



2026 South Carolina Koi and Goldfish Show September 25 - 27

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Exhibitor Information

The South Carolina Koi and Water Garden Society is pleased to invite you to participate in our annual show. We are anticipating a strong field with entrants from across the eastern seaboard.

The show will take place at the Simpsonville Activity & Senior Center, 310 West Curtis Street, Simpsonville, SC 29681, conveniently located just off I-385 in Simpsonville, South Carolina. We have made arrangements for a special rate with the Fairfield Inn, located at 3821 Grandview Drive, Simpsonville, SC 29680 (864-962-8500) just off I-385 and Fairview Road (within 5 minutes of the Activity Center). Mention the South Carolina Koi & Goldfish Show or the South Carolina Koi & Water Garden Society to receive a special rate of \$109. Reservations must be made by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, September 11, 2026, to receive this rate.

Exhibitor Rules

This is a hobbyist-only show. All fish entered must be owned by and accompanied by the registered entrant. Koi dealers or their employees, even part-time or informal fish dealers, are not allowed to show fish. **The actual owner of the fish must be present at the time of benching.**

1. The SCKWGS will take a digital photo of each fish for benching and judging purposes.
2. Entry fees for koi will be \$40.00 for each 6-foot show tank and \$60.00 for each 7-foot tank. Pre-registration is recommended to guarantee availability. Use the point calculator to determine how many tanks you will require.
3. The entry fee for goldfish is \$15 per aquarium. Goldfish will be displayed in 20-gallon aquariums.
4. Fish can be checked in on Friday, September 25 from 10:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. Saturday morning check-in is only by permission from one of the show co-chairmen. Fish must be retrieved by 1:00 P.M. on Sunday.
5. The benching committee will check all entries for injuries. If a fish is found to be ill or injured, the fish will not be judged. The owner may elect to remove the fish from the tank or leave it until the end of the show.

6. All Gin Rin must be shown in respective A & B classes; Doitsu in the Doitsu class (except Shusui, which is shown in the Asagi/Shusui class); Bekkos must be in the Bekko class; all Tanchos must be in the Tancho class and all Butterfly or Longfins will be shown in their respective classes. Goldfish will be judged according to the judging rules published by the American Goldfish Assoc.
7. The judges shall not view the tanks until one of the show co-chairs has removed the list of owners and indicates that the tanks are ready to be judged.
8. No one other than the judges, club president, show co-chairs, and show committee shall be in the display area while the fish are being judged. Observers and entrants are to refrain from communications with the judges during judging.
9. **All entries will be left on exhibit for the duration of the show unless special permission is obtained from the show chairman.**
10. The SCKWGS will take all necessary and reasonable precautions to safeguard entered fish, but the owner will assume all risk and responsibilities for said fish.
11. The decisions of the show chairman and judges will be final.

Ineligible Fish:

Fish fitting any of the following criteria are **NOT** eligible for this show and should **NOT** be transported to the show site.

- Fish that have visible signs of injury or illness will not be allowed to compete in the show and should **NOT** be transported to the show site. The decision of the benching team will be final.
- Koi that have been exposed in any way to Koi Herpes Virus (KHV). Examples include, but are not limited to: surviving a KHV infection, sharing the same water system with a koi with KHV, sharing the same water system with a KHV survivor, receiving a vaccination of a live virus KHV serum. SCKWGS will enforce this rule to the best of our ability, but we must ultimately rely on the honesty and integrity of the exhibitor.

Judging

Judging for koi and goldfish will begin on Saturday, September 26, as close to 10:00 A.M. as possible. At this time the show ring will be closed to the public. English style judging is a long process and often lasts well into the late afternoon.

Benching

Owners MUST be present at time of benching. No entrants will be benched until the owner has been identified and verified to be in attendance. We strongly encourage all exhibitors to get their koi and goldfish benched on Friday. Benchng is between 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. on Friday, September 25, and, if necessary, will resume on Saturday morning, September 26 from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. with prior arrangement with the show chairmen.

