

VMPAG GROUP RULES Ver 1.5.1

OVERVIEW

This is an alternative to auctioning posters on eBay.

All regular auctions shall be for strictly original movie accessories (posters, lobbies, stills, press kits, etc.). Basically anything that was officially delivered to cinemas around the world.

No listing fees - totally free (w/exception of paypal goods & services, which is the default method). All auctions in US Dollars.

This group is NOT a discussion group. If you want to talk movie posters visit www.vintagemoviepostersforum.com.

It is STRICTLY AUCTION sales. ALL non-auction posts will be removed, no explanation needed.

We will make our best effort to regulate content to prevent and stop abuse, trolling, and harassment. This group is intended to present opportunities for buying/selling of movie related collectibles and admins are not responsible for any financial transaction that ends in loss. We have no control over activities that take place outside the boundary of facebook. To enhance our group experience, we have made Paypal Goods and Services the DEFAULT PAYMENT due to its buyer/seller protection. Buyer Beware! Seller Beware!

Special Note: Us admins will simply not tolerate trolling, personal attacks, abusive language and/or ill treatment of buyers, sellers, and/or us admins (in either the main page or seller's chat). Such actions may result in your immediate removal from the group. This group should be a welcoming place free from negativity and stressful discussion.

SPECIAL AUCTION DAYS

We currently have special days where sellers can deviate from regular individual listings and from selling only official cinema accessories.

Reply Auctions (as of 11/29/2022): We now allow REPLY AUCTIONS to start on any day of the week - see seller rules SR 13.0 through SR 18.0 (Freaky Friday rule still applies).

Freaky Friday: On Fridays ONLY, we allow auctions of non-official movie accessories such as video posters, prints, pretty much anything to do with movies. See SR 19.0.

NO TROLLING, NO JIBBER-JABBER

No trolling or discussions in the comments section of an auctions. Every time there is a comment, the post gets bumped and pushes other auctions down the page. This is great if the bids are rolling in - not so much if your buddies is a chatty cathies and sinking other auctions.

You are of course free to ask questions about the item and/or bid on the item.

SELLER RULES - REGULAR AUCTIONS (See SR 13.0 through SR 18.0 for REPLY AUCTIONS)

SR 0.5: Acceptable Items

Sellers may list any authentic item that was delivered to cinemas/theaters and/or management as an official piece of advertising that is not specific to a theater chain. Example: an AMC Star Wars Snack Bar advert is not acceptable.

This includes: Movie Posters (All Formats and releases), Mylars, Vinyl Banners, Trailers, 35 mm Films (not home video), Standees, Lobby Cards, Press Kits, Photo Stills, and Glass Slides.

Official Items discouraged for regular auctions: Unique Promotional Items, Autographed Items, food related customer giveaways (pop corn tins, cups, etc.), catalogs and magazines. Giveaway Mini Posters per membership poll are also strongly discouraged. These can be listed on Fridays.

Items Strictly Not Allowed (but can be auctioned on FREAKY FRIDAY): Any poster with theater chain advertising or outside theater advertising (Ex: Pepsi). Home Video Posters, VHS, DVD, BluRay, Soundtrack Advertising, Comics, or as agreed upon by VMPAG admins. Anything that was not delivered to a cinema or movie theater. Known commercial reproductions are not allowed but can be auctioned on Fridays with REPRODUCTION noted on listing.

If a seller lists an unacceptable item(s) (with the exception of Freaky Friday), the seller will

1. Be given a public warning on the listing or both listings (day). Seller can decide to keep them running (and should if bids have been placed) or delete the auction(s).
2. For a second violation (day), the auction will be deleted immediately.
3. For a third violation (day), the seller will be muted for 7 days.
4. Further violation will result in removal from the group.

SR 1.0: Auction Frequency

To boost listings we have increased the ONE ITEM/LOT PER DAY to TWO SEPERATE POSTS OF ONE ITEM/LOT IN EACH POSTER PER DAY.

Two items can be listed per person per day (24 hrs) and you can only have 6 auctions going at any one time. ONLY TWO ITEMS PER DAY PER SELLER. You cannot start a seventh (7th) listing until one of your previous listings has ended.

SR 2.0: Auction Length

Auction cannot run longer than 72 hours (3 Days) from your start time but can be any length of time you wish within those 72 hours. It is suggested that your auction be at least 24 hrs to give buyers from around the world a chance to bid.

SR 3.0: Currency

All auctions are to be conducted in US Dollars.

