

**SUMMARY AND TRANSCRIPT OF ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE  
CFA BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MAY 7, 2024**

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**Secretary's Note:** The Officers and Board of Directors of the Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc. met on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, via Zoom video conference. **President Richard Mastin** called the emergency video conference meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time. A roll call by **Secretary Rachel Anger** found the following members to be present:

**Mr. Richard Mastin (President)**  
**Mr. Russell Webb (Vice-President/Region 1 Board Liaison)**  
**Ms. Rachel Anger (Secretary)**  
**Ms. Kathy Calhoun (Treasurer)**  
**Vacant (NAR Director)**  
**Mrs. Pam Moser (NWR Director)**  
**Ms. Paula Noble (GSR Director)**  
**Mr. Michael Shelton (SWR Director)**  
**Mrs. Cathy Dunham (MWR Director)**  
**Mr. Kenny Currle (SOR Director)**  
**Ms. Pam DelaBar (Europe Regional Director)**  
**Dr. Marilee Griswold (Director-at-Large)**  
**Mr. Pauli Huhtaniemi (Director-at-Large)**  
**Mrs. Carol Krzanowski (Director-at-Large)**  
**Mrs. Anne Mathis (Director-at-Large)**  
**Mr. Darrell Newkirk (Director-at-Large)**

**Also Present:**

**Edward L. Raymond, Jr., Esq., CFA Legal Counsel**  
**Allene Tartaglia, Executive Director**  
**Matthew Wong, ID Representative**

**Absent:**

**Mr. John Colilla (GLR Director)**  
**Ms. Yukiko Hayata (Japan Regional Director)**  
**Eva Chen, ID-China Representative**

**Secretary's Note:** For the ease of the reader, some items were discussed at different times but were included with their particular agenda.

**Mastin:** Hello everyone. Rachel, would you please do the roll call? **Anger:** Yes. John Colilla will not be joining us tonight. [**Secretary's Note:** Secretary Rachel Anger called the roll, as reflected above.] In the meantime, I will turn it back to you Mr. President. **Mastin:** OK, thank you Rachel.

# TRANSCRIPT

## Executive Session

### Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

(1) APPROVE ORDERS OF THE DAY.

CFA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AGENDA May 7, 2024 Emergency Meeting			
All times are in Eastern Standard Time			
7:00 p.m.	1.	Approve Orders of the Day	Mastin
<b>Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees</b>			
7:05 p.m.	2.	ID Committee Show Rule Rewrites – 8.05 and DW Award in Kuwait	Calhoun
7:15 p.m.	3.	Show Rules Committee Rewrite – 11.28 and 11.29	Raymond

**Mastin:** May I have a motion to approve the Orders of the Day? **Newkirk:** I'll move. **Mastin:** Thank you Darrell. **Currle:** Kenny seconds. **Mastin:** Kenny, thank you. Do we have any additions or corrections? **Anger:** I have one small thing. **Mastin:** What do you have, Rachel? **Anger:** To have a break at 9:15. **Mastin:** OK. A 10 minute break OK, Rachel? **Anger:** That's OK with me. **Mastin:** Alright, we'll do a 10 minute break at 9:15. Any other additions or corrections? Any further discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objections, the Orders of the Day are approved unanimously.

**The Orders of the Day, as amended, were accepted without objection and became the Orders of Business.**

**Mastin:** We will – before we bring – **Tartaglia:** She's here. I brought her in. **Mastin:** Before you bring her in, I just want to – **Tartaglia:** She's already here. I can put her back in the waiting room. **Mastin:** OK. I just want to do a couple reminders. First is, Rachel you did a nice job with this agenda, outlining all the times. I would like to be done at 11 and then Allene will do a short review of the new website for those who want to stay. If by some chance we are not done by 11, we will end the meeting at 11:59 p.m. no matter where we are. If we're not finished, we will come back at this on May 14<sup>th</sup>. I'm going to ask the board, let's stick to the topics on the agenda and let's get to the point and try to proceed through this. Hopefully we will be done by 11 this evening.

