

50<sup>th</sup>

# ZNA SoCal Annual Koi Show & ZNA America Western District Show

Gardena Civic Center

700 West 162<sup>nd</sup> St. Gardena CA 90247

March 20th, 21st, and 22nd

Open to the public / No admission fee

- Beautiful Fish
- Koi Competition
- Entertainment and
- Special Guests
- Live Music

Friday 1pm to 5pm

- Koi Seminar
- Start of Koi Sales

Saturday 10am to 5pm

- Entertainment, Live Music, and Food
- Koi Judging
- Kois of a Scale social hour

Sunday 10am to 12pm

- Awards Ceremony
- Special honors
- Judges walk around

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## ZEN NIPPON AIRINKAI SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER

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

### Exhibitor Registration packet and show information

Dear Members and Friends,

Our 50th Annual ZNA SoCal Chapter Koi Show co-sponsored by the City of Gardena Department of Parks and Recreation will be held on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, at the Gardena Civic Center Complex (1700 West 162<sup>nd</sup> Street, Gardena, California 90247). Our show is the longest running show in the world outside of Japan. We are also honored to be hosting ZNA America Western District show this year.

The show will 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 or A Group and Non-Gosanke or B Group varieties. Each hobbyist must own the fish being entered in the show and will have his/her own tank(s). Entrants are encouraged to reserve their tanks early as there are a limited number of tanks. Our show will maintain water quality for the show and recommend tanks not be overcrowded. Please see Fish Load Formula later in this packet for guidelines for your tanks.

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, Igay Yazdi at [igalyazdi@gmail.com](mailto:igalyazdi@gmail.com) or Gerald Ellison at [ZNASOCAL@outlook.com](mailto:ZNASOCAL@outlook.com). We can use all the help we can get!!!

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 50<sup>th</sup> Annual ZNA SoCal Chapter Koi Show.

Sincerely,

Igal Yazdi – President of ZNA SoCal - [igalyazdi@gmail.com](mailto:igalyazdi@gmail.com)

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



## 2026 SHOW SCHEDULE

### **Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>.**

9:00 am: Start of setup and preparations

### **Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 am: Setup continues

12:00 pm: Setup completed

1:00 pm: Benching Begins & Start of Vendor sales

2:00 pm: ZNA America Koi Seminar

6:00 pm: Benching ends

### **Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 am: Start of Remaining Benching

8:30 am: Deadline of Koi Check in

9:00 am: Opening Ceremonies - Introductions and Taiko Drums

9:15 am: Start of vendor sales

9:30 am: Start of Koi Judging

5:00 pm: End of Koi Judging and Vendor sales

6:30 pm: Kois of Scales Social hour

### **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

9:00 am: Vender sales

10:00 am: Special presentations and Show winners

11:00 am: Judges walkaroud and commentary

12:00 pm: End of show



## KOI SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All koi entered must be owned by amateur hobbyist. Dealer owned koi are not eligible. Registration is open to all hobbyist members and hobbyist nonmembers of ZNA SoCal.
  - a. Definition of amateur Koi Hobbyist: an individual who keeps and cares for koi fish primarily for personal enjoyment then any commercial benefit.
2. This is an open koi show “English” style judging. Each participant will have own tank.
3. All Entrants can register up to 2 tanks for initial registration round. An Optional 3<sup>rd</sup> and final tank are available pending availability and will be offered for anyone noting this in their registration packet. Initial registration round will end March 11<sup>th</sup>. Optional 3<sup>rd</sup> tank will be offered in order based off payment timestamp of initial registration.
4. There will be no limit on the number of entries per person other than those directed by tank load limitations.

- a. Fish Load Formula:

Size 9	90 cm & above	60 points
Size 8	80 cm to 89.9 cm	40 points
Size 7	70 cm to 79.9 cm	30 points
Size 6	60 cm to 69.9 cm	20 points
Size 5	50 cm to 59.9 cm	15 points
Size 4	40 cm to 49.9 cm	12 points
Size 3	30 cm to 39.9 cm	7 points
Size 2	20 cm to 20.9 cm	5 points
Size 1	Under 20 cm	2 points

1 inch = 2.54 cm

One tank = 100 points

ZNA SoCal recommends not to exceed 80 points per tank for Koi health and best presentation of your Koi for judging

5. The entrant or representative of the fish must be present at the tank during benching (measuring and classification). The entry committee is the final authority regarding classification and size.
6. All Koi are eligible to win Grand Champion including past winners!
7. All entries will be checked for injuries, parasites, and diseases. Fish deemed by the entry committee to be showing possible signs of any type of disease or parasites will be restricted from competing. Transport damage will not prevent entry into the show.

8. Koi that have been exposed in any way to the koi herpes virus (KHV) are not eligible for this show and should NOT be transported to the show site. ZNA SoCal will enforce this rule to the best of its ability but must ultimately rely on the honesty and integrity of all exhibitors.
9. No fish may be bagged or removed from the show site once they are bench and entered into the competition until close of the show on Sunday at 12pm, noon. For any other situations, this must be escalated to the Show Chair either ahead of the start of the show or in timely manner.
10. ZNA SoCal will take a color digital photo of each koi for benching and judging purposes and reserved the right to post online.
11. Hobbyists are encouraged to purchase koi from vendors during the show. Hobbyists who wish to exhibit koi purchased at the show can enter with vendor tanks.
12. No one other than the judges, club officers, and show staff shall be in internal show ring area while koi are being judged. Observers and entrants are permitted to watch the judging but are to refrain from any communications with the judges during judging. Video or audio recording of the judging is not permitted.
13. ZNA SoCal will take all reasonable precautions to safeguard entered fish but the owner will assume all risk and responsibility of their fish while at the show.
14. 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 Chair.
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16. Move-ups will be automatic. All award categories will be filled.
17. All awards will be private until announced on Sunday at the Awards Ceremony.
18. 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.
19. 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.



