

Bidding Questions

Are there fees for bidding in this auction?

There are no charges to bid in this auction.

How can I see the status of the items I've placed a bid on?

Click on My Items in the top right of every bidding page. That will bring up a list of the items you have placed bids on. Each item will list the time left in the auction, the current bid, your maximum bid and the status of the auction.

Can I raise my maximum bid (even if no one has outbid me)?

You may increase your maximum bid at any time before the auction has ended. If you decide to increase your bid while you are still the high bidder, the current bid will not increase (you will not be bidding against yourself).

How can I make sure I'm seeing the most up-to-date bids?

Remember to refresh often to be sure the bids on display are the most recent. Either use the refresh button next to each item in the catalog view or use the refresh button in your browser.

Why can't I place a bid?

To place a bid, you must be registered and approved for the auction. See how to [register](#) for an auction.

How do I remove a bid?

Once a bid has been placed, there is absolutely no way to cancel it under any circumstances.

What does it mean to "Force or Jump a bid"?

"Forced Bid" is a bidding strategy by which a bidder increases the bid by more than the next accepted bid (placing your bid at \$150 when the next accepted bid is \$125). This practice is used by some bidders to discourage others from bidding in hopes of acquiring an item at a lower price. There are many theories on the effectiveness of this practice and a bidder who wishes to apply it does so at their own discretion. The auction company will not lower the price of an item that has been won by a "forced" bid with no other competing bids.

What if I am not comfortable bidding online, can I still participate?

YES! Contact **Chris Weittenhiller** at Christian County YMCA now at chris@ccymca.org or Phone 217-287- 7271 and let him know the items you want to bid on and what is your maximum bid. He will bid for you and if you win, will contact you after the auction closes. If you chose to do this do not wait until the last day. Do so several days before the auction end date.

OR if you prefer have a friend or relative set up an account and bid for you! Just remember that the credit card you register with will be charged unless you make other arrangements with the YMCA.

How do I get the items I won?

Items can be picked up at the YMCA Monday after the auction closes. If you need items shipped contact Chris at the above number. Walker Auctions WILL NOT have your items.