



Affiliate Members Rules & Regulations

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REGULATION OF AFFILIATE BODIES

- 1.0 The Committee may admit as an affiliate of the Association a cat club, cat society, or other body established for the purposes of conducting exhibitions of cats, or for the purpose of promoting interest in a particular breed of cat.
- 2.0 The Committee may admit as an associate affiliate an Agricultural Society or other like body which has constituted a cat section show committee for the purpose of conducting a cat show at its annual show.
 - 2.1 Such associate affiliate applicant shall satisfy the Committee that it will provide suitable facilities for the conduct of its cat show which will meet similar standards as a cat club or society admitted as an affiliate.
- 3.0 The Committee may charge such annual subscription for affiliation as the Committee may from time to time determine, and an affiliate or associate affiliate shall pay such annual subscription in advance in respect each financial year.
 - 3.1 The annual subscription shall be payable on the first day of July in each year. If an affiliate or associate affiliate shall fail to pay such subscription by the thirty-first day of August of that year, it shall not be entitled to any privileges which an affiliate or associate affiliate is entitled to under the rules of Cats NSW Inc until such time as the annual subscription has been paid.

- 4.0 An application shall be considered for affiliation or associate affiliation if:
- 4.1 being an Agricultural Society or other like body or organisation, it complies with the provision of rule 2.1;
 - 4.2 being a cat club it has at least six financial members ;
 - 4.3 its application is in writing signed by its secretary, and addressed to and lodged with the Secretary of Cats NSW Inc. and is accompanied by the annual subscription (as determined from time to time by the Committee).
 - 4.4 and in the case of a cat club, cat society, or cat association the application shall include:
 - 4.4.1 A copy of the constitution of the applicant club, society, or association and the rules and by-laws currently in force; and
 - 4.4.2 A statement signed by its President and Secretary that it has at least six financial members who are entitled to vote at a general meeting of such club, and listing the names and addresses of such members; and
 - 4.4.3 A statement signed by its President and Secretary that it has at least \$100 in funds (or such amount as may be determined from time to time by the Committee) deposited in a financial institution account; and
 - 4.4.4 A written undertaking, signed by its President and Secretary that, upon its admission as an affiliate it will annually thereafter furnish to the Secretary of Cats NSW NSW Inc. the information required by rule 4.3.

- 5.0 An affiliate shall within two months of its Annual General Meeting in each year, forward to the Secretary of Cats NSW Inc:
- 5.1 a copy, signed by its President, Secretary and Treasurer of its Annual Financial Statements;
 - 5.2 a copy, signed by the author, of any other reports submitted to its members at its Annual General Meeting including a report of any shows held during the year;
 - 5.3 list, signed by its Secretary, showing the names and addresses of all Office Bearers and Committee Members;
 - 5.4 any other information or documents which the Committee may request the affiliate to provide from time to time.
- 6.0 The Office Bearers of an affiliate must be full financial members of Cats NSW Inc and such office bearers shall include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Show Secretary, and Show Manager, and:
- 6.1 The Office Bearers of an affiliate must not hold the same Office on the Committee of another affiliate.
 - 6.2 An affiliate's Annual General Meeting, at which its members elect their executive office bearers, must be held in a public place and not at a member's home or place of business.

- 7.0 All affiliates must include in their constitutions, the following;
- 7.1 The objects of the club are:
- to affiliate with Cats NSW Inc.;
 - to promote and encourage the breeding of pedigreed cats;
 - to promote and raise the standards of breeding and exhibition of pedigreed cats;
 - to promote the holding of exhibitions and to conduct exhibitions of cats.
- 7.2 Each member of an affiliate, whether a member of Cats NSW Inc. or not, shall be deemed to have agreed to and be bound by the rules of Cats NSW Inc.
- 8.0 The Committee may, in the case of a conflict or dispute require, the attendance before the Committee of, or a written statement from, any office bearer of an affiliate or associate affiliate to give such information and/or explanation pertaining to the person/s conduct in relation to or concerning the affairs and/or management of an affiliate or associate affiliate;
- 8.1 require an affiliate or associate affiliate to do or not to do such act, matter or thing in relation to its affairs and/or management as the Committee may determine;
- 8.2 conduct investigations of the affairs and/or management of an affiliate or associate affiliate as the Committee may from time to time determine;
- 8.3 give such directions to and make determinations in relation to an affiliate or associate affiliate on any matter arising out of an investigation under clause 8.2, or from any report or complaint made to the Committee pursuant to the rules;
- 8.4 in accordance with rule 8.3, impose such penalty on an affiliate or associate affiliate as a result of any such investigation or report or complaint, or for failing to carry out a requirement or direction of the Committee in clause 8.1, whether by way of fine, suspension of authority to conduct a show, or otherwise as the Committee may determine;

8.5 in relation to any dispute within the membership of an affiliate or associate affiliate, and the affiliate is unable to resolve the dispute internally (or as per Constitution), then the dispute shall be referred to mediation by the Community Justice Centre.

9.0 Termination of Affiliation

9.1 An affiliate or associate affiliate which fails to observe or perform its obligations or undertakings as required by the rules or by-laws, or show procedures, or fails to notify the Committee that it has complied with a direction or has given effect to a determination of the Committee within the required time by the Committee, may be subject to disciplinary action as per Constitution (Expulsion or Suspension).

9.2 The Committee may in accordance with clause (9.1) terminate the affiliation of an affiliate or associate affiliate without obligation to refund any part of the affiliation fee.

10.0 Winding-up of Affiliates

10.1 An affiliate or associate affiliate on deciding to wind up its affairs shall cause to be convened a Special General Meeting of its members. Notice shall be given on the notice convening the meeting stating that the affiliate proposes to wind up its affairs and cease functioning as an affiliate.

10.2 Surplus funds shall not be disbursed unless an undertaking is given by the affiliate to the Committee that all of its known debts have been paid in full.