You must have your forms submitted and accepted, and your pictures taken and available with your entrants in your assigned tank or aquarium no later than 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, September 26. No further entries will be accepted after 9:00 A.M. Benchng will be cut off at that time so the judging can begin as early as possible in order to be completed in time for the banquet.

Tank Registration Information

Entrants are encouraged to reserve their tanks early as there are a limited number of tanks. **Each exhibitor is allowed a maximum of two show tanks.** SCKWGS will maintain water quality for the show, but will insist that the tanks not be overcrowded. SCKWGS will use the Fish Point System as a guideline for loading tanks. SCKWGS reserves the right to require additional tanks be used if fish load exceeds these recommendations.

Koi will be measured from tip of the nose to the end of the tail (caudal fin) for determining the fish points below. The following worksheet may be used to calculate the number of tanks needed.

Fish Point Calculation: Calculate the fish points for your entries using the following table. Enter the quantity for each size koi you are entering. Multiply the quantity times the Points per Size. Put the subtotal in the Total Points per Size column. Add all the subtotals and enter the Total Points at the bottom of the table. Divide the Total Points by 25 to determine the number of tanks you will need to reserve. Please round up any fractions.

Fish Size	Points per Size	Quantity You are Exhibiting	Total Points per Size
Koi Size 1 (0" - 8")	0.4		
Koi Size 2 (8" - 12")	1.0		
Koi Size 3 (12" - 16")	2.0		
Koi Size 4 (16" - 20")	5.0		
Koi Size 5 (20" - 24")	8.0		
Koi Size 6 (24" - 28")	12.0		
Koi Size 7 (28" - 32")	15.0		
Koi Size 8 (32" & over)	20.0		
Longfins (0" - 16")	1.0		
Longfins (16" & over)	6.0		
Total Points			

The SCKWGS Show will provide 6 ft. and 7 ft. tanks.

<u>Tank</u>	<u>Recommended Maximum</u>
6 ft.	25 points max
7 ft.	32 points max

Cancellations: No refund for tank reservation cancellations will be given after September 11, 2026.

Benching Koi and Longfins

All koi and longfins will be benched and assigned a variety and size according to the following table.

VARIETY	0-8" Size 1	8-12" Size 2	12-16" Size 3	16-20" Size 4	20-24" Size 5	24-28" Size 6	28-32" Size 7	>32" Size 8
<i>Kohaku</i>								
<i>Sanke</i>								
<i>Showa</i>								
<i>Utsuri</i>								
<i>Bekko</i>								
<i>Asagi/Shusui</i>								
<i>Goshiki/Koromo</i>								
<i>Kawarigoi</i>								
<i>Hikari-Muji</i>								
<i>Hikari-Utsuri</i>								
<i>Hikari-Moyo</i>								
<i>Tancho</i>								
<i>Ginrin "A" (Kohaku, Sanke Showa)</i>								
<i>Ginrin "B" (Utsuri, Bekko, Asagi/Shusui, Goshiki/Koromo, Kawarigoi, Hikari-Muji, Hikari-Utsuri, Hikari-Moyo, Tancho)</i>								
<i>Doitsu</i>								
Variety	0" – 16" Size 1			16" & Over Size 2				
<i>Longfin</i>								

Benching Goldfish

All goldfish will be benched and assigned a variety and size according to the following table:

Variety	0" – 3" Young	3" & Over Mature
Oranda		
Ryukin		
Ranchu/Lionhead		
Eye-growth		
Single-tailed		
Wakin/Jikin		
Special Varieties		

