KSWA Bylaw

Annual Koi Show: Entry Pack

Sunday 17 May 2026

Information & instructions for exhibitors who are entering the KSWA Annual Koi Show.

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The **Table Show Rules** are a separate document and **are not included in this pack** – please obtain a copy of this document as it contains important rules for entering the Table Show / Young Champion class.

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WELCOME PAGE – WHO, WHEN, WHERE

This year's Show Committee is:

- Show Chair	Des Howlett (0438950354)
- Chief Steward	Joel Bacich
- Entries & results coordinator	Ryan Witney (0403596742)
- Trophy Steward	Ryan Witney
- Sponsorship & Advertising	Noel Suiter
- Logistics Coordinator	Tony Mellor
- Water Quality Coordinator	TBA
- Presentation Night Coordinator	Ryan Witney

ENTRIES CLOSE: end of Friday 8 May 2026

Registration and entries is online at the website. www.koiclubwa.com/showentry.toy

If you need assistance contact the entries coordinator, or someone at a meeting can help you.

You will need to take a photo of each fish you wish to enter. You will also need these details:

- Fish Size in CM. Mouth to tail fin
- Variety. You can ask others to help if note sure. See the list of Varieties on page 5
- Class and if it will be in a sub class. See the list on page 6

SATURDAY 16 May 2026

If you can spare a few hours to help setup equipment on Saturday morning, it would be greatly appreciated. Anytime after 8am at the venue.

SHOW DAY: Sunday 17 May 2026

Venue:	King Road Brewery, 796 King Road, Oldbury
Must have your fish in their bins:	6:30am – 8:30am
Gates open to the public:	10am – 2pm
Judging ends & fish taken home:	around 2-3pm, please be back by 2pm in case it finishes then!

You need to remove the water from your bin once your fish have been removed

PRESENTATION EVENING: Monday 18 May 2026

All awards are presented at this casual dinner function. Trophies and prizes are give out by the judges, as well as games and a summary from the head judge. Venue details will be emailed to all members once the venue has been finalised.

If you have **any questions** about any aspect of the Show, please either

* Come along to any meeting
* Call the Show Chairperson: contact details at the top of this page

Good luck! The KSWA Show Committee

TIMELINE

Showing any animal in any show is all about planning and getting organised well in advance. The points below may assist members to plan well, which will make a less stressful Show Day for yourself, your fish, other exhibitors, and the people involved in organising the Show.

1. At least two months before Show Day – mid March
• Decide which fish you will take and know which variety and class they will be in (see page 5 for Varieties and pages 3-4 for Rules: Section 6 Fish Classes). You can bring a photo to any meeting if you aren't sure which variety they fit into.
• Decide how you will take them to the Show (container or poly bag)

2. One month before Show Day – mid April
• Arrange with a friend to assist you to photograph and measure the fish. NO PHOTOS, NO ENTRY.
• If you wish to filter your show tank (optional) get the filter running now so it is mature for show day.

3. Organise how you are going to take your fish to the Show
• Do you need to book a trailer for your tank as many members do, also think about air during transport.
• If poly bag, you need rubber bands and oxygen to reduce stress on your fish
• You will need boxes to put the bags/fish in, to stabilise them during transport

4. 3-4 weeks before Show –mid to late April
• ENTER YOUR FISH, entries close around 10 days prior to the Show. See Welcome page for details.

5. 1 week before Show – early May
• You will receive a copy of your entries (called the Exhibitor Report) by email. CHECK THIS CAREFULLY and please let the entries coordinator know as soon as possible if there are any mistakes.

6. Minimum of 72 hours before the Show - STOP FEEDING YOUR FISH

7. The day before the Show – Saturday
• If you can come for a few hours and lend a hand setting up equipment it would be greatly appreciated
• We recommend adding several small koi fry ("canaries") to your bin on Saturday afternoon if possible to check for any water qualities issues. KSWA cannot do this on your behalf due to quarantine issues.
• Check you have everything you need for tomorrow (bags/boxes, air, snacks, petrol in car, printed bin listing)

8. On the evening before the Show - Saturday evening
• Set your alarm to give yourself a good nights sleep but enought time in the morning to get ready. If you can put your fish in a holding pond for easy catching this will save time chasing them around a large pond.

