

## PICKARD AUCTION RULES 2026

Our Convention will be upon us sooner than we think, providing an opportunity not only to acquire pieces, but also to make room for new acquisitions. The format will include both 'live' and 'silent' auction components. Because of time constraints, the live auction will be limited to approximately 60 items and 40 items (max) in the silent auction format. Live and silent auction viewing will be concurrent, with silent bidding preceding the live auction, closing at the live auction's start. These rules will apply to both live and silent auctions.

- 0) This will be a Club auction, and only Club members in good standing can consign or bid on items. There is no absentee bidding, and bidding is limited to Club members attending the Convention auction.
- 1) **Payment is by check, cash, or credit card. If payment is made by credit card, a 3% surcharge will be applied.**
- 2) The commission charged to the consignor is 5%. There is no buyer's premium.
- 3) Many auctions (and eBay) allow consignors to set reserves - prices below which an item cannot be sold; however, the Club must sell all items consigned on the night of the auction. Instead of a reserve, the Club allows the consignor (or someone on the consignor's behalf) to bid on their own consigned items in either the live or silent auction. Because of this, bidders should be aware that competing bidders could include the owner of the item(s).
- 4) The consignor may 'buy back' an item (paying the full bid price) instead of allowing it to sell for a price less than he/she believes it is worth. Shortly after the auction, the consignor receives a check for the bid price, less commission. The effective cost of buying back an item is the amount of the commission.
- 5) **NEW!** Shipping items after the auction has concluded is the responsibility of the winning bidder. Consignors may choose to offer free shipping; any such offer will be clearly noted in the catalog. Arrangements will be made directly between the consignor and the winning bidder after the auction concludes. The club and auction committee are not responsible for shipping or delivery of items.
- 6) The consignor may offer free shipping to the winning bidder. Shipping arrangements will be made between the consignor and the winning bidder after the completion of the auction. The club and auction committee are not responsible for the shipping of items. If free shipping is offered for an item, it will be noted in the catalog.
- 7) The sales tax rate for Costa Mesa, Ca is currently 7.75% and will be confirmed before the auction.
- 8) The deadline for submitting consignment forms for auction items is **July 1, 2026**. For items consigned by this date, consignors will be told by July 11, 2026, whether the items will be assigned to the live or silent auction. We may also request a photo to confirm pattern, etc. If we cannot honor your preference, this will enable you to withdraw the item(s). In General, items with an estimated value of less than \$100 will be offered in the silent auction.
- 9) Consignors warrant to the Club and purchasers that they have the right to consign the items (i.e. have good title, free of liens and claims)
- 10) One may make their consignment contingent on being in the 'live auction' by noting this in the appropriate spot on the consignment form. If this box is checked, we will assume that if the item is not selected for the live auction, the seller does not want to consign it.

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11) Please mail the original forms (no copies) written in black ink to: Lisa Baldwin at 705 E Barkley Avenue, Orange, CA 92867 or email the forms to Lisa Baldwin at [ap4tiques@aol.com](mailto:ap4tiques@aol.com) and Erin at [Erin.Swank@gmail.com](mailto:Erin.Swank@gmail.com). We will also have an online consignment form available if you would like to submit your consignments using the form. Using the online form reduces the chance of typos, and the time needed to re-enter and format consignment information.

**The online consignment form can be accessed here: <https://pickardcollectorsclub.org/consignment>**

12) We encourage consignors to personally bring their items to the auction if possible; however, we understand that this is not possible for all consignors. Consignors who cannot bring their items to the Convention should make arrangements to ship them insured before Aug. 1, 2026, to **Lisa Baldwin at 705 E Barkley Avenue, Orange, CA 92867**. If you are shipping your items, please notify Lisa via email ahead of time, so she knows when to expect them. Each box shipped should include a list of items contained within that box.