

# ZEN NIPPON AIRINKAI

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER



### 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Koi Show

### OFFICIAL SHOW PACKET 2025

Dear Members and Friends of ZNA Southern California Chapter Koi Club,

Our 49th Annual ZNA SoCal Chapter Open Koi Show co-sponsored by the City of Gardena Department of Parks and Recreation will be held on March 8th-9th, 2025, at the Gardena Civic Center Complex (1700 West 162<sup>nd</sup> Street, Gardena, California 90247). Check in, registration and benching on Friday March, 7th.

The show will again be held “English Style” and will be open to the public free of charge. As in Japan, it will be a full A/B show with special awards for both Gosanke and Non-Gosanke varieties. Enclosed are show packets and/or flyers containing information about this event. You can help us publicize our show by spreading the word among your koi kichi friends, displaying our show information at club meetings, and posting show flyers at koi related businesses. If you would like to volunteer to help with the koi show please contact our president, Alan Stein at [alandds@earthlink.net](mailto:alandds@earthlink.net) or Show Co-Chairs, Chai Taevanitcharoen at [tatekoi@aol.com](mailto:tatekoi@aol.com) and Gerald Ellison at [ZNASOCAL@outlook.com](mailto:ZNASOCAL@outlook.com). We can use all the help we can get!!!

Several show activities have been scheduled throughout the weekend. Friday morning we will set up, accepting show koi in the afternoon. On Saturday, our show will commence with entertainment by a Taiko Drum Group to open our koi show, please visit our koi vendors and exhibits soon after. On Saturday Evening, 6:30pm, join us for the Awards Banquet in the Nakaoka (Gardena) Community Center Auditorium. Casual dress is recommended.. On Sunday at 10-11 am there will be a judges walk through and koi talk.

This show promises to be one of the premiere koi events of the year. It will be a memorable experience whether you plan to enter koi in the competition, participate as a vendor, or simply attend the show as an observer. Thank you for your continued support of our club activities. We look forward to seeing you at our 49th Annual ZNA SoCal Chapter Koi Show.

Sincerely,

Alan Stein – President of ZNA SoCal - [alandds@earthlink.net](mailto:alandds@earthlink.net) (818) 470-6418

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Chai Taevanitcharoen – Co-Show Chair - [tatekoi@aol.com](mailto:tatekoi@aol.com)

Gerald Ellison – Co-Show Chair – [ZNASOCAL@outlook.com](mailto:ZNASOCAL@outlook.com) (858) 888-9924

## **SHOW EVENTS:**

### **FRIDAY**

**Show Set-up:** 7:00 am.

**Koi Show Entries Accepted:** 1:00 - 7:00 pm at the Gardena Civic Center Show Site. Open to all hobbyists, but space is limited. Reservations and fee required. Contact Alan Stein: (818) 470-6418 or e-mail [alandds@earthlink.net](mailto:alandds@earthlink.net) or Chai Taevanitcharoen or e-mail [tatekoi@aol.com](mailto:tatekoi@aol.com) or Gerald Ellison at [ZNASOCAL@outlook.com](mailto:ZNASOCAL@outlook.com) or (858)888-9924

### **SATURDAY**

**Koi Entries Accepted:** 7:00 - 8:30 am at the Gardena Civic Center Show Site.

**Koi Show Judging,** 10 am - 3 pm. Participants and spectators will be allowed to observe and listen to Judges' comments and decisions; however, no communication with the Judges is permitted.

**Entertainment:** On Saturday, there will be entertainment by a Taiko Drum Group for open ceremonies. Visit exhibits, lectures and vendors.

**Saturday Evening - Awards Dinner:** 6:30 pm – At the Gardena civic center auditorium. Come enjoy a delicious middle eastern banquet, hear the judges commentary on the winning koi and enjoy friendship through koi.

### **SUNDAY**

**Judges' Commentaries:** 10:00 am – 11:00 am, Koi Show Judges will lead groups around show tanks describing the different types of koi and will comment on the big winners.

### **TRADE SHOW OPEN ALL DAY; SATURDAY (10am-5pm) AND SUNDAY (10am-3pm)**

Trade Show Information: Jane Morrison (949) 903-1856 [Janemm27@gmail.com](mailto:Janemm27@gmail.com)

Show Information: Alan Stein (818) 470-6418 [alandds@earthlink.net](mailto:alandds@earthlink.net)

