

Chapter 4K: Large pectoral fins (Trial Class)

General remark:

A Betta will be classified with the large pectoral fins when the pectorals are at least 1/3 of the width of the anal fin (B-C).

Large pectoral fins can be combined with all other finnage and size variations as described in the Bettas4all Standard (see **Chapter 4A–4J**). Bettas with large pectoral fins are often referred to as “Dumbo”, “Big Ears” or Elephant Ears”.

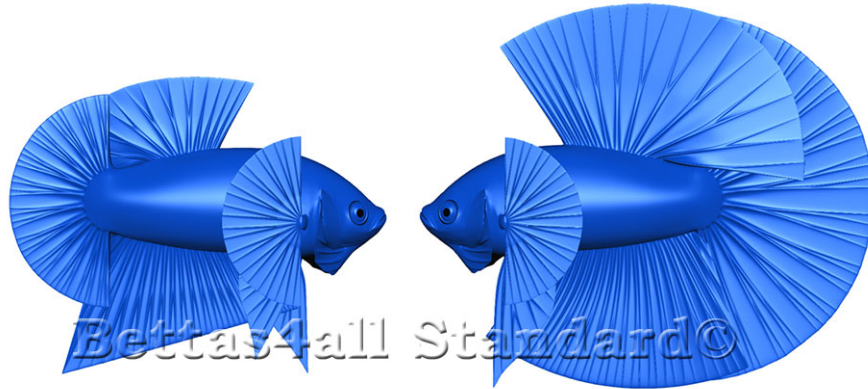


Figure 4K.1 2D representation of the 3D model of the ideal large pectorals in a shortfin (left) and longfin (right) (created by Stefan George Psarakos).

1. General appearance

1.1 Condition & deportment

As described for all other show Bettas (see **Chapter 3**).

1.2 Overall size

As described for all other show Bettas (see **Chapter 3**).

1.3 Overall balance

An important point with respect to overall balance is that the finnage has to be in proportion with the body. The width of the anal fin (B-C) is used as a reference to define the desired proportions (see **Figure 4K.2**). In the ideal situation the length of the rays of the pectoral fins, are equal to 1/2 of the width of the anal fin (B-C).

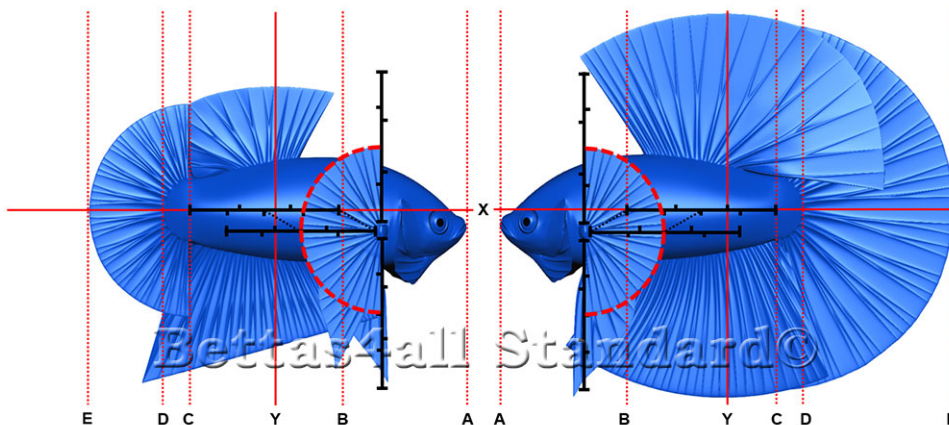


Figure 4K.2 Ideal form of the pectoral fins in a shortfin (left) and longfin (right).

2. Body

2.1 Form & dimension

As described for all other show Bettas (see **Chapter 3**).

2.2. Scalation

As described for all other show Bettas (see **Chapter 3**).

3. Finnage

3.1 Caudal fin

As described for all other finnage varieties (see **Chapter 3** and **Chapter 4A–4J**).

3.2 Dorsal fin

As described for all other finnage varieties (see **Chapter 3** and **Chapter 4A–4J**).

3.3 Anal fin

As described for all other finnage varieties (see **Chapter 3** and **Chapter 4A–4J**).

3.4 Ventral fins

As described for all other finnage varieties (see **Chapter 3** and **Chapter 4A–4J**).

3.5 Pectoral fins

As described for all other finnage varieties (see **Chapter 3** and **Chapter 4A–4J**) in combination with the ideal dimensions (see **Paragraph 1.3** and **Figure 4K.2**).



Figure 4K.3 Examples of shortfinned males with large pectoral fins.

(A) Breeder unknown (picture by Silvio Westphal; Germany), (B) Breeder unknown (picture by Evan Quek; Singapore) and (C) was bred by Sattawas Bandasak (Thailand).

Please note that these fish are examples and still exhibit points requiring improvement.



Figure 4K.4 Examples of longfinned males with large pectoral fins.

Veiltail with large pectoral fins (A), Halfmoon with large pectoral fins (B) and (C)

(A) Breeder unknown, (B) was bred by Sarawut Angkunanuwat (Thailand) and (C) was bred by Sattawas Bandasak (Thailand).

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