited at your own risk. Exhibitors show vats are non-transferable.

Koi being exhibited should not be fed for **7 days** prior to the show. This will assist in the maintenance of your vat water quality across the show weekend.

Please do not bring fish that are showing any signs of illness or are gravid (carrying eggs). Likewise, fish that have undergone any sort of cosmetic surgery should not be brought to the show.

During benching your fish will be health assessed, and any koi deemed to have been altered will be disqualified (Senior Benchers decision is final).

Transport advice can be found in both the KPG Show Rules and our Exhibitor Guides; all fish must be double bagged/boxed and oxygenated. If you are using a zippy vat and require this refilling for your homeward journey, please contact one of the Show Team.

Benching takes place on the **Friday** of the Show Weekend from **10:00am to 17:30**, and we would ask that you arrive within that timeframe. The show is not open to the public on Friday, and once your fish have been benched, we would ask that you vacate the showground.

The National Koi Show takes bio security extremely seriously, and you must ensure your fish are benched into the correct show vat. Upon arrival, please check your vat number prior to adding any fish, and ensure the **Benching Team hold your mobile phone number** in case of emergency - your show wristband is provided upon arrival.

Please float bags initially, there is no set amount of time, it depends on the temperature differential between your home pond and the show vat. If temperatures are broadly similar, a 15-20 minute period is adequate. Please do not add transport water to your vat, this should be disposed via our waste system. If unsure, please contact one of the Show Team.

You must not add anything to your show vat and that includes food. If you have any concerns about water quality or fish behaviour, please contact one of the Show Team or our Koi Welfare Officer.

Debenching on Sunday commences once the Show Chairman has announced the end of the show (usually after the Award Ceremony).

Exhibitors are reminded that the purchase of Koi from dealers at the showground, on the weekend of the show, and the subsequent placing of these purchases into show vats for the purpose of participating in the show is not permitted.

The National Koi Show will not be held accountable for any accidents or incidents that occur to persons, vehicles or property within the showground.

If you have any questions, please contact benching@nationalkoishow.co.uk