

To All IKGH Members.

I have been watching the information issued regarding the corona virus. It is obviously a concern for the IKGH 2020 Guppy Championship.

I am finding that many different countries are giving differing information to their people. Some are much more worrying than others. I suspect that the problem will become much worse in Europe before it gets better. So we have to ask, how will that affect our competition?

To be reasonable, we have to allow each show organiser to make his own decision to cancel his show or not, according to the advice and information from his own government. The club must also consider the financial side of hosting a show – will breeders still visit to enable the income from selling the entries, and will numbers of entries justify hosting a show. In the circumstances there will be no bad feeling towards any club that cancels, but we must ask that they tell of cancellation as soon as they make the decision so as to minimalise any costs or expenses for travellers.

With regards to the judges who are invited, again they may have legitimate reasons for not travelling. We can only ask that they notify as early as possible if they are not able or willing to travel. Again in the circumstances there will be no bad feeling towards any judge that has to cancel.

With regards to breeders visiting a show, they must make their own decision according to the information that they have. Breeders or judges who do not attend will not be delivering their fish as normal. However, it should still be possible to use a courier to send fish. If this is the case then please make sure that they will arrive BEFORE the show begins. The rules state that it is the responsibility of the breeder to get his entries to the show and on time.

One or all of the shows may have to be cancelled. The Championship results will be calculated from the shows that do take place, even if it is only one show. Shows that still take place must comply with all existing IKGH rules, for example no more than two judges from any one country.

With regards to the awarding of the trophies for 2019, we would normally have a short awards ceremony at one of the 2020 shows. This will not happen this year. I will send all the trophies to the relevant clubs who can award them accordingly to their winning members, unless an individual would like them sent direct. I will be in contact with the relevant clubs to make the arrangements for this.

Stay safe and stay healthy,

Steve Elliott
IKGH President