

THE CAT FANCIERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

2008 Proposed Amendments and Resolutions

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SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

-1- Rome Cat Forum

RESOLVED: Change scoring to ring by ring scoring with changes to the following:

1.04 A BENCHED CAT is one that is present and qualified for competition and judged in each individual ring. in at least one ring. ~~Such cat is presumed to be benched and present for competition throughout the entire show.~~ Any cat competing in a ring, including a disqualified cat, is considered a benched cat for scoring purposes for that ring only.

1.04.01 A BENCHED CHAMPION or Premier is one that is present and qualified for competition and judged in each individual one ring as a Champion or Premier. ~~Cats transferred to Champion or Premier, or Grand Champion or Grand Premier after the first day of a two day show will be counted as a Champion or Premier in all rings. Such cat is presumed to be benched and present for competition throughout the entire show. Any cat competing in a ring including a disqualified cat, is considered a benched cat for Grand Championship and Grand Premiership scoring purposes.~~ Any cat competing in a ring, including a disqualified cat, is considered a benched cat for Grand Championship and Grand Premiership scoring purposes for that ring only.

Article XXXVII National/Division/Regional Award Program Show Points Section Official Show Count section 3 as follows:

3. A cat/kitten handled by a judge in one ring ~~is counted as competing in all rings~~ will only be counted in that ring.

RATIONALE: Ring by ring scoring has been discussed for several years. It will more accurately reflect the actual competition taking place at cat shows.

-2- Lilac Point Fanciers, Siamese Alliance of America, Straight And Curl Cat Club

RESOLVED: Amend show rule Article XI Responsibilities of Exhibitors 11.08 as follows, to take effect immediately:

Add to the end of 11.08 b 1.

"The club will notify both the exhibitor and CFA Central Office by certified, return receipt mail that if the monies for the fees plus the bank penalty charges, if payment was made by an uncollectible check, and postage in an amount sufficient to cover the four mailings required by CFA Show Rules 11.08.1-3, are not received within thirty (30) days after notification, that all wins for that show weekend, if applicable, for the exhibitor's cat(s) will be rescinded. The club must send the initial notification within sixty (60) days of the opening date of the show. Notification must provide the names, registration numbers and entry numbers of all cats entered by the exhibitor. The club may elect to notify CFA Central Office by fax, email, or regular mail, but it is the club's responsibility to ensure that CFA receives the notification within the sixty (60) days."

Add to 11.08 b 3.

"If the full payment (as prescribed in section 2) is not received within the 30 day period, the club will notify the exhibitor and CFA Central Office of that fact within seven (7) days by certified, return receipt mail. The club may elect to notify CFA Central Office by fax, email, or regular mail, but it is the club's responsibility to ensure that CFA receives the notification within the 30 day period. CFA Central Office will then rescind all wins earned by the exhibitor's cat(s) for that show weekend ..."

Add to the end of 11.08 b 4.

"CFA Central Office requires a photocopy of the certified post office receipt for all certified letters sent to the exhibitor in accordance with this rule. The club may send the photocopy to CFA Central Office by fax, email, or regular mail, but it is the club's responsibility to ensure that CFA receives the photocopy within the appropriate time period."

RATIONALE: A club member or entry clerk that has to go through the full rule 11.08 process to collect unpaid entries has to make four trips to the post office. The first trip is to send the first certified return receipt letter to the exhibitor, after which the entry clerk has to leave the post office to find a copy machine to make a copy of the receipt. The second trip is to send notice and the copy of the receipt for the first letter to Central Office by certified return receipt mail. The third trip is to send the second certified return receipt letter to the exhibitor, after which the entry clerk again has to find a copy machine to make a copy of that receipt. The fourth trip is to send notice and the copy of the receipt for the second certified letter to Central Office by certified return receipt mail. The poor person has to drive between post office and copy machine so many times and fill out so many cards and forms at the post office that some of us are almost ready to pay the late exhibitor's fees ourselves!

