

Dos and Don'ts for koi judges

- judging manners -

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- **Build up your respected character as a judge.**
- **Keep on developing your appreciation ability to make fair and honourable decisions.**
- **Brush up your judging skill if you haven't judged at a show for a long time.**
- **Prepare yourself before a show.**
- **Behave as a representative of Zen Nippon Airinkai at all times.**

Do's

- Dress neatly and appropriately as a judge.
- Wear your name plate on your jacket.
- When a show cap or hat is provided, wear it properly.
- Familiarise yourself with the judging procedures and show rules at each show,
 - especially variety classifications and the award structure.
- Set your mobile phone to mute and do not use it during judging.
- Remove sunglasses or colored glasses before judging.
- Remove wristwatch and any accessories on your fingers and wrists (in case of touching fish).
- Greet your judging team, handling helpers and assistants before starting to judge.
- Refrain from any action that may be considered suspicious prior to judging.
- Express your opinions objectively and accept the opinions of others and the results with good grace
- Refrain from argumentative debate in public.

Don'ts

- Don't check entry koi before starting to judge.
- Don't put your hands in your pockets and don't put a towel around your neck during a show.
- Don't smoke during judging. Smoke at a smoking area during a break
- Do not discuss entry koi with non-judges, handlers and visitors .
- Don't use abusive words or behaviour.
- Don't use expressions that are derogatory to koi.
- Don't move large koi in and out carelessly (at a Japanese-style show).
- Don't stick doggedly to your own opinion in judging. Consider the opinions of others with respect.

Remember.

- Dishonest judging is inexcusable.