# ATTENTION!!!

- All koi entered must be owned by amateur hobbyist. Owners need not be present as long as the signed release form accompanies the dealer/representative entering the koi. Dealer owned koi not allowed!
- All Koi are eligible to win Grand Champion including past winners!
- Koi entries accepted Friday 1:00pm to 7:00pm and Saturday 7:00am to 8:30am.
- Award Banquet 6:30pm Saturday at the Gardena Civic Center auditorium. Casual dress recommended. Send your reservations in early! Winning Koi owners or their representative must attend the Awards Banquet to collect prizes.
- All Entrants must submit entrant packets and pay in full by Square Invoice by Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025. ZNA SoCal is cashless and only payments via online or credit card will be accepted this year.
- Any submission after Feb 28<sup>th</sup> will be placed on a waitlist
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# ANNUAL KOI SHOW BANQUET

Join the Judges and all your Koi friends for a special awards banquet. Fun, food, and camaraderie. See and hear about the major prize winners Saturday evening, 6:30 pm at the awards banquet. It will be held at the Gardena Civic Center Auditorium where we will enjoy a delicious banquet. One free banquet ticket is included in your tank entrance fee. Additional tickets can be ordered. Advance reservations are recommended.

Don't delay! email the form below to be invoice and confirm your reservation.

#### Zen Nippon Airinkai SoCal Chapter Annual Koi Show Banquet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

One free banquet ticket is included in your entry fee

Number of Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount included: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$45 per additional ticket)

\*\*\*Please note\*\*\* This year, ZNA SoCal is going 100% online and/or credit card payments. All payments can be made through Square invoice or Credit Card payments before and during the show via email, SMS, Chip, Credit Card swipe, and Smart Phone tap. To reserve any additional tickets, please fill out this form and mail to Gerald Ellison or email to [ZNASOCAL@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:ZNASOCAL@OUTLOOK.COM). An online invoice will be sent soon after and payment via Credit Card. Banquet tickets may be purchased by credit card at the Banquet.

Holiday Inn Gateway in Torrance  
19800 S. Vermont Ave, Torrance, CA 90502

Hotel Pacific Garden  
1625 W. 158<sup>th</sup> Street, Gardena, CA90247

Gardena Civic Center Show Site  
1700 West 162<sup>nd</sup> Street, Gardena, California 90247



## KOI SHOW ENTRY REGISTRATION FORM and RULES

Show registration entry fee is \$185 for the first tank and banquet ticket, \$135 per extra tank. No extra charge for fish. Strict rules will be enforced for tank load limits.

### Show tank reservation:

Your complete show tank registration form and full payment must be received by Friday February 29th, 2025. Number of tanks will be set up according to the number of registration.

To start your registration:

1. Fill out this form
2. Send this form and all additional information by email to [ZNASOCAL@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:ZNASOCAL@OUTLOOK.COM)
3. We will acknowledge receipt of your registration by email and/or phone
4. We will email online invoice for you to pay from Square
5. Options to pay (Credit Card, Debit cards, Mobile wallets, ACH Payments

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

e-mail\*: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: \*\* Required fields

Koi Show registration , includes one Awards Banquet ticket.....\$ 185: QTY: 1 = \$185  
 Additional tanks.....\$135: QTY: \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_  
 Additional Awards Banquet Tickets: \$45: QTY: \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_

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

### Banquet tickets are limited, so please register Now!

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## RELEASE FOR OWNER & NON-OWNER ENTERED FISH

I, \_\_\_\_\_, authorize \_\_\_\_\_  
(Fish Owner – Print Name) (Representative – Print Name)

to enter the following Koi in the ZNA Southern California Chapter Koi Show. Please list Size and Variety of all fish entered:

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I agree that my representative is responsible for all entry fees; the delivery, care, and return of my fish; and the retrieval of any awards or prizes that my fish may win.

My representative will be present at the Awards Banquet to receive all awards for me.

I certify that the fish entered under my name are owned by me, and are not the property of any Koi dealer or breeder.

### **FOR ALL HOBBYISTS ENTERING KOI INTO THE ZNA SOCAL CHAPTER KOI SHOW:**

I understand and agree that the City of Gardena, its employees and officers, ZNA, ZNA Southern California Chapter, its Officers, Members, Judges, and Guests will not be held responsible in the event of fish Death, Disease, Injury, Disfigurement, or Loss under any circumstances.