When Central Office was asked why a certified letter was required for their notices, the answer was that that is what is in the show rules now. This means notification by some other method for CFA should be enough as long as the club ensures the notification is received by CFA. The proposed changes allow those clubs who want to send notices to Central Office by certified mail and pass the cost onto the tardy exhibitor to still do so. But the proposed changes add the option of using another method to send notices to Central Office as long as the club ensures receipt within the necessary time frame. This could be done easily with a phone call or an email. And adding the fax, email and regular mail options will make life a great deal easier for the club trying to collect money from a tardy exhibitor.

-3- Lilac Point Fanciers, Siamese Alliance of America, Straight And Curl Cat Club

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule Article XI Responsibilities of Exhibitors 11.08 b 1 as follows:

"Notification must provide the names, registration numbers and entry numbers of all cats entered by the exhibitor and whether payment by money order or certified bank funds is required."

RATIONALE: This change makes it clear that clubs may require payment by a guaranteed form rather than personal check from

those exhibitors who are late and subject to the certified letter process.

-4- Lilac Point Fanciers, Siamese Alliance of America, Straight And Curl Cat Club

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule Article XI Responsibilities of Exhibitors 11.18 d as follows:

“To qualify for the Grand Champion or Grand Premier class on the second day of a two day show, the owner/agent must notify the master clerk and must file a correction form with the master clerk before the end of the first day of a two day show. Transferring a cat from Champion to Grand in either the Championship or Premiership class is at the option of the exhibitor.”

RATIONALE: This change was presented from the floor at the 2005 annual and was passed with a favorable recommendation from the delegates. Because of an oversight, it was not included at the October 2005 board meeting for consideration. That same year, the change to require notification for transfers from open to champion/premier, show rule 11.18 c, was presented at the annual, passed, and put in the show rules. We need to make the process consistent in both types of Sunday transfer.

This proposed change clarifies that it is the exhibitor’s responsibility to actually tell the master clerk about the transfer rather than just leave a form on the master clerk’s table. With the proposed change, the master clerk still has a paper trail for the transfer but can now be sure to write the number on the Sunday transfer sheet before the end of the day without checking all the catalog correction slips in the pile.

-5- Rome Cat Forum

RESOLVED: Change show rule 11.26 as indicated below to add clerks and judges to the rule.

Exhibitors, clerks, or judges must not make any comments on exhibits within the judge’s hearing. Nor should they challenge the judge’s decision at any time. Any decision based on the judgment of a judge acting under these rules is final.

RATIONALE: Expanding the rule to include clerks and judges is housekeeping to cover all parties involved and protects judges from clerks and other judges disrupting their rings with comments or challenging their decisions.

-6- Touch of Class Cat Fanciers, Black Tie And Tails Cat Club

RESOLVED: Amend ARTICLE XII, SHOW LICENSES, Rule 12.03(c) as follows:

~~Any show held on a weekend or in a city different from the previous year must have written permission of the Regional Director for the region in which the show is planning to be held. Any show changing their show location 50 miles or more from the previous year must seek permission from the Change of Location Committee. This is made up of the Regional Director, two alternating members of the National Scheduling Committee and two exhibitors drawn by lottery.~~ Written permission must accompany the show license application. Shows being held in the International Division must have the authorized signature of the Chairman of the International Division if they are applying for a show date different from the previous year’s show.

RATIONALE: Any club changing their location presently must do so with the permission of the Regional Director and or the National Scheduling Committee. Most often this decision is left in the hands of one person, the RD. Sometimes, it is impossible to reach your RD. What then? “Let us not forget that when you put absolute

power in the hands of just one person, it leads to absolute corruption, absolutely.” The 500 mile rule still stands to protect the surrounding regions. This needs to change to a Change of Location Committee in order to be an impartial judgment. We need broader guidelines in terms of changing show halls as they are so hard to get and rather than just saying change of city, it needs to be a distance of 50 miles. In today’s systems of highways, 50 miles is not a great distance to move your show hall.

This is strictly a housekeeping issue that makes the show rule so much easier to read. This puts in place checks and balances and common sense.

