



Show Organisation and Procedures

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SHOW ORGANISATION & PROCEDURES

These Show Organisation & Procedures shall govern all shows held by Cats NSW Inc. and its Affiliate Clubs

DEFINITIONS

Cats NSW	means Cats New South Wales Incorporated
ACF	means the Australian Cat Federation Incorporated
Affiliated Club	means an affiliated member club of Cats NSW Inc
CCCA	means the Co-ordinating Cat Council of Australia Inc
Recognised Body	means affiliate members of the ACF and the CCCA
ANCATS	means Australian National Cats Incorporated

AMENDMENTS

DATE	CLAUSE	DESCRIPTION
18.04.2017	2.3	Judges payments
18.04.2017	6.2	Vaccination Rule updated
18.04.2017	6.3	Adult Vaccination Rule added
15.02.2023	3.7	Amend kitten age from 12 weeks to 10 weeks
15.02.2023	9.5	Amend kitten age from 12 weeks to 10 weeks
15.02.2023	10.4	Replace Open Style shows may have up to 3 rings, plus Specialty Rings to Open Style shows may have up to 6 rings plus Specialty Rings
15.02.2023	13.3	Under 5 th place Top 5 – 1 point added Best in Group – 5 points and Supreme Exhibit 5 points
15.02.2023	14.2	Amend kitten age from 12 weeks to 10 weeks
15.02.2023	14.3	Amend kitten age from 12 weeks to 10 weeks
15.03.2023	6.1	Amend vetting rules for every cat and kitten in venue
15.03.2023	12.7e	Amend to allow members who live more than 400km from Sydney GPO to use challenge points from interstate ACF bodies towards titles.
16.01.2024	13.5	Add new award and description to Cat of the Year Awards

1.0 **SHOW EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE**

- 1.1 Each Affiliate Club intending to hold a show shall appoint a Show Executive comprising of a Show Manager and Show Secretary and may appoint a Show Committee and such other persons as the Club deems appropriate.
- 1.2 Members of the Show Executive must be current financial members of Cats NSW.

2.0 **JUDGES**

- 2.1 All Judges and Stewards officiating at a Cats NSW show must be licensed with Cats NSW or to an organisation whose Judge's credentials are recognised by ACF.
- 2.2 All Judges from overseas organisations must be licensed or accredited to the organisation whose Judge's credentials are recognised by ACF.
- 2.3 An Affiliate must offer a minimum payment of \$50.00 **IN CASH** to each local Judge officiating at the show.

International or Interstate Judges are to be offered airfares/transfers, accommodation, meals and out of pocket expenses such as airport parking, transfers etc as part of the contract negotiations with the Affiliate

- 2.4 A ratio of 1 Judge per 100 exhibits is recommended

3.0 **SHOW SCHEDULE**

- 3.1 Not less than sixty (60) days prior to the Show date, each Affiliate Club intending to conduct a show shall submit a draft show schedule to the Cats NSW Committee for review and approval.

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- 3.2 The format and contents of the draft schedule shall comply with the Show Organisation and Procedures or as directed by the Cats NSW Committee.
- 3.3 The Show schedule shall indicate the number of rings in the show.
- 3.4 A copy of the signed Judges' contracts must be submitted with the draft schedule.
- 3.6 Judge's assignments are to be listed and the Judges are to be identified by their governing body
- 3.5 A reduction in entry fee may be allowed when an exhibit is ineligible to be judged in a ring
- 3.6 The show schedule is to identify the cut-off date for kittens eligible to be entered in kitten class's show are specified on the summary sheet of the show schedule.
- 3.7 Kittens must be at least 10 weeks of age as at the date of the show.
- 3.8 The Show Secretary is to issue to all Judges and the Show Representative a copy of the approved Show Schedule as soon as it is available.
- 4.0 **SHOW REPRESENTATIVE & SHOW SECRETARY**
- 4.1 The Cats NSW Committee shall appoint one or more persons to be the Show Representative at a show.
- 4.2 The Show Representative may be consulted by the Show Committee and give advice as to the Cats NSW Show Rules and the Show Organisation & Procedures.
- 4.3 The Show Representative shall forward to the Cats NSW Secretary a written report on the general conduct of the Show within 7 days of the close of the show.