## Classification and Sizes

1. Koi will be benched into the following categories:

Classification	Group	Info
Kohaku	A	Includes scaled and doitsu
Sanke	A	Includes scaled and doitsu
Showa	A	Includes scaled and doitsu
Utsurimono	A	All non-metallic Utsuri (shiro, hi, ki)
Bekko	B	Includes shiro, hi, and ki Bekko
Tancho	B	All Tancho including Tancho GoSanke, Gin Rin and non-gosanke
Asagi/Shusui	B	Includes, hi, and ki Asagi & Shusui
Koromo/Goshiki	B	Ai, Sumi, Budo, Goromo Sanke and Showa & Goshiki Showa and Sanke, etc
Kawarimono	B	Non-metallics including Ochiba, Kumunryu
Gin Rin B	B	All Ginrin versions of B Groups
Hikari Moyomono	B	Metallics with patterns, Hariwake, and Kikokuryu
Hikari Utsurimono	B	Metallics with Utsuri patterns & Kin Showa
Hikari Mujimono	B	Single-color metallic incl Ginrin & Matsuba
Mujimono	B	Single-color non-metallic incl Ginrin & Matsuba

2. **Sizes** – There will be 9 size classes as follows:

Size 9	90 cm & above
Size 8	80 cm to 89.9 cm
Size 7	70 cm to 79.9 cm
Size 6	60 cm to 69.9 cm
Size 5	50 cm to 59.9 cm
Size 4	40 cm to 49.9 cm
Size 3	30 cm to 39.9 cm
Size 2	20 cm to 20.9 cm
Size 1	Under 20 cm

3. **Long Fins** There is no competitive class for long fin koi
4. **This show has no specific Doitsu category.** Doitsu koi are benched according to the category of their scaled counterparts, e.g. doitsu showa benched as showa
5. **Gin Rin A** are benched according to their GoSanke or A group. Gin Rin Sanke benched as Sanke
6. All koi are eligible to win the Grand Champion Award including past winners.

**7. Major Awards:**

<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>
Grand Champion A	Grand Champion B
Reserve Champion A	Reserve Champion B
Mature Champion A (Sizes 7, 8, or 9)	Mature Champion B (Sizes 7, 8, or 9)
Jumbo Champion A (Sizes 7, 8, or 9)	Jumbo Champion B (Sizes 7, 8, or 9)
Adult Champion A (Sizes 5-6)	Adult Champion B (Sizes 5-6)
Young Champion A (Sizes 3-4)	Young Champion B (Sizes 3-4)
Baby Champion A (Sizes 1-2)	Baby Champion B (Sizes 1-2)

20. **Best in Size Awards:** Koi that do not win any Major awards will be eligible for Best in Size awards for each size (1-9) and each group (A & B).
21. **Best in Variety Champion awards:** There will be 4 Champion of Varieties award – Miyabi, Sakura, Tsubaki, and Botan
22. **Other Awards:** Show Chair Award, Bob Spindola Award, and Presidents award
23. **Friendship awards:** Other clubs, ZNA Chapters, and other organizations welcome.
24. The **Novice Award** will only be eligible to owners who have not competed in a koi show previously.



## 2026 ZNA SoCal KOI SHOW Exhibitor Registration forms

Only fill out and email to [ZNASoCal@outlook.com](mailto:ZNASoCal@outlook.com) the below forms for your registration.

Your complete show tank registration form and full payment must be received within 7 days of accepted registration packet.

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 by Credit Card
  - a. We do not accept checks or cash.

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

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

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**(All above fields required)**

### Reservation Information:

Koi Show Registration and Tank:	\$185	QTY: 1 x \$185 = \$185
Additional 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tank:	\$135	QTY: _____ x \$135 = _____
Optional 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tank: (waiting list)	\$135	Yes or No: _____
ZNA America Seminar:	\$ 50	QTY: 1 x \$50 = _____

Total Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_

### Indemnification:

- I declare that I own the koi that I am entering.
- I declare that I am a hobbyist and not a koi dealer (see separate document).
- I declare that I will read and adhere to the show rules.
- I declare that the koi being entered have not been exposed in any way to Koi Herpes Virus (KHV), including inoculation for KHV.
- I agree to indemnify the ZNA SoCal from all legal harm. I agree to pay all legal fees, court costs, and damages that may arise from 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.
- Payment of legal fees, court costs, and damages by registrants shall be made directly to the ZNA SoCal. 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.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



## ENTRY FORM

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

<b>Class</b>	<b>Group A/B</b>	<b>Size 1</b> Under 20 cm	<b>Size 2</b> 20-29 cm	<b>Size 3</b> 30-39 cm	<b>Size 4</b> 40-49 cm	<b>Size 5</b> 50-59 cm	<b>Size 6</b> 60-69 cm	<b>Size 7</b> 70-79 cm	<b>Size 8</b> 80-89 cm	<b>Size 9</b> 90cm+
Kohaku	A									
Sanke	A									
Showa	A									
Utsurimono	A									
Hikari Utsuri	B									
Asagi/Shusui	B									
Bekko	B									
Kawarimono	B									
Hikari Moyomono	B									
Koromo/ Goshiki	B									
Gin Rin B	B									
Tancho	B									
Hikari Mujimono	B									
Mujimono	B									

### Optional: RELEASE FOR OWNER & NON-OWNER ENTERED FISH

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Fish Owner – Print Name), authorize \_\_\_\_\_  
(Representative – Print Name) to enter the following Koi in the ZNA Southern California  
Chapter Koi Show.

Signature of Owner/Hobbyist: :\_\_\_\_\_ DATE:\_\_\_\_\_