SR 4.0: Auction Type

Lot auctions are acceptable and there is no limit on the number of items. However, no multiple auctions on 1 post. Or put simply, no auction post can result in sales to multiple members. [Exception: REPLY AUCTIONS, See rules SR 13.0 through SR 18.0]

SR 5.0: Ending Auction Early

You simply cannot end auctions early. If a seller ends an auction early, it will be deleted and the seller will be contacted to determine whether they will be removed (pending user error).

This includes walking on the edge with "Cross Listed" items. No cross listing of items is allowed. Example: You list an auction on VMPAG and then a BIN on another group - you better have two!

SR 6.0: Suggested Time Zone

Sellers must list an end time in Central Time. Example: In addition to seller preferred ending time zone (example UK London Time), include a US Central Time (CST/CDT doesn't matter) ending time. We believe it will benefit sellers to include times. Same as including a UK London Time or Australia Time for US based Sellers.

SR 7.0: Starting Price

You can set your starting price when creating the listing. This price will be honored and no bids below this price will be required to be accepted. Starting price for any poster/item must be at least \$1.00.

SR 8.0: No Reserves

We do not allow reserves. These are "No Reserve" auctions. Don't set your price at \$1 and then list a reserve price - this will not be allowed and the listing will be removed.

SR 9.0: Pictures

Pictures must be of the actual item. Do not use photos you find on the internet or from other members. Take a photo of the item!

SR 10.0: Auction Bumping

You only get two (2) bumps per auction. This includes "ends in one hour" - type posts. Any comment in the comments section of an auction bumps the post up to the top of the group page. Only questions, answers and bids are allowed in addition to the 2 Bumps. If you are caught bumping more than once in any suspect way, you will get a warning and then the next time banned. [REPLY AUCTIONS - 2 bumps per overall post, if needed]

SR 11.0: Contacting Buyers After Auction

After an auction has been completed, the seller should TAG the winner (name) so they get notification of the win & immediately mark the auction SOLD.

Please, let us not delay in contacting each other after the completion of the auction. The seller should tag/contact the buyer and or provide a method of payment within 24 hours, if possible. If the seller has not contacted the winner/buyer within 4 days... Well that is just poor form and subject to review by the group leadership.

Buyer: if your seller has not contacted you within 4 days and provided a method to pay for the item - please contact a moderator/admin immediately so we can assist.

SR 12.0: Mark Your Item Sold/UnSold

If Sold: After an auction has been completed, the seller should TAG the winner (name) so they get notification of the win & immediately mark the auction SOLD. Sellers please feel free to turn off commented to prevent unnecessary bumping.

If Unsold: After an auction if unsold, mark the item "[Unsold]" in the title. This helps members know which items are no longer a live auction.

Marking these auctions should happen within hours of the completion of the auction.

Listing another auction before taking a second to mark your old auction Sold or [Unsold] is not acceptable and may result in both of your auctions being deleted.

Note: These rules are subject to change based on the number and intensity of auctions and clogging of the feed.

EXAMPLE AUCTION TEMPLATE

End Time: Date/Time/AM PM/Time Zone (include a US Central time in all listings.)

Movie Title & Year: Note if it is a RR

Starting Bid: \$\$

Accessory Description: One Sheet, Lobby, etc

Country of Origin: US/Australia

Measurements: 27"x41"

Condition: Good

Condition Notes: Folded, Tape on verso..

Additional Info:

Shipping Info/cost: (Country to Country - \$)

Method of Payment: Paypal Goods/Services etc.

International Ship: Yes/No

COMPLETING THE AUCTION

After an auction has been completed, the seller will need to TAG the winner (name) so they get notification of the win & immediately mark the auction SOLD. Listing another auction before taking a second to mark your old auction Sold is not acceptable and will result in both of your auctions being deleted. See Seller and Buyer rules for more detailed information.

DEFAULT PAYMENT METHOD

Paypal Goods and Services is the default payment method fro VMPAG. Paypal Goods and Services protects both buyers and sellers. A buyer should use Paypal Goods and Services to protect him/her self. If a seller is not willing to accept or attempts to force a buyer into using something else (example Friend & Family or Gift Options), immediately report this to a moderator or admin and they will be contacted and/or removed. This is non-negotiable. There are many horror stories out there and we hope not to repeat any of them here. Admins are not responsible for loss from the financial transaction. Buyer Beware! Seller Beware!

Now, if for some strange reason, you work out something unorthodox with the seller, we can't stop you. BUT if and when something goes wrong, don't bother contacting us - you are on your own. We probably should remove you both to raise the IQ of the group.

