



Competition Classes and Coding

























There are 24 classes for guppies in the World Guppy Contest. There are 600 pairs of guppies expected and they all need to be coded so that they can be sorted into the 24 sets. It is important that entrants help with the process so that time can be saved during the booking in. If it takes only a minute to make a single entry, then that will be 600 minutes - 10 hours! Even with our superb team booking in, if they take only 30 seconds per entry that will still be 300 minutes - 5 hours of intense work!

All breeders can help the process by completing the **entry form to give the code of the fish, the breeders name, their club and their country**. The form should be completed on a computer and not hand written if at all possible. It has been experience that different handwriting from different countries and even different ages of writer, can be difficult to distinguish and read clearly. It is important that we have the correct and clear information to help speed up the process, and of course to be able to spell the winning breeders names correctly!

Whilst all the breeders will be expected to code their fish, they will all be thoroughly checked and confirmed during the booking in to reduce any errors so there is no need to worry, just do your best!

Why do we code the fish? The simple answer is so that all the same fish are together in the show display. It is a glorified filing system. The code is based upon what you can see, the ancestry and genetics are not relevant because you cannot see these.

The first number in the code represents the class. This is probably the easiest part of the code. It distinguishes between the different tails shapes (and the colour with regards to the triangle tails classes 1 - 9). So for example all the bottom swords will be together, all the crown tails will be together etc etc. The class numbers as following:

CODE	STANDARD	CODE	STANDARD
1	 DELTA TAIL RED	13	 DOUBLE SWORD
2	 DELTA TAIL BLUE	14	 TOP SWORD
3	 DELTA TAIL GREEN	15	 BOTTOM SWORD
4	 DELTA TAIL 1/2 OR 3/4 BLACK	16	 LYRE TAIL
5	 DELTA TAIL SNAKESKIN / LACE	17	 SPADE TAIL
6	 DELTA TAIL MULTICOLORED	18	 SPEAR TAIL
7	 DELTA TAIL GRASS	19	 ROUND TAIL
8	 DELTA TAIL ALBINO	20	 PIN TAIL
9	 DELTA TAIL ANY OTHER COLOR	21	 RIBBON FIN
10	 FAN TAIL	22	 SWALLOW TAIL
11	 FLAG TAIL	23	 HALF MOON TAIL
12	 VEIL TAIL	24	 CROWN TAIL

Class 2- Delta Tail Blue includes blue Moscow













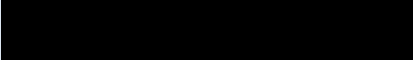
Class 3- Delta Tail Green includes green Moscow

Class 9- Delta Tail Any Other Colors will be "AOC", e.g. Purple, Yellow, Black, white etc.

The second part of the code refers to the base colour of the guppy. The easiest way to explain this is with the standard grey colour and the blond guppy, both of which are known by all breeders. These are base colours. If there is any doubt about a base colour it will always be attributed the base colour 'grey'. There are 8 other accepted base colours to make a list of 10 and the list is as following:

CODE	BACKGROUND COLOR
1	GREY 
2	GOLD / BRONZE 
3	BLOND 
4	BLUE 
5	PINK 
6	ALBINO 
7	WHITE 
8	SILVER 
9	CREAM 
10	LUTINO (WREA) 

The third and final part of the code refers to the top colour and pattern as following:

CODE	FOREGROUND COLOUR	CODE	FOREGROUND COLOUR
1	RED 	11	SNAKESKIN / FILIGRAN/ LACE 
2	BLUE 	12	VIENNESE EMERALD 
3	GREEN 	13	A COLORED GROUP OF SINGLE COLOR not in 1-6 e.g. purple orange magenta etc.
4	YELLOW 	14	MULTI COLORED
5	WHITE	15	AC – ANY COLOUR GROUP OF MIXED COLOR
6	BLACK 	16	AOC – ANY OTHER COLOR 2nd GROUP OF MIXED COLOR
7	NEON 	17	MULTI COLORED TWO TONE
8	MOSCOW  (BLUE / BLACK HEAD)	18	JAPANESE BLUE 
		19	BLUE / RED GRASS 
9	METALLIC 		
10	1/2 - 3/4 BLACK 		

Codes 15 and 16 are not colours but a tool for the show manager to use to group small groups of colours together to make a larger group. So these can be ignored for the purpose of coding the guppies.

Examples



Triangle Tail / Grey / Green

3 / 1 / 3



Triangle Tail / Grey / Metallic / Multicolour

6 / 1 / 9 / 14



Round Tail / Grey / Snakeskin (Lace,
Filigran)

19 / 1 / 11



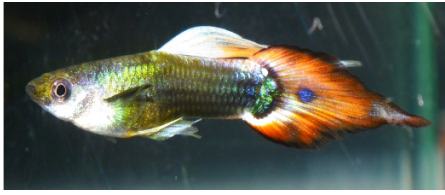
Triangle Tail / Grey / Filigran (Lace,
Snakeksin)

5 / 1 / 11



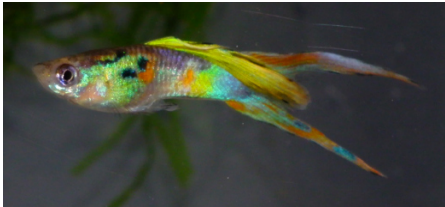
Lyre Tail / Grey / Metallic

16 / 1 / 9



Spear Tail/ Grey / Half Black / Red

18 / 1 / 10 / 1



Double Sword Tail/ Gold / Multicoloured

13 / 2 / 14



Bottom Sword Tail/ Blond / Multicoloured

15 / 3 / 14



Round Tail/ Pink / Moscow

19 / 5 / 8

This is the exception to the rule! The only guppy that is coded by knowledge and not by what you can see! The base colour is 'Pink' and cannot be seen on the male. The female can be distinguished by the lack of scale colour to the bottom quarter at the base of the caudal peduncle.



Triangle Tail/ Blond / Half black / Red

4 / 3 / 10 / 1

If anyone has any questions or requires any assistance, we are happy to help.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to confirm the basis from which the judges will be advised to make their assessments.

There are 3 main world guppy regions and each has their own system and indeed standards for judging guppies. These standards all have a lot more in common than they have differences. There will be judges from every region and they are all very well experienced with high breed guppies and judging. It is clear that any set should be easily recognised for what is intended and will be assessed on that merit and not down pointed for particular 'regional' features. So for example a sail fin will not be down pointed or, if any guppy be 'large' or 'oversize' then no points will be deducted. So it is a level playing field for all competitors!