

CAOAC Auction Scheduling Guidelines

Purpose

The purpose of these guidelines is to encourage cooperation among member clubs of the Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs (CAOAC) and to minimize scheduling conflicts between aquarium club auctions. By spacing events appropriately, clubs can improve attendance, increase participation from hobbyists and vendors, and support one another's success.

Scope

These guidelines apply to all aquarium club auctions organized by CAOAC member clubs in Canada.

Recommended Scheduling Standard

To reduce conflicts between club auctions:

1. Minimum Time Separation

- Auctions hosted by CAOAC member clubs should be scheduled at least five (5) days apart.

2. Minimum Distance Separation

- Auctions scheduled within 285 kilometers (178 miles) of another club's auction should respect the five-day separation guideline.

3. Greater Distance Flexibility

- Clubs located more than 285 kilometers (178 miles) apart may schedule auctions closer together if necessary.

Event Calendar Registration

To support coordination between clubs:

- Dates will be recognized on a first-submitted basis, provided they comply with the 5-day / 285-km (178 miles) guideline and are submitted no more than 12 months in advance.
- Clubs are encouraged to submit their dates as early as possible once their venue and plans are reasonably confirmed.

Conflict Resolution

If a scheduling conflict occurs:

1. Clubs are encouraged to communicate directly with each other to find a mutually agreeable solution.
2. If requested, the CAOAC executive may assist in mediation.
3. Clubs may voluntarily adjust their dates to support the broader aquarium hobby community.

Guiding Principle

These guidelines are voluntary and cooperative, intended to strengthen the aquarium hobby community in Canada and support the success of member clubs.