9. On the morning of the Show - Sunday morning
• Start early, leave lots of time and enjoy the experience & don't get stressed.
• Arrive between 6:30 and 7:30am, and put your fish straight into your bin (by 8:30am at the latest). If you have more than one bin, be sure to put each fish in its correct bin (check your Exhibitor Report which was sent to you earlier)
• There is often a queue of cars & trailers to get near the bins, please be patient and consider others.
• Vetting (health & size checks) will be done on your fish by the Stewards some time before 9am.

10. The Show begins …
• Judging starts at approximately 9am - if you have a fish in that class, your bin will be marked by a member of the Stewards Team to bring it to the attention of the judge. YOU DON'T NEED TO DO ANYTHING DURING JUDGING.
• If you do leave the venue during the day please make sure you return by around 2pm. The Show usually ends around 2-3pm, but may finish early and you need to be there when the packing up begins.

We know it may seem like a lot of hard work, but it is an easy process when taken in steps. Stay stress-free, have an enjoyable Show Day, and most importantly ask for help if you're not sure about something.

KSWA ANNUAL SHOW RULES AND CONDITIONS

This document provides guidance to all members of the rules and conditions for showing fish in the Annual Show. Where ambiguity or conflict arises a final and binding decision on all parties will be made by the Show Chairman in consultation with the Chief Steward and President if necessary.

1.0 Membership:

- All persons wishing to enter fish in the Show must be a financial member of the KSWA at time of submitting entry form and on the day of the Show.
- Junior members can hold their own Junior membership, their own standard membership, or be part of their family's standard membership. Junior members can enter one fish each in the Junior Exhibitor class, and must be under 16 years of age on the day of the Show.

2.0 Fish Nominations:

- Entries must be submitted no later than the entry closing date shown on the Welcome Page (around 9 days prior to the Show day).
- Entries must be submitted by completing the online entry form for each fish.
- The relevant entry fee must be paid before judging commences on Show Day. This is best to be done by bank transfer when you recieved your exhibitor report.
- An Exhibitor Report will be sent to each Exhibitor approximately 1 week before Show Day, outlining each fish entered and the bin number it needs to go in.

3.0 Cost of Fish Entry:

- Junior Exhibitors class is free of charge
- Table Show / Young Champion class is free of charge
- All other classes incur the following fees:-
    - up to 10 fish shall be $10 each
    - 11 or more fish shall be free of additional charge (maximum of $100 entry fee payable)

4.0 Show Day:

- On the morning of the Show, Exhibitors will refer to their Exhibitor Report and place each fish in its correct bin upon arrival.
- Fish or goods for sale must not be advertised by leaflet or signage on any part of the Show venue unless by prior approval from the Show committee.
- No new entries will be accepted on the day without show chair approval
- Exhibitors may sell their own koi in the designated "members selling" area provided they:
  - have entered at least 5 of their koi into the Show classes
  - have pre-booked a space in the "members selling" area on the Show entry form
  - don't display business advertising/slogans on bins/signs/clothing – any commercial sellers are to pay for a commercial space
  - others may help with the task of selling the koi on the day provided the fish being sold belong to the same members as the 5+ fish entered in the Show.

5.0 Fish Health:

- Chief Steward and their team will be advised by the Fish Health Stewards to reject any fish which for whatever reason is deemed to be unhealthy. Any handling of fish for inspection will be done by the owner. All fish will be checked by the Fish Health Stewards, for health prior to judging commencing. Any "suspect" fish will be discussed with the owner and where appropriate the owner shall remove the fish from the Show.
- Exhibitors may remove any fish from the Show if they feel it is unwell or damaged in transit. They must inform the Chief Steward or Show Chairman of the fish(s) removal to allow paper work to be adjusted.

