

## ZNA Potomac Koi Club

Koi Show September 11-13, 2026  
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Welcome to the ZNA Potomac Koi Show!

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for considering the 2026 ZNA Potomac Koi Show. Meadowlark Gardens is a beautiful location for you the exhibitor and for everyone who wants to visit and see some of the finest Koi on the East Coast. We expect to have 200+ koi at this event. Our show is considered to be one of the larger shows in the USA. We will also have some of the best National vendors selling both Koi and merchandise. The Judging will be conducted by highly experienced ZNA judges. Awards ceremony details will be released prior to the show but currently are not available.

Please complete and return all the registration forms. The forms should be submitted as early as possible to ensure that your tank(s) is/are reserved. In an effort to normalize the judging sizing system we will continue to use the BU system that is used throughout the world. We have created a conversion measurement chart with both inches and centimeters. We expect to have some exceptional entries this year so please get your forms in as soon as possible. Please pay close attention to the rules as there may have been some changes to varieties and classes. Our special award this year will be for the best Doitsu that is NOT a Shusui.

The awards banquet will be Saturday night at the Vienna Moose Lodge from 6pm to 9pm. Tickets will be available at our booth.

The Park will be open for your enjoyment. Please note that the show site is in an area of the park that requires no admission. So plan to come early and stay all day both Saturday and Sunday. Thanks!

Doug Silver, President and Show Chairman  
Jim North, Vice President and Co-Show Chairman  
Mark Yacobucci, Vice President and Co-Show Chairman  
Larry Gill, Cultural Advisor and Co-Show Chairman  
Mike Frady ZNA Liaison  
Sherri Yacobucci, Banquet Coordinator

## **SHOW EVENTS: September 11-13, 2026**

**Friday Afternoon: Koi Show Entries Accepted:** 10:00am– 4:00pm at the Meadowlark Botanical Gardens Show Site. Open to all hobbyists. Space is limited. Reservations and fee required. Contact Jim North: e-mail [jnorth@znapotomac.org](mailto:jnorth@znapotomac.org)

**Friday Evening: Meet the Judges:** 7:00pm– We will be having an informal “Meet the Judges” gathering Friday night that will be in the hotel lobby/bar area.

**Saturday: Koi Show Judging,** 10:00am -3:00pm. Participants and spectators will be allowed to observe and listen to Judges’ comments and decisions. No communication with the Judges is permitted during judging.

**Saturday & Sunday: All Day Entertainment/Koi Seminars:** We will be hosting several events and activities at this years show.

**Saturday Evening: Awards Reception,** 6pm-9pm Vienna Moose Lodge  
9616 Courthouse RD Vienna VA

**Sunday Morning: Judges’ Commentaries:** 9:00–11:00am, Koi Show Judges will lead groups around show tanks describing the different types of koi and will comment on the major winners.

**Sunday Morning: Awards:** 11:30-1pm

**Sunday Afternoon: Show Ends:** 1pm– At this time the show will be over and the vendors will pack up and the owners will be clear to take their koi home from the show tanks.

**General Raffle Drawing** –Saturday 11-4pm on the hour and Sunday at 1pm.

**VENDORS OPEN FRIDAY (12-5) ALL DAY SATURDAY (9-5) AND SUNDAY (9-1)**

General ZNA Potomac Koi Show Information and Koi Show Reservation Information: Jim North [jnorth@znapotomac.org](mailto:jnorth@znapotomac.org)

Vendor Reservation Information: Doug Silver (703) 304-9335 [fdsilver@aol.com](mailto:fdsilver@aol.com)

Sponsor and donation information: Larry Gill [gelldu@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gelldu@sbcglobal.net)

# KOI SHOW ENTRY PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

## ENGLISH STYLE TANKS

Show Pre-registration entry fee is for 8 foot tank \$100. \$80 per additional tank. 3 tank maximum (contact jnorth@znapotomac.org to be put on wait list for more than 3 tanks)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Koi Show Entry Pre-registration .....\$ 100.00 first 8' tank. \$80 per additional tank

All entrants must be a member of A koi club. Please provide name of club or an additional \$40 for the annual friendship membership fee to ZNA Potomac (Full ZNA Memberships available in March).