4.4 The Show Secretary shall forward the Top 5 results and catalogue to the Cat of the Year Point Scorer's within 7 days of the show.

4.5 The Show Secretary shall forward a marked catalogue to the Cats NSW Secretary within 7 days of the show.

5.0 **SHOW CATALOGUE**

5.1 The Show Committee shall prepare a show catalogue that must contain at least the following information and any such additional information that the schedule approval letter may require.

- a) A statement that the show is conducted under the Show Rules and the Show Organisation and Procedures of Cats NSW Inc;
- b) The name & locality of each exhibitor;
- c) The full name, date of birth, registered number, exhibitor, names of sire and dam, and breeder of each exhibit;
- d) The names of the Show Representative, the Show Executive and the Affiliate Club's Executive Officers;
- e) The names of Judges with their licencing governing body, and their assignments;
- f) Veterinary Inspection procedure;
- g) Where possible, the names of all Floor Stewards, plus their assignments
- h) The names of the Ring Co-ordinators for open style shows;
- i) Details of all awards intended to be made at the show.

6.0 **VETERINARY INSPECTION**

6.1 A Veterinarian must be present at all Cats NSW shows. All cats and kittens entering the show venue, regardless of whether they are entered in the show as an exhibit, on exhibition or not entered, must be examined by a Vet before being benched in their show cage. Any cat or kitten not entered in the show will need to be benched in a cage or container approved by the Show Manager, in the designated quarantine area.

6.2 Each kitten exhibit must have had at least one Feline 3 vaccination not less than 14 days prior to the show. Documentary evidence i.e. a valid vaccination certificate from a Veterinarian must be produced to the veterinary officer. Failure to do so shall result in rejection of the exhibit concerned.

It is highly recommended that all kittens have at least their 2nd vaccination not less than 14 days prior to the show

6.3 Each adult exhibit must have a current vaccination certificate. The vaccination certificate must indicate a valid vaccination being administered no more than 3 years prior to the date of the show

6.4 All veterinary inspections must be carried out by a registered Veterinarian, a Vet Nurse or as per Section 3.0 of the Show Rules if no Veterinarian is present

6.5 A ratio of 1 Veterinarian per 100 exhibits is recommended

7.0 **JUDGING REQUIREMENTS**

7.1 Judging slips shall be prepared for each judge for:

- a) each separate Pedigree breed and colour section allowing the award of a Best in Section for Kittens and Challenge for Cats;
- b) each Companion section allowing the award of a Best in Section for Kittens and Award of Merit for Cats;
- c) Judging to Best of Breed for Kitten (Male, Female, Neuter & Spay), Entire Cat (Male & Female), Desexed Cat (Neuter & Spay);
- c) Judging to Top 5 Kittens (Male, Female, Neuter & Spay), Entire Cats and Desexed Cats for each Group;
- d) Judging to the Best Kitten in Show, the Best Entire Cat in Show and the Best Desexed Cat in Show between the Best in each Group;
- e) Judging between the Best Kitten in Show, the Best Entire Cat in Show and the Best Desexed Cat in Show for the Supreme Exhibit in each Ring

7.2 The date of birth of the exhibit must be shown on the judging slip.

7.3 The number of kittens entered in each litter in a Litter Class is to be specified on the Judge's paperwork.

8.0 **JUDGES ACCOMMODATION**

8.1 It is recommended that an Affiliate Club provide hotel or motel accommodation for out of area Judges in the days/evening prior to the show.