-7- Lilac Point Fanciers, Siamese Alliance of America, Straight And Curl Cat Club

RESOLVED: Amend show rule Article XV Responsibilities of Show Manager 15.01.1 as follows to take effect immediately:

“A fee of ~~\$50~~ \$25 per addendum will be charged to the club/entry clerk/show service and must be submitted with the show packet. Payment of the ~~\$50~~ \$25 nonrefundable fee does not guarantee acceptance of an addendum by the Central Office. No more than \$100 in total addendum fees will be charged to one show.”

RATIONALE: The addendum fee was passed by the board at the request of Central Office at the October 2006 board meeting. The intent of the fee as stated in the minutes is two fold – to be a deterrent to clubs submitting addendums and to cover the cost of the extra work involved to process an addendum. The current \$50 fee per addendum is excessive in cases of legitimate addendums.

A \$50 fee per addendum seems like an appropriate penalty for invalid addendums in cases where a club knows an addendum will be denied but takes the entry fees and submits the addendum anyway. But it is a harsh penalty on legitimate addendums where the club has to do the addendum or risk a protest. Even the best entry clerks make mistakes. With online entries being accepted just a few days before the show and confirmations taking the form of replies to emails, it can happen that an entry clerk confirms an entry but then does not enter the cat for whatever reason. In such a case, the club has to do an addendum or risk a protest from a justifiably angry exhibitor who did everything they could to confirm the entry. This excessive fee pits clubs against exhibitors with the overworked entry clerk stuck in the middle. Some clubs will refuse all addendums, even those that are legitimate, to avoid the fee. Some volunteer entry clerks may stop entry clerking. Our show rules should not be making the work of the entry clerk harder or causing strife between exhibitors and clubs.

This proposed show rule change meets the original intent of Central Office when they proposed the addendum fee. It will deter clubs from making addendums for any reason just to get the entry fees, it will offset the cost of processing addendums, it will give entry clerks an incentive to be better at their jobs without punishing them too harshly for mistakes, and it will allow clubs that make legitimate addendums to do so without losing the entire entry fee.

-8- Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend show rule Article XVI Responsibilities of Show Secretary as follows:

16.06.2 The show secretary shall provide each ring clerk with one catalog to be marked for the judge. In addition, the ring clerks and trainee clerks may wish to record a second fully marked catalog for their own usage. The show secretary shall provide a second catalog to a ring clerk or trainee if requested.

RATIONALE: The CFA Clerking Manual states that “the clerk should obtain catalogs from the show secretary. The number to be maintained is determined by the show rules.” Show rule 18.03 requires that the ring clerk mark a catalog for the judge. The show rules do not require ring clerks to mark a second copy, but many ring clerks prefer to maintain two catalogs for their own records. This is essential practice for trainees. When a ring clerk enters a cat in the show, the ring clerk will most likely use his/her own catalog as the second catalog. But there are times when the ring clerk needs an extra catalog, such as when the ring clerk does not have an entry in the show. It is not too much to ask that the club provide a second catalog. Most clubs do this automatically. Some do not. The proposed show rule would require clubs to provide a second catalog only if the ring clerk wants one.

-9- Lilac Point Fanciers, Siamese Alliance of America, Straight And Curl Cat Club

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule Article XVIII Responsibilities of Clerks 18.13 as follows:

“The master clerk is responsible for initialing and posting the official (white) copies of the color class sheets that have been fully checked. The sheets should be posted in a manner readily accessible to all exhibitors. Once the master clerk has completed checking the color class sheets and has initialed the sheets, ~~the awards can only be changed as follows: If a mechanical error is discovered after the master clerk has initialed the sheets, the error may be corrected by the judge. the judge cannot change the sheets to add or change an award on a cat that has already been handled except in the case of a mechanical error.~~ The judge’s written confirmation of the correction must be provided with the show records. The only other method of changing the awards after they have been posted is by action of the CFA board. *

*If a mechanical error is discovered after the close of the show, the Central Office will void the affected win(s).

