

Coast Division Auction Rules

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Coast Division Auction Instructions & Rules

1. The Coast Division Auction is a function of and conducted by the Coast Division of the Pacific Coast Region (PCR). The PCR is a Region of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA).
2. The Auction and Accounting Committees reserve the right to handle as they see fit, all matters concerning the auction and its accounting.
3. Any matter or concern regarding the live auction should be brought to the attention of the Auction Chairman or his designee.
4. The final resolution of all matters regarding the live auction shall be the decision of the Auction Chairman or his designee.
5. All sales, in or around the meeting site, must be handled through the Auction and Accounting Committees.
6. The Auction Committee, the Auction Accounting Committee, the Coast Division, the PCR, and the NMRA, their agents and staff acting in their official capacity, assumes no responsibility for the condition or truthfulness of fact regarding any item processed through the auction.

Who May Participate

Any person who meets one of the following criteria may participate in the Coast Division Auction:

1. A NMRA member in good standing
Note: The purchase of an NMRA membership at the Meet qualifies a person as an NMRA member

How the Auction Works

1. Anyone not familiar with the Coast Division Auction procedures should thoroughly read all the rules and talk with an Auction Committee member about procedures.
2. Bidder's cards are handed out at the time given in the Meeting Notice in the Coast Dispatcher.
3. The Coast Division Auction is composed of a Live Auction. The Live Auction starts following the business meeting, and ends when all items entered have been auctioned or 6:00pm, whichever occurs first.

Live Auction:

1. Items will be auctioned in ascending number order, unless the Auction Committee Chairman elects to do otherwise.
2. Bids shall advance by one dollar increments or more, unless reduced by the auctioneer; but in no case, shall the bid be advanced by an amount smaller than 25 cents.
3. At the completion of the bids for each item, the item will be forwarded to the Accounting Committee who will collect the selling price before delivering the item to the buyer

4. The Auction Accounting Chairman will deny any buyer who accumulates more than 10 unpaid items the opportunity to continue bidding until his purchases are paid for and removed from the accounting area

How to Bid:

1. Every person who desires to place bids during the Live Auction must register with the Auction Card Chairman. This person is located in the auction room and can be recognized by the large plywood box containing the bidder cards. To receive a Bidder's Card, a Pacific Coast Region member must be in the current NMRA-supplied database or be able to produce a valid NMRA membership card. NMRA members living outside of the PCR must show a valid NMRA membership card.
2. The Bidder's Card has two sides; an orange side and a white side. To bid on an item, raise the bidder card high over your head so that it is easily seen by the auctioneer. Continue to hold the bidder card up until the bid amount exceeds your maximum personal bid or the auctioneer indicates that you have won the bid. If you have won the bid, immediately turn the card around so that the Accounting Committee can see your bidder number. Please be sure to have the number on the card upright and visible.
3. When you have finished bidding on any more items, proceed to the Accounting table to pay for and receive your new possessions. Checks tendered must contain the printed name and address of the presenter and made payable to "CASH".
4. Bidders should be cognizant of their position in the auction room in respect to window glare behind them or physical obstructions that would prevent the Accounting volunteers from seeing their bidder card to record the bidder number.

Buyer Rules

1. Buyers must use their assigned bidder's card to take part in the auction.
2. Buyers must present bidder's card to the Accounting Committee to claim purchases.
3. The Accounting Committee will only accept checks from members of the PCR. Make Checks Payable to the order of "Cash". Travelers Checks are acceptable from any auction participant. Any NMRA member from outside of the PCR who desires to participate in the auction should arrange to have a sufficient amount of cash, or Travelers Checks available to cover his purchases.
4. Any item that did not receive a bid is considered a "No Bid" item. Once the item has been declared a "No Bid" item by the auctioneer, the item is no longer available for sale and will be returned to the seller.
5. Any buyer who accumulates 10 purchases must immediately proceed to the accounting clerk to pay for those items. Any bidder who does not comply will cause the auction to be stopped and their bidder number called out to come to the auction clerks table to pay for their items.

Seller Rules

1. Sellers must pick up their bidder's card before requesting Auction Item Cards.
2. A seller may enter up to 25 initial items in the Regular Auction. At 10:00 am sellers may request additional cards.
3. Auction Item Cards will be available in advance of the auction date when requested by the following positions:

- a. Auction Chairman
- b. Registrar
- c. Bidder card chairman
- d. Food Services personnel
- e. Contest chairman(en)
- f. Auction committee volunteers actively working the auction prior to 12:00 noon

Advance auction cards must be requested at least two weeks prior to the meet from the auction chairman. Advance distribution of auction item cards will commence at card number 201 and up. The first 200 cards will be held for distribution at the auction on the day of the meet.

4. All wheeled items must be securely mounted on a temporary base (cardboard sheet, etc.) or contained within an open-topped box for safe handling by the Auction Committee. Loose or unstable items will be removed from the auction.
5. For ease of handling, multiple items listed on one auction item card must be securely combined together.
6. Once an item is entered in the auction, the seller cannot remove it from the auction until it is either sold or rejected as a "no-bid" item.
7. A seller must present his bidder's card and claim checks to the Accounting Committee to claim "no bid" items and or monies for items sold.
8. The seller will donate 10% of the selling price of each item to the Coast Division. This 10% donation, rounded to the nearest 5 cents, shall be deducted from the selling price of each item.
9. Each Seller agrees that the buyer shall pay for the item before the seller receives his money for it.
10. All "no-bid" items and monies due the seller must be claimed no later than the close of accounting for the auction. "No Bid" items will not be returned to a seller unless he also agrees to pay for his current purchases and collects his funds due from item sales that have been picked up by the respective buyers. The only exception is those claim checks entrusted to the Paymaster by Coast Division members for payment by mail. The Paymaster will pay claim checks so entrusted with a Coast Division Check. The Coast Division Checks are made out for the undisputable total of the claim checks so entrusted less the 10% donation to the Coast Division and \$1.00 for handling the transaction by mail.
11. Seller agrees to accept checks made payable to "CASH" as well as currency and coin in payment for items sold.
12. All sellers are encouraged to read the document "How to Enter and price your auction Items" published in the 2nd Qtr 2017 Coast Dispatcher