6.0 Fish Classes:

- Size cut off is determined by measurement from tip of nose to tip of tail.
- The classes are:
  - **Class 2**, 200mm to 299mm
  - **Class 3**, 300mm to 399mm
  - **Class 4**, 400mm to 499mm
  - **Class 5**, 500mm to 599mm
  - **Class 6 Mature**, 600mm to 699mm
  - **Class 7 Jumbo**, over 700mm
- Where a class is split into A (Go-Sanke) & B, A will include Kohaku (#1), Sanke (#2), Showa (#3) and Utsurimono (#5), B will include all other varieties
- Each class may be combined or grouped in any other way as decided by the Executive Committee, either before or after entries close.
- Variety Champion fish will be determined from all first place getters in that variety where applicable, plus all fish in that variety where a class may have grouped varieties (eg Class 7 Jumbo). Fish entered in the Junior Exhibitor class or Table Show/Young Champion class are not eligible for Variety Champion.
- Fish entered in the Junior Exhibitor class must not exceed 60cm, and must not have won a prize in Australia (including any place getter in Junior Exhibitor in previous years) but may have won a prize at the Table Show at a KSWA meeting.
- Any competing Exhibitor may call on the Chief Steward and his Team to measure any fish belonging to any other Exhibitor. This should be done before the class is judged wherever possible and the Exhibitor asking for the measurement shall remain anonymous.

7.0 Number of Fish per Class:

- Junior Exhibitor class is restricted to 1 fish per junior member. A standard membership with more than one child within the family may enter 1 fish per child.
- Classes 2, 3, 4 and 5 are restricted to 3 fish per variety per class per membership
- Table Show/Young Champion is restricted to 3 fish per membership
- Exhibitors may enter as many fish as they wish in all other classes

8.0 Special Comment and Conditions:

- Grand Champion class will be judged first and Table Show/Young Champion will be judged second. The Grand Champion and Young Champion will not be eligible for additional KSWA prizes but may be given 'special' prizes which are presented by judges from time to time. All other Champions are eligible for other prizes.
- Show tank water will be as close to PH 7.2 as practicable
- One tub will be on hand with disinfected water to wash all equipment used where cross contamination may be an issue
- Fish may not be removed from the Show tanks without the express permission of the Show Chairman once judging has started
- Fish must not be fed **72 hours** prior to the Show Day (This keeps the waste out of the show bin)
- Air stones are provided to each bin by the Show Committee. Access to power can be requested during entry process if you wish to run a filter.
- Exhibitors may consider adding a small low-wattage pump with sponge (under 70 watts) to their Show bin, and are encouraged to provide a portable electrical safety switch (RCD) if using the supplied electrical point. This small pump is optional, but recommended for providing current to the fish; and the sponge fitted to the inlet of the pump will reduce small particles in the water for better clarity. Small external filter units are also permitted but are not generally used. All costs of pumps, filters and RCDs are the responsibility of the Exhibitor.
- Members may not enter the Show ring unless by permission of the Show Chairman, or if asked to move a fish to center tubs by a Judge or Steward.
- Members are asked to be humble in success and gracious in defeat. DO NOT ARGUE WITH JUDGES OR YOUR FELLOW COMPETITORS ON SHOW DAY. Do not attempt to influence the judges in any way during judging, they are trained to take a dim view of any attempt to influence the outcome.

