
The Ottawa Vintage Radio Club

Auction Rules and Information

General

Detailed printed statements are provided to all buyers and sellers at cash-out or by mail.

The Ottawa Vintage Radio Club will not be responsible for making any restitution regarding claims for misrepresentation, undisclosed defects, damage, or loss of lots for any reason. Disagreement over the condition of any item sold at an OVRC auction must be resolved between the seller and the buyer.

The OVRC rents the auction room from the City of Ottawa and it must be left in a clean state after the auction is over. All unwanted items remaining in the auction room after the auction has ended, including boxes, packing or 'No Sale' items, must be removed by the person who brought them. Any participant abandoning such items after closing will be billed for transportation and disposal.

Buying

Buyers must be members of the club in good standing. For non-members, a one year membership is available for \$15 before the auction begins. Memberships can be renewed on site. Buyers must have a valid bidder number, available at the REGISTRATION table, before the auction begins.

There is no buyer's commission. Buyers must pay at the end of the auction. Settlement may be by cash or by cheque made payable to 'OVRC'.

Assessment of the condition of auctioned items is the sole responsibility of the buyer. The policy here is 'Caveat Emptor'.

Selling

The club charges sellers a 10% commission with a minimum of \$1 and a maximum of \$10 per item.

Non-members who wish ONLY to sell do not require club membership. All sellers are required to consign their lots, before the auction begins, in the following manner:

For current members: Please send us an email containing your full name followed by the list of the items you wish to sell, in plain text, in the body of the message. For each lot, give a brief description and the reserve amount, if any. The list should contain one item per line. This list must be emailed to ovrauction@gmail.com before midnight on the Friday before the auction date.

For non-members: Please send us your full name and complete address including telephone number followed by the list of the items you wish to sell, in plain text, in the body of the message. For each lot, give a brief description and the reserve amount, if any. The list should contain one item per line. This list must be emailed to ovrauction@gmail.com before midnight on the Friday before the auction date.

On site: Sellers or donors with 5 or less lots may consign these in person on the day of the auction, on site at the REGISTRATION table, by filing out the form provided before the auction begins. No lots can be accepted once the auction has started.

All lots to be sold must carry an official pre-printed Lot Tag attached to each item, or lot container, bearing its assigned lot number. These tags will be sent by email, as a PDF file, to sellers in return for their consignment requests. For those who may not have access to PDF software or a printer, please let us know in your original request and we will have them ready for pick-up at the REGISTRATION table on the day of the sale. Sellers are responsible for attaching lot tags to their items.

Sellers shall make no wilful misrepresentation of the condition of an item for sale, nor shall they in any way disguise known defects.

The default reserve bid is \$1. Sellers can set a higher reserve amount by declaring it at time of consignment. A reserve set above the default can be amended verbally by the seller up to the moment the auctioneer declares the item "No Sale".

Payouts to sellers will be made after the auction is over. Where payout cannot be concluded at the auction, a cheque and a summary will be mailed within two days of the end of the auction.

Consignment Limits:

Maximum of 20 lots total per seller if registered BEFORE auction day

Maximum of 5 lots total per seller if registered ON auction day

The Following Are NOT Accepted For Auction:

Items not remotely related to radio/audio electronics or pertinent history

Rusted chassis (remove tubes, transformers, etc. and sell these separately)

Post 1945 horizontal consoles

Incomplete or inoperative solid-state entertainment items (TV, VCR, etc.)

Lots consisting of multiple items not completely contained in one single box

Single items unlikely to sell for at least \$5 (combine a number of such items in one lot)

The OVRC reserves the right to refuse to sell any items or lots that it deems unacceptable for any reason, at any time.

The OVRC can provide evaluations of LOCAL items or collections, free of charge, on request, at any time. The club cannot offer free storage or transportation of heavy objects or of a large number of lots until the week before an auction and the club must be consulted about such arrangements at least one month prior to an auction by contacting ovrcauction@gmail.com

Donations

Donation of items to the club will be gratefully received at any time. Donations must adhere to the limits and acceptability described above unless prior approval has been obtained from OVRC personnel.

The OVRC can usually pick-up donations in the week before an auction but free pick-up and storage at other times is generally unavailable.

Please contact ovrcauction@gmail.com if you have something you wish to donate or for more details.