TROPHY SPONSORSHIP

<u>KOI</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PayPal</u>
Grand Champion A	\$200	\$210
Grand Champion B	\$200	\$210
Reserve Grand Champion A	\$150	\$160
Reserve Grand Champion B	\$150	\$160
Mature Champion A	\$100	\$105
Mature Champion B	\$100	\$105
Adult Champion A	\$100	\$105
Adult Champion B	\$100	\$105
Young Champion A	\$100	\$105
Young Champion B	\$100	\$105
Baby Champion A	\$100	\$105
Baby Champion B	\$100	\$105
Jumbo Champion	\$100	\$105
Most Unique	\$100	\$105
Best in Size 1	\$100	\$105
Best in Size 2	\$100	\$105
Best in Size 3	\$100	\$105
Best in Size 4	\$100	\$105
Best in Size 5	\$100	\$105
Best in Size 6	\$100	\$105
Best in Size 7	\$100	\$105
Best in Size 8	\$100	\$105
Best Kohaku	\$50	\$52
Best Sanke	\$50	\$52
Best Showa	\$50	\$52
Best Utsuri	\$50	\$52
Best Hikari Muji	\$50	\$52
Best Hikari Moyo	\$50	\$52
Best Tancho	\$50	\$52
Best Asagi/Shusui	\$50	\$52
Best Bekko	\$50	\$52
Best Koromo/Goshiki	\$50	\$52
Best Hikari Utsuri	\$50	\$52
Best Ginrin "A"	\$50	\$52
Best Ginrin "B"	\$50	\$52
Best Doitsu	\$50	\$52
Best Kawarigoi	\$50	\$52
Grand Champ Butterfly	\$100	\$105
Baby Champ Butterfly	\$50	\$52
<u>GOLDFISH</u>		
Grand Champion	\$75	\$78
Reserve GC	\$75	\$78
Young Champion	\$50	\$52
Mature Champion	\$50	\$52
Single Tail/Special Variety	\$50	\$52

PayPal: salessckwgs@gmail.com



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Tank Registration Form

Registration forms must be received no later than September 4, 2026. Pre-registration with payment prior to this date is recommended to guarantee tank availability.

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

KOI CLUB AFFILIATION: _____

Tank Reservations for Koi

___ 6-Ft. Tanks @ \$40.00 each (\$42.00 PayPal) Total \$ _____

___ 7-Ft. Tanks @ \$60.00 each (\$63.00 PayPal) Total \$ _____

Aquarium Reservations for Goldfish

___ Number of 20-gallon Aquariums @ \$15 each (\$17 PayPal) Total \$ _____

___ Banquet Tickets @ \$45 per person (\$47.50 PayPal) Total \$ _____

Trophy Sponsorships (See Page 5): Trophy _____ @ _____ Total \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Total Paid: \$ _____ Cash: ___ Check Number _____ PayPal _____

Please return this completed form with your check to Kay Barutha, 305 Brockway Lane, Greer, SC 29651. Make checks payable to South Carolina Koi & Water Garden Society or SCKWGS. If paying with PayPal, payments can be made to sallessckwgs@gmail.com and registration forms emailed to melbar203@aol.com.

Tank Registration Form (Continued)

THIS PAGE MUST BE FILLED OUT AND SIGNED OR YOUR RESERVATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. BOTH PAGES MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR ENTRY FEES FOR YOUR REGISTRATION TO BE COMPLETE.

INDEMNIFICATION

- 1) I declare that I own the koi or goldfish that I am entering.
- 2) I declare that I am a hobbyist and not a koi or goldfish dealer.
- 3) I declare that the koi being entered have not been exposed in any way to Koi Herpes Virus (KHV), including inoculation for KHV.
- 4) Registrant agrees to indemnify the SCKWGS from all legal harm. Registrant agrees to pay all legal fees, court costs, and damages that may arise from registrant taking any civil action against the club, its members and officers, due to or caused as a result of any action or negligence of any party.
- 5) Payment of legal fees, court costs, and damages by registrants shall be made directly to the SCKWGS. The club shall have the exclusive right to purchase, consign, or enter into any contract for the purpose of establishing a defense, to include hiring consultants, experts, and co-council.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE TO ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS INDEMNIFICATION AND THE SHOW RULES AS STATED.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

For advanced reservations, print and complete both pages of the registration form, enclose a check for the total amount due (made payable to SCKWGS) and mail to:

Kay Barutha
SCKWGS Registration
305 Brockway Lane.
Greer, SC 29651

If paying with PayPal, payments can be made to salesckwgs@gmail.com and registration forms emailed to melbar203@aol.com

Registrations containing an e-mail address will receive a confirmation upon receipt.

For questions or to request additional information, contact:

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