GOOD LUCK AND BEST WISHES TO ALL EXHIBITORS

KSWA Annual Show VARIETIES Guide

No	Show Variety	Also known as	Includes these varieties …
1	KOHAKU		Kohaku, Doitsu Kohaku
2	TAISHO SANKE	Sanke	Taisho Sanshoku, Doitsu Sanke
3	SHOWA SANSHOKU	Showa	Showa Sanshuku, Doistu Showa
4	BEKKO		Shiro Bekko, Aka Bekko, Ki Bekko, Doitsu Bekko
5	UTSURIMONO	Utsuri	Shiro Utsuri, Hi Utsuri, Ki Utsuri, Doitsu Utsuri
6	ASAGI *		Asagi, Asagi Sanke
7	SHUSUI *		Shusui, Hi Shusui, Hana Shusui, Ki Shusui
8	KOROMO *		Koromo, Ai Goromo, Sumi Goromo, Budo Goromo, Koromo Sanke, Koromo Showa
9	KAWARIMONO *		Karasugoi, Hajiro, Hage Shiro, Yotsu Jiro, Sumi Nagashi, Matsukawabake, Kumonryu, Beni Kumonryu, Kigoi, Ki Kokuryu, Ochiba, Kage Utsuri, Kanoko, etc
10	GOSHIKI *		Goshiki, Goshiki Sanki, Goshiki Showa
11	MUJIMONO *	Muji	Saragoi, Chargoi, Benigoi, Kigoi, Midorigoi, Karashigoi, Aka Matsuba, Ki Matsuba, etc including Doitsu, Matsuba, Ginrin Mujimono
12	HIKARI MUJIMONO	Ogon	Ogon, Platinum Ogon, Orange Ogon, Doitsu Ogon, Platinum Doitsu, Kin Matsuba, Gin Matsuba, Mizuho Ogon, Ginrin Hikari-muji
13	HIKARI MOYOMONO		Hariwake, Doitsu Hariwake, Kikusui, Platinum Kohaku, Yamato Nishiki, Kinsui Ginsui, Kujaku, Kujaku Ogon, Kujaku Doitsu, etc.
14	HIKARI UTSURIMONO		Kin Showa, Gin Showa, Gin Shiro, Kin Kiutsuri, Doitsu Kin Showa
15	KINGINRIN 'A'	Ginrin A	Ginrin Gosanke (Ginrin Kohaku, Ginrin Sanke, Ginrin Showa) & Ginrin Utsuri
16	KINGINRIN 'B'	Ginrin B	All other Ginrins that aren't Kinginrin ‘A’ or Ginrin Muji or Ginrin Hikari-muji or Ginrin Tancho
17	TANCHO		Tancho, Tancho Sanke, Tancho Showa, Tancho Goshiki, Ginrin Tancho

* Due to low fish numbers in these varieties, we usually combine the following varieties for their Classes, but award separate Variety Champions:
Asagi & Shusui
Koromo & Goshiki
Kawarimono & Mujimono

* You are still able to enter 3 of each variety in each Class, ie 3 x Asagi and 3 x Shusui.
* After entries close, if there are enough fish entered in these varieties, we will split them up to be judged individually.

KSWA Annual Show CLASSES & PRIZES

CLASS ENTERED	Fish is then able to win…	Number of prizes
CLASS 2 (20cm – 29.9cm)	1st, 2nd or 3rd place for each variety. May win "Variety Champion" *(1st place getter in each variety automatically entered)*	3 places x 14 varieties + Best in Size 1 - 1st place only = **42** prizes
CLASS 3 (30cm – 39.9cm)	1st, 2nd or 3rd place for each variety. May win "Variety Champion" *(1st place getter in each variety automatically entered)*	3 places x 14 varieties + Best in Size 2 - 1st place only = **42** prizes
CLASS 4 (40cm – 49.9cm)	1st, 2nd or 3rd place for each variety. May win "Variety Champion" *(1st place getter in each variety automatically entered)*	3 places x 14 varieties + Best in Size 3 - 1st place only = **42** prizes
CLASS 5 (50cm - 59.9cm)	1st, 2nd or 3rd place for each variety. May win "Variety Champion" *(1st place getter in each variety automatically entered)*	3 places x 14 varieties + Best in Size 4 - 1st place only = **42** prizes
CLASS 6 MATURE (60cm – 69.9cm)	1st, 2nd or 3rd place for each variety. May win "Mature Champion" *(all Jumbo fish automatically entered)* May win "Variety Champion" *(1st place getter in each variety automatically entered)*	3 places x 14 varieties = 42 + Mature Champion 1st place only = **43** prizes
CLASS 7 JUMBO (over 70cm)	1st, 2nd or 3rd place in A and B May win "Jumbo Champion" *(all Jumbo fish automatically entered)* May also win "Variety Champion" *(all Jumbo fish automatically entered)*	3 places x 2 categories = 6 + Jumbo Champion 1st place only = **7** prizes
YOUNG CHAMPION CLASS (TABLE SHOW QUALIFIED)	Also see Table Show Rules (separate document) 1st, 2nd or 3rd in either Table Show A, Table Show B, Table Show Ginrin or Table Show Doitsu May win "Young Champion" *(4 x 1st place getters automatically entered)*	3 places x 4 categories = 12 + Young Champion 1st place only = **13** places
JUNIOR EXHIBITOR CLASS	1st, 2nd or 3rd – fish belonging to our under 16 year old members	**3** places