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tanks: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE! By submitting this registration, the "applicant hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless ZNA Potomac Koi Club, Meadowlark Botanical Gardens and NOVA Parks, from any claims related to attendance at this show."**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Saturday Night Awards Reception:**

Vienna Moose Lodge  
9616 Courthouse RD  
Vienna VA  
6pm-9pm Tickets available at ZNA Potomac Booth

Hotel info:

### **Embassy Suites Tysons**

**8517 Leesburg Pike**

**Vienna, Virginia, USA 22182**

**Tel: +1-703-883-0707 Fax: +1-703-760-9842**

**Ask for the ZNA Potomac rate when reserving your room. Must reserve by 8/5 for this rate.**

**Make checks payable to:** ZNA Potomac Chapter Koi Club

To pay via credit card please use Paypal and send payments to paypal@znapotomac.org

**Mail this form to:**

ZNA Potomac Koi Club  
c/o Jim North  
17080 Country Creek Lane  
Amissville VA 20106

## ZNA Potomac Koi Club Show Koi Load Calculator

	20BU	30BU	40BU	50BU	60BU	70BU	80BU	Over 80BU
Kohaku								
Sanke								
Showa								
Utsuri								
Gin Rin A								
Gin Rin B								
Asagi								
Shusui								
Goshiki								
Koromo								
Muji Mono								
Hikari Muji								
Hikari Moyo								
Hikari Utsuri								
Tancho								
Bekko								

Each 20BU Koi counts as 0.3 fish points.

Each 30BU Koi counts as 1 fish point.

Each 40BU Koi counts as 2 fish points.

Each 50BU Koi counts as 5 fish points.

Each 60BU Koi counts as 8 fish points.

Each 70BU Koi counts as 12 fish points.

Each Koi 80BU and over counts as 18 fish points

Total up all the fish points for the koi you are entering to determine the number of show tanks you will need.

**This calculator is provided as a convenience to help you determine your tank load and does not need to be completed with your entry form.**

In an effort to normalize the judging sizing system we are switching from the US Standard of Size 1, Size 2 etc to the BU system that is used everywhere else in the world. To help you switch to this we have created measurement chart with both inches and millimeters

Size	20 BU	30BU	40BU	50BU	60BU	70BU	80BU	Over 80BU
<b>CM Range</b>	0cm-20cm	20.1cm-30cm	30.1cm-40cm	40.1cm-50cm	50.1cm-60cm	60.1cm-70cm	70.1cm-80cm	over 80cm
<b>Inches Range</b>	0"-7.9"	8"-11.8"	11.9"-15.7"	15.8"-19.7"	19.8"-23.6"	23.7"-27.6"	27.7"-31.5"	Over 31.5"

- All fish entered must be **owned** by the registered participant. **(Dealer owned fish are not allowed)**
- Owner or his **designated representative** and a member of the entry committee will be responsible for placement of fish in the assigned tank. **The Entry Committee is the final authority regarding classification and size. Fish deemed by the entry committee to be showing possible signs of any type of disease or parasites will be disqualified and should be removed**
- Koi with Kin/Gin Rin **must** be entered in the appropriate Kin/Gin Rin category.
- No changes in category are allowed by owner after fish are entered. However, the entry committee does have the authority to make final changes in category and size.

# KOI SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS

ZNA Potomac Koi Show

**THIS IS AN OPEN KOI SHOW –“ENGLISH” STYLE JUDGING. EACH PARTICIPANT WILL HAVE OWN TANK. ACCEPTING ALL HOBBYIST ENTRIES. DEALER OWNED KOI ARE NOT ALLOWED.**

**DATE:**

**PLACE:**

**ENTRY FORMS AND FEES:**

1. Pre-registration forms should be submitted until 3 weeks before the show date. Requests after that date should be made by telephone calls or emails to Show Chair or President.
2. Make checks payable to ZNA Potomac Koi Club
3. Changes in entry forms after submission will be by approval of the Show Committee only.
4. Entry fee: All Entrants - \$100 for first 8' tank . \$80 per additional tank
5. Show **registration is** on a first-come first-served basis at a cost of **\$100 for first 8' tank and \$80 per tank for additional tanks** with no guarantee that a tank will be available. You may reserve 3 tanks. Please note on your entry form if you would like more than 3 tanks and if additional tanks become available you will be notified.