8.2 An officiating Judge is not permitted to stay at or visit an exhibitor's place of residence in the five (5) days prior to a show, unless that exhibitor's exhibits are not entered in any classes which the officiating Judge is judging or is likely to judge.

8.3 Refer to Section 2.0 of the Show Rules document for further requirements relating to officiating Judges

9.0 **EXHIBITIONS**

9.1 An Affiliate Club may conduct an exhibition of cats to promote to the public responsible cat ownership, and pedigreed and companion cat showing.

9.2 The Affiliate Club shall apply in writing to the Cats NSW Committee of its intention to conduct an exhibition.

9.3 If approved, the Affiliate Club shall maintain a record of all club members and exhibitors involved in the exhibition and submit such record to the Cats NSW Secretary.

9.4 Veterinary Inspections are to be conducted in accordance with Clause 3.0 of the Show Rules.

9.5 All exhibits must be benched in show cages, be at least 10 weeks of age, and have been vaccinated as per Clause 3.0 of the Show Rules.

10.0 AUSTRALIAN OPEN STYLE SHOWS

10.1 Unless an Affiliate Club requests and gains the approval from Cats NSW Committee, all shows shall be Australian Open Shows.

10.2 Exhibits are benched in their cages in judging bays, and then brought to a judging table by either the Judge or Steward officiating at the show.

10.3 Exhibitors may observe the judging of exhibits.

10.4 Open style shows may have up to 6 rings, plus Specialty Rings

10.5 An exhibitor may request that their exhibit be withdrawn from a ring prior to the commencement of judging in that ring. All requests are to be made to the Show Manager.

11.0 COMBINED SHOWS

11.1 When 2 or more Affiliate Clubs agree to hold a combined show, the maximum number of rings shall be 2 for each Affiliate Club except where the Cats NSW Committee has given its written approval to vary this condition.

12.0 CHALLENGE AWARDS AND TITLES

12.1 Challenge awards will be awarded to the Best Male, Best Female, Best Neuter and Best Spay in each recognised colour section of each recognised breed including experimental generations where ACF has applied no special requirements to their acceptance as a recognised breed if, in the opinion of the Judge, the exhibits reach the required standard.

12.2 When a Challenge award has been withheld in a ring, the exhibit is ineligible for any higher award in that ring, including Best of Breed.

12.3 Challenge points awarded shall be 10 points plus 1 point each for each cat entered and present in the class, to a maximum of 20 points.

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- 12.4 UTH exhibits are to be regarded as being present in ALL rings of a show.
- 12.5 A Best in Group Entire Cat and Best in Group Desexed Cat is automatically a 20 point Challenge.
- 12.6 ACF awards maybe awarded to the Best Male Cat, Best Female Cat, Best Neuter Cat and Best Spay Cat in each of Groups 1, 2 and 3. All entries in an adult group are entitled to compete for this award whether titled or not. Refer to the ACF website for details on ACF awards and how to claim these awards from the ACF Secretariat.
- 12.7 Cats NSW Inc. Championship Awards are:
- a) Champion, Grand Champion, Double Grand Champion for each level:
Male Cats 70 - challenge points,
Female, Neuter and Spay Cats - 60 challenge points.
 - b) Bronze, Silver and Gold Double Grand Champion for each level:
- 100 challenge points.
 - c) Challenge points in excess of the total for a level may be carried over to the next level.
 - d) Challenges awarded by a judge licenced by a non-recognised governing body may not be used for Cats NSW Inc. titles.
 - e) Applications for all titles must include a majority of challenge points gained at Cats NSW Inc. Show, Cats NSW Inc. Affiliate Club shows or at ACF National shows. Members who reside more than 400km from Sydney GPO are able to include challenges from interstate ACF bodies in their majority of challenges. They are able to use NSW CFA and/or other CCCA affiliate challenges but only as a minority for any one title upgrade.
 - f) Challenge points won as an entire cat may be counted for awards as a desexed cat.
 - g) After gaining a title, if a cat is desexed (or is subject to a colour change) the cat may retain the title and proceed to a higher award status.
 - h) Platinum, Sapphire, Ruby, Emerald & Diamond Grand Champion:

- 10 Best in Group (20 point) challenge certificates for each higher title.