All fish are also automatically entered (at no cost):
- **Judges Prize**
- **President/Show Chairman's Prize**
- **ZNA PRIZE** – exhibitor must be a member of the ZNA to be eligible
- **GRAND CHAMPION** – 1st only
- **Supreme A Champion, Supreme B Champion**

See Rules (pages 4 – 5) for full details on each Class and how many fish per Class you are allowed to enter!

Note: Winning Grand Champion or Young Champion means the fish is <u>NOT ABLE TO WIN ANY OTHER PRIZES.</u>

What does ‘A’ and ‘B’ mean?

A **also called GOSANKE**

- Kohaku
- Taisho Sanke (also called Sanke)
- Showa Sanshoku (also called Showa)
- Utsurimono (also called Utsuri)

B **also called NON-GOSANKE**

- all other varieties

This means the 4 GOSANKE varieties (A) are often judged all together, and the NON GOSANKE varieties (B) are judged all together.

For example “Jumbo A” and “Jumbo B”

You don’t need to specify A or B when entering fish, you enter the fish in whichever variety the fish is, and our database will automatically split the entries in A and B.

Kohaku	A
Taisho Sanke	A
Showa Sanshoku	A
Bekko	B
Utsurimono	A
Asagi / Shusui	B
Kawarimono / Mujimono	B
Koromo / Goshiki	B
Hikari Mujimono	B
Hikari Moyomono	B
Hikari Utsurimono	B
Kinginrin A	B
Kinginrin B	B
Tancho	B

TRANSPORTING KOI

Every koi keeper will, at one time or another, need to transport their koi. Whether it is to bring a new fish home, take a fish to a show, or take them to a vet or new pond.

As transportation is stressful on fish we need to minimise that stress as much as possible - stress can lead to unhappy and even sick koi.

The main things to keep in mind when transporting koi are to keep the journey as short as possible, provide enough water to cover the fish, provide enough oxygen, and minimise movement as much as possible.

Poly Bag Method

- Poly (plastic) bags are available from our Sales Table or koi-related retailers.
- Buy the larger sized bags as they have more space for oxygen.
- Use the same water to fill the bag as where the fish is being taken from so that they don't have to adjust to different water parameters.
- Fill the bag with just enough water to cover the fish - this leaves more room for oxygen in the top of the bag.
- It is advisable to add compressed oxygen to the top portion of the bag before sealing. Remember you wish your fish to reach the Show in top condition.
- Seal the top with an elastic band
- Place the bag in a box (cardboard box, esky or plastic storage crate are all good) to minimise movement during the trip.

Solid Container Method

- Plastic storage crates or fibreglass boxes are great - preferably with a watertight lid.
- Fill the container all the way to the top to minimise water movement during the trip (a half full container will slop around)
- As a full container has no room for air at the top, use a battery-powered air pump and run an airline into the water (with airstone (s) on the end)

Please remember you wish your fish to arrive and return from the Show in top condition. Air is absolutely essential to fishes well being. The key is good organisation well in advance of Show day.

Other tips:

- Some members suggest laying the bag or container so that the koi sits parallel with the axles of the car - so when you brake and accelerate the koi won't bump it's nose and tail into the bag/container.
- Plan your route before you leave so you're on the road for as little time as possible, and avoid speedbumps and roundabouts if possible
- Have enough petrol to make the return journey, so you don't need to stop to refuel
- Drive as slowly and smoothly as practical
- If using a battery powered airpump, have spare batteries on hand. Koi can become stressed very quickly without adequate oxygen in their water