**DELIVERY & REMOVAL OF FISH**

1. FOR THE HEALTH & SAFETY OF YOUR FISH DO NOT FEED THEM FOR 5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SHOW.
2. **Every effort should be made to drop off koi on Friday.** Please notify Show Chair if you need to bring them Saturday morning before 9am.
3. After checking in with the entry committee, all entrants must remain at the entry area until their fish have been measured, classified, and released into the assigned tank. **The Entry Committee is the final authority regarding classification and size. Fish deemed by the entry committee to be showing possible signs of any type of disease or parasites will be removed immediately.**
4. No fish may be bagged or removed from the show site until all fish are identified to the satisfaction of all entrants, and the “OK-to-bag” announcement is made (about 1 pm on Sunday). In cases of extreme need, the Show Chairman may permit early removal of fish if photos are available and positive identification is possible.
5. At the close of the show, oxygen and rubber bands will be provided by the ZNA Koi Club. Entrants are responsible for bags and carrying containers.
6. All fish must be picked-up by 3:30pm, Sunday. Unclaimed fish will be held by the club for 15 days, thereafter, they become the property of the koi club. The koi club will not be responsible for any fish not claimed.

## **JUDGING**

1. Judging will begin promptly at 10 am Saturday.
2. Injuries that will leave permanent scars or deformities will count against the fish, while those considered temporary will be overlooked in judging.
3. The decision of the judges and/or the entry committee is final. Any contingencies not covered clearly by these rules will be subject to the decision of the Show Committee.
4. **Participants and spectators will be allowed to observe and listen to Judges' comments. No communication whatsoever with the Judges is permitted.** Any individual in violation of this requirement will be asked to leave the premises. If the violator is a participant, this will result in his/her disqualification from the competition.
5. Move-ups will be automatic. All award categories will be filled.
6. Awards will be presented at the awards session on Sunday morning.

**CLASSES AND SIZES**

1. Awards will be given for both A & B with the exception of Grand Champion. The Grand Champion will be the best koi at the show regardless of size/variety.
- + 2. “A” group is gosanke, doitsu gosanke, utsuri and gin rin A . All others will be in the “B” group.

3. All eight sizes will include the traditional 14 classifications. Hariwake will be judged in the Hikari Moyo Class .
4. DOITSU: There is no specific Doitsu Class. Doitsu must be entered into the appropriate regular scaled class.
5. GIN RIN: Koi with Kin Gin Rin markings **MUST** be entered into the appropriate Gin Rin Classification.
6. LONG FIN: There is NO longfin/butterfly category
7. SPECIAL AWARD: This years special variety award will be picked from any Doitsu EXCEPT Shusui.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. All necessary and reasonable precautions will be taken by the Club to safeguard the koi entries. **Entries are accepted with the understanding that the participant agrees to hold the Club, its officers, its directors, its members and the Meadowlark Gardens and its employees harmless in the event of fish Death, Disease, Injury, Disfigurement, or Loss.**
2. No one is to handle any fish except the entry committee. Anyone wishing to inspect their fish must first contact the Show Committee.