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(Signature of Owner)

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(Date)

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(Signature of Representative)

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(Date)

# **KOI SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS**

Co-sponsored by Zen Nippon Airinkai Southern California Chapter  
and City of Gardena Department of Parks and Recreation

**THIS IS AN OPEN KOI SHOW –“ENGLISH” STYLE JUDGING. EACH PARTICIPANT WILL HAVE OWN TANK. ACCEPTING ALL HOBBYIST ENTRIES. DEALER OWNED KOI NOT ALLOWED. KOI OWNERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT AT THIS SHOW, HOWEVER, THE ENCLOSED SIGNED RELEASE FORM MUST ACCOMPANY THE ENTRIES. NON OWNER ENTRANTS FAILING TO PRESENT THE SIGNED RELEASE FORM WILL NOT BE ALLOWED. Each entrant must provide a net and blue tub, which is to be used in that person’s tank only. ZNA So. Cal will provide a limited number of sterilized nets and tubs.**

**DATE:** March 8th-9th, 2025

**PLACE:** Gardena Civic Center Complex, 1700 West 162nd St., Gardena, California 90247

## **ENTRY FORMS AND FEES:**

1. Registration open January 1st, 2025 the \$185 entry fee includes first tank and a banquet ticket (additional tanks \$135). No additional fee for fish. **Late registration is on a first-come first-served basis with no guarantee that a tank will be available.** Fish delivery deadline in order to compete must be onsite by 8:30am Saturday.
2. Changes in entry forms after submission will be by approval of the Show Chair only.
3. Entry fee: All Entrants - \$185 for first tank including one banquet ticket (additional tanks \$135).

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FISH LOAD FORMULA HAS BEEN CHANGED TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF YOUR KOI AND WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

### **Fish Load Formula:**

Size 8	80cm +	40 points
Size 7	70-79cm	30 points
Size 6	60-69cm	20 points
Size 5	50-59cm	15 points
Size 4	40-49cm	12 points
Size 3	30-39cm	7 points
Size 2	20-29cm	5 points
Size 1	Under 20cm	2 points

1 inch = 2.54 cm

One tank = 100 points or less.

## **DELIVERY & REMOVAL OF FISH**

1. FOR THE HEALTH & SAFETY OF YOUR FISH DO NOT FEED THEM FOR 5 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SHOW.
2. **To be eligible for judging in the show all fish must arrive at the show site between Friday 1pm-7pm or Saturday 7:00am- 8:30am.**
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 restricted from competing.**
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 on the Public Address System (about 3 pm on Sunday). In cases of extreme need, the Show Chairman may permit early removal of fish. All early exit must be submitted to Show Chairman prior to March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
5. At the close of the show, oxygen and rubber bands will be provided by the ZNA So Cal 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 sponsors 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 disregarded 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, however, no communication whatsoever with the Judges from the perimeter of the judging ring 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. Major Awards will be presented at the Show Banquet on Saturday night. All levels of awards will be available for pick-up on Sunday morning at the show site.

### **There will be full awards for Gosanke (Class A) and NonGosanke (Class B):**

**Gosanke:** Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, Mature Champion, Adult Champion, Young Champion, Baby Champion, Jumbo Champion, and 8 Best in Size Awards

**NonGosanke:** Grand Champion B, Reserve Champion B, Mature Champion B, Adult Champion B, Young Champion B, Baby Champion B, Jumbo Champion B, and 8 Best in Size Awards for B

Also there will be Show Chair award, Bob Spindola award, and Presidents award.

### CLASSES AND SIZES

1. All eight sizes will include the traditional 14 classifications.
2. Gosanke or A class defined as Kohaku, Showa, Sanke, Gin Rin A, Doistu A, and all Utsuri.
3. Non-Gosanke or B Class defined as all other varieties and metallic koi.
4. Hariwake will be judged in the Hikari Moyo Class.
5. Goshiki will be judged in the Koromo class/Goshiki class.
6. There is no specific Doitsu Class. Doitsu must be entered into the appropriate regular scale class.
7. GIN RIN: Koi with Kin Gin Rin markings
8. LONG FIN: There is no competitive class for long fin koi.
9. Tancho are defined as B class
10. Kin Showa will class as Hikari Utsuri

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR THE GRAND CHAMPION AWARD**

All koi are eligible to win the Grand Champion Award including past winners.

### **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 City of Gardena and its employees harmless in the event of fish Death, Disease, Injury, Disfigurement, or Loss under ANY circumstances.**
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 cleaned and water will be changed as needed. A water quality team has been established to assure 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.

**ZNA SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER ANNUAL OPEN KOI SHOW**

# ENTRY FORM

Write the number of fish entered in the appropriate box. Present form to the Entry Committee.

- All fish entered must be owned by the registered participant. (**Dealer owned fish 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.
- 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.
- Entry fees: **\$185 for the first show tank.** No additional charge for fish.

**Entry Fees:** (includes 1<sup>st</sup> Tank) ..... **\$185 x 1=** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Additional tanks (\$135 per tank)** ..... **\$135 x( )=** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total Fees** ..... **\$** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**e-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Payment must be included with your reservation form to reserve a tank. Verbal reservations without payment will not be honored due very high demand for tanks.**  
**Tanks will be reserved on a first come first served basis. Don't wait for the show and be disappointed.**

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