

MASI Show Rules for 2008

Entry:

Open to all with payment of entry fees. The cost is \$4.00 for the first entry, \$1.00 per entry after that up to a total of \$14.00 for as many entries as you want to enter. Junior entrants are encouraged. Multiple entries per tank allowed as long as they are compatible and easily distinguishable by the judges (i.e. male/female, color variants, different species, etc.). Plant entries are allowed with fish entries in the same tank. All entries are eligible for Class 1, Aquascaping, without additional fee.

As a matter of ethics, entry must be the property of the entrant for at least 60 days before Show and/or must be work of Entrant. No deformed, diseased, artificially colored (painted, dyed, or injected) or illegal fish may be shown.

Display:

All fish are to be entered in flat-sided bowls or tanks a minimum of ½ gallon or larger up to 30 gallons (for larger tanks, entrant must provide their own proper aquarium stand). Bare tank entries are allowed in all fish classes. All entries must be neatly covered to prevent fish jumping out. Plastic “critter tanks” with snap on covers are strongly encouraged for bare tank entries.

All entries may be lighted. Even for bare tank entries it is suggested that the sides and back of the display be covered with an opaque covering (i.e. paint, contact paper, or commercial background) so the fish may feel comfortable and show their best. Gravel or sand may be used on the bottom. Live plants are encouraged. Filtration and aeration are optional, but strongly recommended for the health of the entry. Air and electrical outlets will be supplied. Guppies, Killies, and *Betta splendens* may all be entered singly or in pairs in covered bare bowls or tanks of ½ to 1 gallon in size. Naturalistic artificial decorations are allowed in all entries, and a flowerpot or PVC pipe may be used if needed for the comfort of the fish. For Class #23 – Photography – For video/electronic media, entrants must supply resources for viewing their entry. Single picture entries must be printed for viewing.

Judging:

All entries will be sight judged based on appropriate standards for the fish being judged.

Decision of Judges and/or Show Chairman is final. Show Chairman may move entries to appropriate classes if entered in wrong class or if there are too few entries in class.

Awards:

First, Second and Third place in each Class; Best Junior Entry; Reet

Thomas Outstanding Livebearer Award (ALA); Ralph Wilhelm Outstanding Catfish Award; Best Egglayer; Best Cichlid (ACA); Best Discus (NADA); Judges Award for the most Outstanding Entry; and Best Fish in Show.