

**Show Exhibitor's Rules**  
**BKKS National Koi Show 2023**  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> & Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
Heart of England Conference and Events Centre  
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**PLEASE READ THESE CAREFULLY**

- All koi exhibited must be owned by you and are exhibited at your own risk
- The Show Committee reserves the right to refuse booking or entry to the show without explanation
- Please Do NOT transport koi that are **gravid or suffering with any illness**, i.e. ulcers, inflammation, fin rot, etc. Any fish showing these signs will be disqualified and will need to be returned to their home pond
- Please Do NOT transport koi that have had any sort of **cosmetic surgery**. During Benching your koi will be health assessed. Any koi deemed to have been cosmetically altered will be disqualified, and will need to be returned to their home pond
- Fish welfare is our priority across the Show Weekend, our Benching Team will apply the '30 Day Rule.' If the Benching Team has reason to believe a koi has been exhibited at another show within the **previous 30 days**, the koi will be disqualified and will need to be returned to their home pond
- The final decision to exclude Koi from the show rests with the Show Chairman
- **KOI BEING EXHIBITED SHOULD NOT BE FED FOR AT LEAST 5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SHOW**  
This will assist in the maintenance of good water quality for your koi, for the duration of the Show
- A maximum number of points of koi are allowed for all vats, which must not be exceed **41 points for a 2.5 meter vat** and **51 points for a 2.8 meter vat**
- Size 1 = 1 point / Size 2 = 1.5 points / Size 3 = 2 points / Size 4 = 3.5 points / Size 5 = 6 points / Size 6 = 9 points / Size 7 = 13 points / Size 8 = 16 points
- Benching will take place on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June from 11:00 to 17.30pm**. Leave yourself plenty of time to get to the Showground, don't rush and drive safely. **We would ask that you arrive within this timeframe**
- Upon arrival please make yourself known to our Exhibitor Representative or one of the Benching Team, we are immediately recognisable in our Show Shirts - **You MUST confirm your Vat number and mobile phone number with the Benching Team**
- Once you have confirmed your Vat number, you may float your bags, or add your fish from transport zippy vats. Any koi added immediately (to a vat) from a zippy vat is done so at the owners risk

- Please float bags initially, we also avoid adding any water from transport bags into vats. Our Benching Team will be on hand to assist, and will dispose of transport water on your behalf
- Benching on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July is only by prior arrangement with the Show Chairman, with the last benching time being 8.30am. Judging usually commences at 10.30am
- All exhibitors must vacate the show arena by **17:30** on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July unless the Show Chairman has given prior authorization
- 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 Senior Bencher's decision is final in respect to classification and size
- Anyone attempting to influence the decision of the judges will be asked to leave the showground, as Judges' decisions are final
- Photo and video footage of the Major Award winners will be publicised on both the BKKS and National Koi Show website. We would ask that any video of your vat taken during Benching and publicised prior to Saturday, does not identify the owner
- De-benching can commence once the end of the Show announcement has been made by the Show Chairman or his representative
- Should an exhibitor purchase a koi on the weekend of the show and wish to transport this koi home with his/her exhibition koi, then the transfer of purchased koi shall be possible on Sunday afternoon. Permission must be sought from the Show Chairman and will be at the owners risk
- The BKKS will not be held accountable for any accidents or incidents that occur to persons, vehicles or property within the showgrounds. Person(s) responsible for any such accidents or incidents will be liable for any consequence or cost incurred

#### **Koi Show - Size classifications**

Size 1:	Above 15cm to 25cm
Size 2	Above 25cm to 35cm
Size 3	Above 35cm to 45cm
Size 4	Above 45cm to 55cm
Size 5	Above 55cm to 65cm
Size 6	Above 65cm to 75cm
Size 7	Above 75cm

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