REPLY AUCTIONS (Revised 11/29/2022)

REPLY AUCTIONS are a single seller post that includes overall auction details (See SR 16.0) as the primary post and items listed as photos in the comments to that post (SR 17.). The buyer then replies to the individual comments containing poster detail with a bid (All normal bidding rules apply).

Ending the REPLY AUCTION: It is suggested that the seller be prepared to turn off comments shortly after auction close to prevent excessive work in determining winners. It is our understanding that sellers may turn off comments. Please do let the auction expire before turning off comments.

All normal buyer/seller rules apply including currency, listing time, bid increments, etc. with the exception of the following special REPLY AUCTION rules.

SR 13.0: REPLY AUCTION Run Time

A seller can start a REPLY AUCTION on any day but it must end within SEVENS (7) days at midnight central time. Example: REPLY AUCTION started on Tuesday Reply must end by Tuesday before midnight.

A seller IS ALLOWED TO HAVE two active REPLY AUCTIONS going at the same time. Such that the seller only has two active auctions at any one time.

Similar to regular auctions, sellers may bump (if needed) the overall REPLY AUCTION post twice.

SR 14.0: REPLY AUCTION - Item Limit

A seller must list a minimum of 4 posters but there is no max (accept that of the capabilities of facebook).

SR 15.0: Multiple REPLY AUCTIONS/REPLY AUCTIONS and Individual Listing

As long as a seller has a TWO live reply auctions, that seller may not list any individual items for regular auction between the start date of the reply auction and the end time of the reply auction.

Example: You start a 2-day reply auction on Monday to end Wednesday at 9:00 PM Central.

- YOU CAN - Have two listings started the day before on Sunday - that's fine...

- YOU CAN NOT - Start a second individual listing on the same day of a reply (before or after). If you started an individual listing on Monday, you CAN ONLY start one reply auction.

SR 16.0: REPLY AUCTION Post

A seller must list the following details:

- End Time: Date/Time/AM PM/Time Zone (include a US Central time in all listings.)
- International Ship: Yes/No
- Combined Shipping Detail: Ex. No added shipping up to 5 posters.
- Shipping Info/cost: (Country to Country - \$)
- Method of Payment: Paypal Goods/Services etc.

SR 17.0: REPLY AUCTION comment listing

A seller should list the following details and must include at least one image (as a comment to a main post) for a minimum of 4 posters:

Movie Title & Year | Starting Bid: \$\$ | Accessory Description: One Sheet, Lobby, etc |
Country of Origin: US/Australia | Measurements: 27"x 41" | Condition: Good | Condition
Notes: Folded, Tape on verso.

SR 18.0: REPLY AUCTION Buyer Contact, Payment, and Shipment

A seller must contact and inform buyers of their totals within two (2) days of auctions close. A buyer must then pay within the normal four (4) days or six (6) days from auction close. The seller then should ship posters within 4 days (BR 6.0). If there are any delays, please contact the admins.

FREAKY FRIDAY AUCTIONS

SR 19.0 Non-Cinema, Non-Official Movie Related Items

Sellers may list anything movie related on Fridays.

BIDDING RULES

BR 1.0: Bids in \$1 Increments

All movie accessories will be listed in a "Auction" format. There will be a starting price listed and buyers are to post their bid in the comments section of the post. Buyers bid must be at least \$1 higher than the previous offer.

WHOLE DOLLAR AMOUNTS ONLY.

Any bidder whom unknowingly breaks Rule BR 1.0, by placing a bid with a partial dollar amount, the bid shall be considered placed with the whole dollar amount only. For example, if \$45.75 is bid (which breaks Rule BR 1.0) it shall be considered a bid for \$45.

BR 2.0: REGULAR AUCTIONS Bid in Main Comments

Bids MUST be placed in main body, NOT as a reply. Reply bids do not count! [See BR 2.1 for REPLY AUCTIONS]

BR 2.1: REPLY AUCTIONS Bid as a Reply

For REPLY AUCTIONS Bids must be placed as a reply to the seller photo in the comments. Bids in Main Comments do not count. Bids that reply to a reply i.e. reply to another members reply bid do not count.

BR 3.0 No Shill Bidding

If you are caught bidding up your item in any suspect way, you will be removed.

BR 4.0: Bid Retraction Not Allowed

You bid, you buy. You back out, you get banned. Your highest bid is the price you buy the item for, even if you outbid yourself. (Ex. If you place a bid and then out bid yourself immediately following your first bid, the highest bid will count.)

