

## Chapter 2: Show Classes

**General remark:** When the finnage or color variety of a fish is of an “in-between” type the fish has to be shown in the class where it is least faulted.

### 1. Show classes Bettas4all Standard®

At Bettas4all sanctioned shows fish can be entered in the following 19 main show classes (see **table 2.1**).

Table 2.1 Main show classes Bettas4all Standard®

a. Show class + gender	b. Finnacle variety	c. Class code:	d. Chapter:	e. Color variety
<b>Male</b>				
<b>Shortfin (plakat)</b>	Traditional	M1	3A	All colors*
	Asymmetrical halfmoon	M2	3B	All colors*
	Symmetrical halfmoon	M3	3C	All colors*
	Doubletail	M4	3D	All colors*
	Crowntail	M5	3E	All colors*
<b>Longfin</b>	Veiltail	M6	3F	All colors*
	Halfmoon	M7	3G	All colors*
	Doubletail	M8	3H	All colors*
	Crowntail	M9	3I	All colors*
<b>Special classes</b>	<b>Form &amp; Variations</b>	<b>M10</b>	<b>3J</b>	<b>All colors*</b>
<b>Female</b>				
<b>Shortfin (plakat)</b>	Traditional	F1	3K	All colors*
	Halfmoon	F2+3	3K	All colors*
	Doubletail	F4	3K	All colors*
	Crowntail	F5	3K	All colors*
<b>Longfin</b>	Veiltail	F6	3K	All colors*
	Halfmoon	F7	3K	All colors*
	Doubletail	F8	3K	All colors*
	Crowntail	F9	3K	All colors*
<b>Special classes</b>	<b>Form &amp; Variations</b>	<b>F10</b>	<b>3K</b>	<b>All colors*</b>

\* If possible, show classes are further divided in subcategories based on color variety (see **Chapter 4**).

No difference will be made between new and experienced breeders, as well as hobby and commercial breeders. Fish of participants under 18 years of age will be entered in the regular show classes and will be judged according to the same standards as participants over 18 years of age. However, only the fish entered by participants under 18 years of age are eligible to the Best of Show Youth prizes (see **Chapter 5**)

### 2. Splitting show classes

The Bettas4all Judging Team has the right to split show classes in order to create a more interesting and challenging competition. Splitting show classes into extra classes is only allowed when there are at least six fish of a certain subvariety which are entered by a minimum of two breeders. Here it is important that the amount of (sub)classes does not exceed the maximum prizes made available by the organization.

- **Splitting color classes:** Optional color show classes are for example separate classes for unicolor, bicolor, marble, grizzle, banded and multicolor fish and if possible even further division into subclasses. These subcategories are discussed in greater detail in the standard for color Characteristics (see **Chapter 4, 4A and 4B**).
- **Splitting the Form & Variation classes:** Optional show classes here are for example separate classes for doubletail crowntail (DTCT), doubletail veiltail (DTVT), doubletail crowntail plakat (DTCTPK) giants, fish with extreme large pectoral fins (also known as “dumbo/big ears”) and/or swordtails. These subcategories are discussed in greater detail in the standard for Form & Variation (see **Chapter 3J and 3K**).

### 3. Coding show classes

As depicted in Table 2.1, the main show classes are designated by unique class code which includes all color varieties.

- **Example 1:** Class code ‘M7’ corresponds with the show class ‘Male longfin’ and finnage variant ‘Halfmoon’, color variety ‘All colors’.

- **Example 2:** Class code 'M10' corresponds with the show class 'Male special classes' and finnage variant 'Form & Variations', color variety 'All colors'.

### 3.1 Coding color classes:

When the 'All color' class, is splitted into specific color subclasses, the name of the color variety will be added to the class code.

- **Example 3:** If the Longfin male, halfmoon class, all colors (M7) can be splitted into a unicolor, a bicolor and an all other colors (AOC) class, the class codes will be:
  - i. M7 – Unicolor
  - ii. M7 – Bicolor
  - iii. M7 – AOC
- **Example 4:** When the 'M7 unicolor class' mentioned in example 3 is divided in a dark- and lightbody class the class codes will be:
  - i. M7 – Unicolor Darkbody
  - ii. M7 – Unicolor Lightbody
  - iii. M7 – Bicolor
  - iv. M7 – AOC

### 3.2 Coding Form & Variation Classes

When the 'Form & Variation' classes, male (M10) or female (F10), are splitted into subclasses for specific finnage, size or form variants, a lower case letter in alphabetical order in combination with the name of the variety will be added to the class code.

- **Example 5:** If the Male special classes, Form & Variation class, all colors (M10) is splitted into a doubletail veiltail (DTV) and a Form & Variation class which includes the remaining variants (both all colors), the class codes will be:
  - i. M10
  - ii. M10a – Doubletail veiltail\*\*

\*\* Further subdivision of these subclasses into specific colors should be done as mentioned above in section 3.1.