



## GENERAL RULES S.E.K. XX CONVENTION

The SEK Board will be responsible for the organization and development of the Convention.

No less than three members from the SEK Board and always attended by the president of the company, will be responsible for judging any incident that may occur during the celebration of the Convention.

Its decisions will be made in the shortest time possible and without appeal.

### KILLIFISH EXHIBITION PROCEDURE

Section 1.- Killifish can be submitted to the Convention by any person belonging to the SEK or any other killifish related group national or international. A fish pair or breeding group can be also submitted by two different breeders.

Section 2.- Legally protected species will not be admitted to the Show unless there is permission from the competent authorities). This includes the Spanish *Aphanius* and *Valencia* species.

Section 3.- Fish, written and photographic material submitted to the exhibition shall become property of the SEK

Section 4.- The SEK will have full rights to publish or hand over to any other killifish associations photographic materials from their contests with the only obligation to publish the name of the author of that work.

Section 5.- The composition of the groups will be the responsibility of the Board and will always be open in anticipation of possible changes.

Section 6.- Any fish commonly known as "killifish" and belonging to the Group *Cyprinodontiformes: Poeciliidae: Aplocheilichthyinae*, may be submitted. The fish in the Convention may participate as exhibition only or exhibition and contest mode.

6.a Exhibition mode: In this mode any killifish species may be submitted without any further requests. The fish presented in this category will be displayed and auctioned but will not be eligible for rewards. They will be identified by a name tag with the name of the donor to publicly acknowledge his generous gesture.

6.b Contest mode: Fish participating in this modality must have been raised from fry to adult size in the aquaria of the breeder who submits them. These fish will be displayed, auctioned and judged. They will compete for the rewards offered in their category or any other special prizes.

#### May not participate in this form:

- a) Wild fish.
- b) Fish awarded at other conventions.
- c) Fish that being a breeding pair or group, are not of the same species or share the same code/locality.

**Note:** Because it is currently impossible to prove the veracity of the requirements described in the contest exposure mode, the SEK this requirement based on trust and goodwill of the breeder. However this point may be amended according to the means available or agreements with other associations

- In the category of pairs, the fish can be presented as pairs, one male together with several females, scoring the best male and female or an inverted trio, one female and two males, judged as stated before.

- Breeding groups should be formed by at least three pairs or two trios (two males and four females).

- Each pair of fish or breeding group entered into the competition shall be identified with the following information: association belonging to the contestant and their membership number and species, subspecies and locality/code of the fish. The falsity of these data will result in the disqualification of the fish.

- The individuals which at the time of being judged do not constitute a pair or a full breeding group, will not be judged, but will be auctioned, if the contestant does not exercise its right to withdraw the rest of the live fish.

- The SEK Board will set a time limit to register and receive fish for the Convention.
- Until the public opening, only have access to the exhibition hall the organizers, the convention workers and at the time of judging, the judges.
- Once fish are registered for exhibition no further changed in their status will be accepted.

6.c.- Only the person responsible for the reception and registration of the fish shall know their owner. Judges will not be informed about the ownership of the fish.

Art. 7.- Every group will be judged preferably by two judges.

7.a- Judges are chosen by the SEK Board among the guests from fellow Association and/or among SEK members and can not judge any group where they have fish registered in.

7.b- The decision of the judges is unappealable.

Art. 8.- Fish will be marked from 1 to 10 points considering the following aspects:

- a) Health and general aspect of the fish.
- b) Size and general appearance.
- c) Colour.
- d) Finnage.

Art. 9.- In case of a tie among the fish in the first three places of a group, judges will have the final decision as to which one should get the prizes.

Art. 10.- Once the judging of the fish in every group has ended, as soon as possible depending on technical and resource availability, a list will be edited containing the following data:

- a) Fish number.
- b) Name and locality/code if any.
- c) Breeders name.
- d) Association to which the breeder belongs.
- e) Total points obtained.
- f) Final classification (only the fish that are prized).

### “Prizes”

Art. 1.- There will be a first, second and third prize for every killifish group. The best breeding group in each group will also receive its prize.

Art. 2.- There will be one “Best in Show” prize. To be eligible for this distinction, the fish need to have been given first prize in its corresponding group.

2.a- The Jury for this prize will be chosen by the Organizers. The SEK President will make the decision in case of a tie between fish.

Art.3.- All the images presented to the photo contest will be freely available for SEK in all publications, regardless of format.

Section 4. The choice of the format of the awards is a responsibility of the Organizing Group.

### Composition of the groups in competition:

Group I: *Callopanchax*, *Fundulopanchax*, *Gularopanchax*, *Paludopanchax*, *Paraphyosemion* & *Raddaella*.

Group II: *Archiaphyosemion*, *Mesoaphyosemion* (Group *Callirium*)& *Scriptaphyosemion*.

Group III: *Aphyosemion* *Mesoaphyosemion* (except Group *Callirium*).

Group IV: *Chromaphyosemion*, *Diapteron* & *Kathetys*.

Group V: *Aphyoplatys*, *Aplocheilus*, *Epiplatys*, *Episemion* & *Pachypanchax*.

Group VI: Small *Rivulus*.

Group VII: Great *Rivulus*.

Group VIII: *Fundulosoma* & *Nothobranchius*.

Group IX: South American Annuals.

Group X: *Aphanius*.

Group XI: Other geni.

**NOTE:** The breeding groups are presented in the appropriate groups, choosing each to a single award for best breeding group.

## Photo contest bases:

[http://www.sekweb.org/convenciones/2013/Bases\\_concurso\\_foto\\_en.pdf](http://www.sekweb.org/convenciones/2013/Bases_concurso_foto_en.pdf)

## Rights and duties of the participants:

### Every contender will have the following rights:

- Getting any information they wish related to the Convention activities.
- They will have the right to appeal if they feel unfairly considered or suffer any exceptional situation.

### Every contender has the following duties:

- Be respectful with the installations and services, using them with care.
- Help everybody to keep clean the installations, using bins and hygienic containers.
- Be respectful with the rest of the guests as well as with the general public.
- Respect the schedule programmed, be attentive to the indications of the employees and the organizers.
- Obey any rules and instructions given by the Chair Board or the Organizers.

## The Auction.

The auction will follow the principle of "hands up" as usual in former Conventions.

The order will follow the group numbers.

Groups I to XI (pairs, trios or males with several females), will be auctioned on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of May from 10:30 h onwards. Starting bid will be 3 € and the bids will be raised by 1 € up to 20 €. From then on, the increase will be of 3 € up to 50 €. Then, it will increase by 5 €.

The starting bid for breeding groups will be 6 €, increased by 1 € up to € 20. From this value onwards the increase will be 3 €, and when the amount of the auction reaches 50 € the increase shall be 5 €.

If a pair or breeding group does not get any bids, the organizers may choose to lower its prize in order to encourage potential buyers.

There will be a special auction of Rare Species to be held on Saturday, May 4 at 18:15, the output value of each lot (fish or eggs in peat) will be decided by the donor, rising 1 € up to 20 €, from this figure will increase by € 3 each bid, and when the amount of the auction reaches 50 € the increase will be 5 in 5 €.

The payment must be made in cash, otherwise it will not be accepted.



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