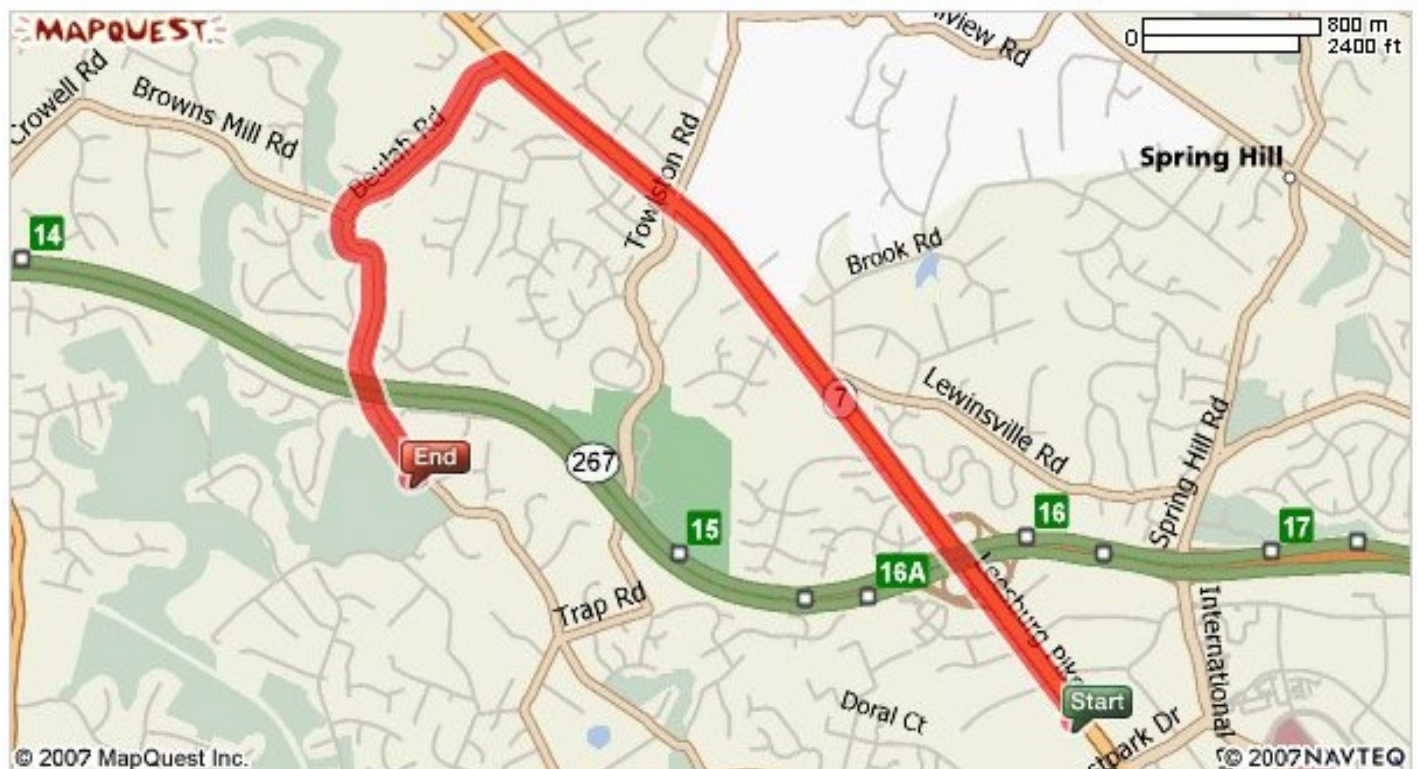
### **WATER QUALITY**

Every reasonable effort will be made to maintain the water quality of the tanks at a high level. Initially, water will be treated with a chlorine-chloramine-neutralizing chemical. After introduction of fish, ammonia levels will be carefully monitored. Tanks will be skimmed and water will be changed as needed. A water quality committee has been established to insure that the best possible water quality is maintained at all times. At no time will any substance be introduced to the water, which is not generally deemed appropriate for use with koi and approved by the water quality person.

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## Directions to show site from hotel:

Directions	Distance
<b>Total Est. Time:</b> 9 minutes <b>Total Est. Distance:</b> 4.69 miles	
 <b>1:</b> Start out going NORTHWEST on LEESBURG PIKE.	<0.1 miles
 <b>2:</b> Turn RIGHT to stay on LEESBURG PIKE.	<0.1 miles
 <b>3:</b> Turn LEFT onto VA-7 W / LEESBURG PIKE.	2.8 miles
 <b>4:</b> Turn LEFT onto BEULAH RD / VA-702. Continue to follow BEULAH RD.	1.7 miles
 <b>5:</b> Turn RIGHT onto MEADOWLARK GARDENS CT.	<0.1 miles
 <b>6:</b> End at [9700-9799] Meadowlark Gardens Ct Vienna, VA 22182, US	
<b>Total Est. Time:</b> 9 minutes <b>Total Est. Distance:</b> 4.69 miles	



**Start:**  
8517 Leesburg Pike  
Vienna, VA 22182-2406, US

**End:**  
[9700-9799] Meadowlark Gardens Ct  
Vienna, VA 22182, US