The preceding notwithstanding, a mechanical error not discovered until after the master clerk has initialed the sheets may be corrected by the judge. A judge’s written confirmation of the correction must be provided with the show records.”

RATIONALE: As the rule is currently written, the only way a judge can correct a class sheet once the master clerk has posted it is if there was a mechanical error. The intent of this rule is to prevent a judge from changing or adding awards to a class/division/final once they have already hung the ribbons and the master clerk has posted the sheets. But master clerks are not all interpreting this rule the way it was intended.

Suppose after a few rings an exhibitor discovers that their male kitten is really a female (this has happened). If there were no other kittens in the breed/division or if no other kitten’s ribbons would change as a result, the exhibitor might ask the judges that already handled the kitten to change its sex to female to keep any points it may have earned. If the master clerk has already posted the class sheets, rule 18.13 must be applied. There are several different opinions among master clerks as to how to apply the rule. Some say the class sheets cannot be changed because a mis-sexed kitten is not a mechanical error, some say that the sheets can be changed because it won’t change any of the awards. Other examples include changes in color class and color description. This rule needs to be applied consistently to be fair to all exhibitors.

Since the intent of the rule is to prevent judges from changing or adding awards, the proposed wording clarifies the intent and leaves it to the judge’s discretion whether to reopen the class and change the sheets. It will be up to the judge whether to correct the sex of a kitten, judge an absent cat that is now present, correct a color class or color description, correct an age, etc., so long

as no other awards on already handled cats change. The master clerk will not be violating the show rules by allowing the judge to change the class sheets for these reasons.

-10- Siamese Alliance of America, Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Show Rule Articles XXI, XXIII and XXVIII, add the following rule to each article as 21.01.01, 23.04.01 and 28.22.01 respectively:

Clubs that wish to honor a specific breed at their show may ask the judges to hang breed awards beyond those that are currently scored by Central Office. These additional breed awards will not be scored by Central Office toward any regional or national awards. Clubs do not have to ask permission from the CFA Board or Central Office to ask judges to hang additional non-scored breed awards.

RATIONALE: According to show rules 21.01, 23.04 and 28.22, judges are not allowed to make awards other than those provided for in the show rules. But several breed clubs try to promote their breed by offering additional awards to those breeds at their shows. Siamese Alliance is one of those clubs, and each year we ask permission from the board to allow our judges to hang top 5 in breed in the Siamese and to allow one judge to pick a Best Siamese in Show from the highest scoring Siamese in each category. The extra placements and awards are not scored by CFA, they are just an incentive for Siamese exhibitors to come to our show and compete for special breed awards. The board has never turned down our request, so this formality could be avoided by clarifying in the show rules that extra non-scored breed awards are allowed and do not violate prohibitions on extra awards found elsewhere in the show rules.

-11- Rome Cat Forum

RESOLVED: Add show rule 27.15 as follows:

Judges must not discuss exhibits at a show which they are officiating with other judges prior to the official end of the show, outside of notification of aggressive behavior.

RATIONALE: Housekeeping to reinforce current judge rules to prevent judges discussing exhibits during the show and to allow each judge to evaluate each exhibit based upon presentation without outside input.

-12- Rome Cat Forum

RESOLVED: Add show rule 27.16 as follows:

Judges should not influence other judges to final cats or promote individual exhibits during the show season.

RATIONALE: Judges are charged with evaluating cats in an unbiased manner based on the show standards. Promoting individual exhibits to exhibitors, clerks, or other judges does not display objective evaluation.

-13- Rome Cat Forum

RESOLVED: Add show rule 27.17 as follows:

Judges should not discuss regional or national standings or potential from the judging ring.

RATIONALE: Judges displaying knowledge of CFA standings in the show ring is unprofessional and undermines CFA’s reputation.

-14- Rome Cat Forum

RESOLVED: Add the following to Article XXXVII National/Division/Regional Awards Program Eligibility as section 5.

5. Cats shown by CFA judges accepting assignments for the current show year (or individuals in their immediate household) which they have not bred are ineligible for all national and regional awards including breed awards.