13.0 PEDIGREED & COMPANION KITTEN/CAT OF THE YEAR ELIGIBILITY AND AWARDS

13.1 Kittens and Cats may accumulate points in the Cats NSW Inc. Members' Kitten/Cat of the Year Awards, only whilst it is in the ownership of a financial member of Cats NSW Inc.

13.2 Points will be counted from the date the membership is accepted.

13.3 Points will be awarded as per the following:

- 1st Place Top 5 - 5 points
- 2nd Place Top 5 - 4 points
- 3rd Place Top 5 - 3 points
- 4th Place Top 5 - 2 points
- 5th Place Top 5 - 1 point
- Best in Group - 5 points
- Supreme Exhibit - 5 points

13.4 Only points gained at Cats NSW shows, The Sydney Royal Easter Show and the ACF National Cat Show when held in NSW or the ACT will be counted.

13.5 The following awards shall be presented:

- Top 5 Kittens in Group 1, 2, 3 & 4
- Top 5 Entire Cats in Group 1, 2, & 3
- Top 5 Desexed Cats in Group 1, 2, 3 & 4

Highest Point Scoring Exhibit Group 1

The Group 1 exhibit that scores the highest number of points in the kitten, entire cat or desexed cat section.

Highest Point Scoring Exhibit Group 2

The Group 2 exhibit that scores the highest number of points in the kitten, entire cat or desexed cat section.

Highest Point Scoring Exhibit Group 3

The Group 3 exhibit that scores the highest number of points in the kitten, entire cat or desexed cat section.

Exhibit of the Year

Awarded to the exhibit who achieves the highest number of points throughout the year, as an aggregate of points won in all sections. This includes kittens who move into the entire cat section during the year and entire cats who move into the desexed cat section during the year.

14.0 DEFINITION OF CLASSES

14.1 Litter Class Open

A litter shall comprise all the living progeny under the age of four months of one kitting of a Brood Queen, and be litter registered.

14.2 Baby Kitten Class Open - optional class

At least 10 weeks of age and under four months on the day of the show.

14.3 Kitten Class Open

At least 10 weeks of age and under nine months on the day of the show. Exhibits nine months and over on the day of the show shall be classified as adults.

14.4 Entire Cat Open Class

Open to entire male cats & female cats over nine months of age. All cats must be entered in this class in at least one Ring of a show, unless Cats NSW Committee approval is sought and granted for special circumstances such as a Veteran / Golden Oldie class.

14.5 Desexed Cat Open Class

Open to all neuter and spay cats nine months of over nine months of age. All cats must be entered in this class in at least one Ring of a show, unless Cats NSW Committee approval is sought and granted for special circumstances such as a Veteran/Golden Oldie.

14.6 Companion Classes

Open to any desexed kitten or cat that cannot be entered into any class other than Companion/Domestic pet classes. Companion kitten and cat classes are not judged by official standards, but on condition, quality of coat and temperament.

14.7 Veteran Class

Cat's seven years and over on the day of the show.

14.8 Any Other Colour/Any Other Variety

Kittens or Cats which are registered but do not comply with the pattern or colour standards of their breed may not be shown at CATS NSW shows in the pedigreed cat classes unless they form part of a litter class entry from an experimental programme.

Experimental programme kittens and cats can be entered "On Exhibition Only" for the purpose of being assessed by the judges.

14.9 Best in Show

Only Kitten Best in Section or Cat Challenge winners will be eligible for BEST IN SHOW awards.

14.10 Supreme Exhibit

Best in Show award winners or Best Entire Cat, Best Desexed Cat and Best Kitten may compete together for SUPREME EXHIBIT in GROUP or SUPREME EXHIBIT in RING.