



# NORE

Northern Ohio Reef Enthusiasts

## Reef Auction Information

### Buyers:

- All buyers must register for a buyer number before bidding. Buyer registration will be open for the duration of the auction. All items are tracked under that buyer number.
- Buyers must check out before leaving.
- All auction items become the buyer's responsibility. Unclaimed or left items become property of NORE.
- No refunds will be issued; disputes regarding items must be reported immediately upon purchase with valid cause. We recommend inspecting anything you wish to bid on before bidding
- Accepted payment methods: Cash, Credit/Debit Card

### Sellers:

- All items must be marine/reef aquarium hobby related. Marine fish, coral, inverts, plants, and aquarium gear are accepted. No illegal animals will be accepted.
- All sellers and items must be properly registered.
- Each seller is limited to **15 total auction lots**. A lot may contain one or multiple items, and sellers are encouraged to bundle smaller items together when appropriate.
- Sellers may bring additional items; however, only 15 lots per seller will be accepted into the auction. Any additional items may be entered as donations at the discretion of NORE.
- Lot numbers will be assigned by NORE.
- Each item must be **LEGIBLY** labeled with:
  - Seller's number (initials, ex. Jack T. Reefer – JTR)
  - Item number – Seller's number + item (JTR-01, JTR-02, JTR-03)
  - Common & Scientific Name (if available)
  - Number of pieces in bag
  - Number of polyps on coral if applicable
  - Sex of the fish if determinable.
- **Each individual item must have its own item number, even if multiple items are included in a single lot.**
- Items with illegible or missing labels will be considered a donation.
- Please mark all donations as DON.
- Sellers are responsible for ensuring all items are labeled prior to check-in.
- The 4-Color sticker system will be used. Colored stickers will be made available at the time of registration. The first color group will be selected before the start of



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the auction. No new auction items will be added to the color table upon the first item being sold.

- No minimum-bid items will be accepted. **All lots will open at NORE's starting bid or an approved Protected Lot reserve price.** Once an item is entered, it may not be withdrawn unless a Protected Lot does not meet its reserve.
- **NEW!!! Protected Lots.** Sellers may request a reserve price by entering a lot as a **Protected Lot** at check-in, subject to NORE's approval; seller must pay NORE's commission on the reserve upfront based on membership level (non-refundable); Protected Lots will open at 50% - 75% of the reserve price, and if bidding meets or exceeds the reserve, the lot will be sold as normal, if not the lot will not be sold and will be returned to the seller; the prepaid commission applies to the reserve portion of the final sale price, and any amount above the reserve will be split according to the seller's membership level.
- NORE will determine an appropriate starting bid for each item. Minimum starting bid will be \$5.
- All aquarium & electrical equipment must be in good working order or labeled to its condition. No badly cracked or broken tanks will be accepted. Seller is solely responsible for mislabeled merchandise.
- All live items must be in proper bags/containers. Coral bags/containers must contain ample water. Fish bags/containers must contain ample air and water. A re-bagging fee of \$5 will be imposed if the item is not properly bagged and/or there is leaking water.
- NORE reserves the right to reject any live item or equipment that is not fit for sale, i.e., sick, diseased, deformed, badly damaged, cracked, or deemed not salvageable.
- Items that do not get a starting bid will be considered a donation and sold in lots or included in the members door prize raffle at the end of the auction (excluding Protected Lots).
- Seller's proceeds are typically issued within one week of the auction. Please allow up to 60 days for processing. Funds will be sent via Huntington Bill Pay to the seller's address collected upon check-in.
- 85/15 Split of Proceeds for NORE Gold Members
- 80/20 Split of Proceeds for NORE Silver Members
- 70/30 Split of Proceeds for Non NORE Members
- NORE will retain \$2 for all items not reaching a \$10 minimum bid.

### All:

- **NEW!!! Power Play:** Bidders may purchase a **Power Play** card for \$10. The card must be presented at the auction table and will move a bidder-selected lot to



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be auctioned immediately following the current lot. Power Play may not be used consecutively. Sellers may not use this option to advance their own lots.

- NORE membership is not required to participate. If you would like to purchase a membership you may do so at [www.nore.fish/membership](http://www.nore.fish/membership)
- By participating you are acknowledging that all sales are final and NORE is not responsible for any and all liabilities incurred by participating in the auction including loss or death of fish or coral and integrity of equipment. Neither NORE or Missing Falls Brewery will be held responsible for personal injury during the auction or while on the auction site.