RATIONALE: Campaigning cats is a conflict of interest for judges and is not in the best interest of growth in CFA. The cat fancy is one of the only places a person is allowed to compete for awards for which they have an active role in scoring.

Limiting CFA judges' eligibility for national and regional awards to cats they have bred does not prevent judges from showing cats from their own breeding programs to regional or national wins as they work towards the betterment of CFA breeds. It does not prevent judges from participating in cat shows with cats they may obtain for their breeding program or households or obtaining championship, premiership, or grand titles.

This show rule addition will prevent judges from competing for awards with cats they have not bred while they have a say in the outcome of regional and national awards.

NON-SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

-15- National Birman Fanciers, Lilac Point Fanciers, New Hampshire Feline Fanciers, Siamese Alliance of America

RESOLVED: The use of CFA's CATS (Cat Ancestral Tracking Service) should be extended to include the pedigree information of cats from foreign registries that are registered in CFA by using those foreign pedigrees. Examples of this information may include the date this information was received, the name of the foreign registry, the cat's identification number in that registry, cat's name, breed, color, sex and birthdate.

RATIONALE: This should allow Central Office to reference ancestors in the CATS database where this information has already been acquired by CFA, potentially easing CFA registration in the International division.

-16- National Birman Fanciers, Lilac Point Fanciers, New Hampshire Feline Fanciers, Siamese Alliance of America

Should the aforementioned resolution #15 pass, then additionally

RESOLVED: CFA's pedigree database should be modified to allow linkage to the CATS database to allow printing and verification of "extended" pedigrees.

RATIONALE: This should allow CFA customer's who pay for pedigrees to receive the appropriate number of (paid for) generations, whether all relevant cats were registered in CFA or not, given pedigree form modifications.

-17- Lilac Point Fanciers, Siamese Alliance of America, Straight And Curl Cat Club

RESOLVED: The CFA Board should reduce the fee(s) for breed council membership by \$5 which should not include mailing the show rules and show standards for the reduced fee. The breed council application should include an option to order paper copies of those documents at a fee to cover the cost of printing and mailing.

RATIONALE: Since the show rules and show standards are available for free on the Internet, this resolution should save CFA and breed council members money. Many breed council members are online and can get these documents easily. The money saved by no longer bulk mailing these documents to breed council members should be enough to allow a decrease in breed council membership fees. Those who still want the printed copies can pay extra for them at the time of the application.

-18- Lilac Point Fanciers, Siamese Alliance of America, Straight And Curl Cat Club

RESOLVED: The CFA Central Office should no longer mail show rules to club secretaries. However, CO should still include one copy of the show rules in every show package.

RATIONALE: Every club secretary receives a free copy of the show rules in the mail early in the season. If someone is a secretary of multiple clubs, that person gets multiple copies. If the show rules and show standards are available for free on the Internet, this resolution will save CFA money. Any club that wants a copy can get one easily on the Internet. Licensed clerks and judges will still get a hard copy in the mail, and there will still be one hard copy of the show rules in the show package.

-19- Lilac Point Fanciers, Siamese Alliance of America, Straight And Curl Cat Club

RESOLVED: The CFA Central Office should make the Clerking Manual, Clerking Guidelines and Procedures, and Master Clerk Manual available in electronic format such as PDF for free to licensed clerks and those clerks who have started training. Central Office should then remove the hard copy of the Clerking Manual from the show package.

RATIONALE: These documents are for sale as hard copy and as PDFs on the CFA Website. Licensed clerks get a hard copy at the time of the bi-annual test, and this should not change. We rely on the information in these manuals to take the test and correctly do our jobs. It's easy to misplace these documents, and we don't get another free copy until the next test. Since CO has PDF copies of these documents, clerks and those training to become clerks could benefit from electronic copies to replace lost copies, or to make it easier to read and search the documents. Free electronic copies of these documents should be available on request and sent as email attachments to any clerk or trainee clerk who asks for them.