TO CLARIFY If the high bid is \$5, and you bid \$15, and the auction ends with no more bids, you win at \$15. DO NOT delete your bid. Deleting a bid will result in banishment.

BR 5.0: You Bid, You Buy

Sellers are required to sell it at the highest price bid. Buyers are required to pay their bid. If either is not completed, the guilty party will be banned.

BR 6.0: Four (4) Day Rule

Buyers have 4 days to pay. Sellers have 4 days to ship and send tracking info, unless otherwise agreed upon between buyer/seller.

[REPLY AUCTION rules - due to additional coordination, the seller has 2 days to announce winners and arrange payment. The four days will start after this 2 day coordination period]

BR 7.0: End Time

The auction is over at the end time meaning that your bid must be in before the end time. Example: If the end time is 5:00 PM Central Time your bid must be in at 4:59 PM Central Time Bids at 5:00 PM CT do not count.

BR 7.1 The 5 Minute Rule (Not the Default)

Sellers have the option to place a 5 minute extension rule on an auction. BR 7.0 is the default end time unless language similar to the following is placed in the listing:

“5 Minute Rule: During the last 5 minutes of the auction each bid will further extend the auction by 5 mins. Auction closes the moment there is a full 6 minute gap between bidder comment timestamps.”

BR 8.0: Winner

A time stamp appears in the comments section. Should there be any discrepancy in the final bid, the LAST (& Highest) bid with the time stamp BEFORE the exact end time will be declared the winner (Ex; 4:59 bid wins, NOT 5:00). This rule applies even if multiple bids come in with the same time (4:59). Original listing member must declare a winner within the comment section and then mark the item Sold.

BR 9.0: Tie Breakers

Tie Breakers: In case of the same dollar amount bid unknowingly being placed by 2 or more bidders in the last seconds, the FIRST bidder BEFORE the end time wins.

TEST AUCTIONS

As we all start using this new tool, you may be uncertain and want to practice. Feel free to start an auction by using "TEST AUCTION" before the start of your title. This will be available as we start this place but may go away as it becomes normal to list. And of course the results are all just for practice and maybe a little fun.

ITEM AUTHENTICATION

We may run into discussions about authenticity. If an item is found to be a reproduction it will be removed unless noted and auctioned on Friday. REPRODUCTION in all caps must be placed in the auction.

Admins will try their best to monitor listings but are not responsible for fakes or reproductions. If you suspect something - say something! Buyer Beware!

ITEM RELEASE DATE

We may run into discussion about an item being a first release or later re-release. If an item is found to be in question regarding release date, the comments will remain to help inform buyers of the potential rerelease. If the seller decides to re-list the item he/she should present the items as a potential re-release or it will be removed.

Version History

- Created 04/07/2019
- Ver 1.2 - Revised 04/09/2019: Default Payment Method & Jibber-Jabber.
- Ver 1.3 - Revised 05/14/2019: SR 11.0 Contacting Buyer After Auction & SR 12.0 Marking Items Sold.
- Ver 1.3.1 - Revised (No Date Recorded): Exchanged 1 listing per day to 2 per day.
- Ver 1.3.2 - Revised 12/18/2019: Modification of BR 1.0 Bids in \$1 Increments.
- Ver 1.3.3 - Revised 12/30/2019: Modification of SR 10.0 Bumps Increased to 2.
- Ver 1.3.4 - Revised 02/05/2020: Removed FB item suggestion; tweaked auction template.
- Ver 1.4.0 - Revised 02/14/2020: Added REPLY AUCTION rules.
- Ver 1.4.1 - Revised 02/18/2020: Overview, Revised Seller Rules for non compliant listings, Misc.
- Ver 1.4.2 - Revised 03/06/2020: Acceptable Items (no theater chains) & and MWF Reply.
- Ver 1.4.3 - Revised 04/06/2020: Clarifying reply auction rules; changed max 20 to max 30 for reply.
- Ver 1.4.4 - Revised 04/09/2020: Special note on personal attacks and foul language.
- Ver 1.4.5 - Revised 02/17/2021: Corrected 5-min rule wording.
- Ver 1.4.6 - Revised 12/09/2021: No Cross Listing clarified; Reply bid to reply clarified; shill bidding edit.
- Ver 1.5.0 - Revised 11/29/2022: REPLY AUCTIONS start on any day & 3-day max.
- Ver 1.5.1 - Revised 01/01/2025: Starting price minimum of \$1.00 and Reply Auctions changed to “two active” and length extended to 7 days.
- Ver 1.5.1.1 - Added to VMPPF for ease of mobile access.