## Reports of Officers, Boards, and Standing Committees

(2) **ID COMMITTEE SHOW RULE REWRITES – 8.05 AND DW AWARD IN KUWAIT.**

*Committee Co-Chairs: Kathy Calhoun/Matthew Wong*  
*Subcommittee Chair/Co-Chair China: John Colilla/Wain Harding*  
*Subcommittee Chair Asia (outside of China): Robert Zenda*  
*Subcommittee Chair Africa, W Asia, Middle East: Jan Rogers*  
*Subcommittee Chair Central & South America: Brad Newcomb*

**Mastin:** OK Allene, let’s bring in Jan. **Tartaglia:** She is in. **Mastin:** Hi Jan, can you hear me? **Rogers:** Can you hear me now? **Mastin:** We can hear you. Thank you for joining. I’m going to turn this over to Kathy and Matthew. Kathy, I know you invited Jan to attend, so if you and Matthew would take this on, please proceed.

**Mastin:** Kathy Calhoun, do you have a standing motion on both of these? **Calhoun:** I do. **Mastin:** And may I have a second. Pam DelaBar, are you seconding? **DelaBar:** I will. My hand is still up though.

*Jan Rogers – Subcommittee Chair Africa, W Asia, Middle East*

*Expanding both motions to all clubs in AWS*

1. *For the 2024-2025 show season, reduce the minimum points required for an International Division Award in kitten and premiership in the AWS geographical area.*

<b>Addendum to Article XXXVI – National/Regional/Divisional Awards Program</b>	<b>International Division Committee</b>	
<b>Existing Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Wording</b>	
	To be eligible for an International Division Award in the Africa and western Asia (including the middle east [minus Israel], Turkey, Iran, India, Maldives, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, etc.) geographical area of the International Division for the 2024-2025 Show Season, cats must earn a minimum of the following: 200 points in championship, 50 points in kitten, 40 points in premiership, and 50 points in household pet competition.	

**RATIONALE:** This would be experimental for the new show season and only for the February show 2025 for Kuwait. Currently the ONLY show in the AWS region. The only changes are to the requirements for kittens and premiership.

**Calhoun:** This is Kathy. These two motions are being brought back with some revisions and expansion. Much of the conversation that occurred and related to these two motions, we're expanding it to the entire AWS geographical area. That being said, it has done so. Jan, if you have any additional comments that you would like to make, please do so and then we can just move forward with the motion. **Rogers:** OK. We are trying to encourage more people to come to the shows. Currently, we only have the one show in Kuwait, whereas before we had shows in other countries, then COVID happened and they ran out, but Kuwait did do a 10 ring show this February. We actually only had 7 kittens entered and a few premiers. The comment was, "why should we bother, there's no way to get a win." So, this way, if we lowered it with the kittens and the premiership, which is what we're asking, we're going to have a little bit more interest and with my coordinator over there Sandra, I think we've got a really good opportunity to expand our Kuwaiti presence and go on into Saudi Arabia and other countries. But for this show season, we're only asking it for the February Kuwaiti show as an experiment. **Mastin:** OK, and the motion is on the screen.

**DelaBar:** I know several of us have been contacted about a show in Saudi Arabia in March. If they would have this, this would cut them out of any kind of possibility of an award. **Rogers:** Can I respond? **Mastin:** Let Pam finish first and then you can respond. Continue, Pam. **DelaBar:** I would say we could pass this with the caveat that we can come back if Saudi decides to have a show. **Mastin:** Jan, do you want to respond now? **Rogers:** Yes. The lady who is president of the Saudi club, her husband just passed away and the show date was actually for February, piggy backing on the Kuwaiti show. Nothing has been firmed up on that. We're working on it. I'm not sure who contacted you but it's still up in the air. We don't have a concrete, they were just putting out feelers. I know I was asked, Bob Zenda was asked, Kenny I think you were on the list, but it's not finalized at this point. **Newkirk:** Pam said March. Jan just clarified that it's February. I also was asked to hold that date the last weekend in February, so I'm not sure what's going on. I think it's Valeria Persians or something like that is the cattery. Is that correct, Jan? **Rogers:** Yes. That's whose husband just passed away. **Newkirk:** I got that. I understand. **Calhoun:** I think we always have the option of asking for an exception to a show rule when needed, no matter what the circumstance is, so I don't see why we need to dwell on this particular might be. If it in fact materializes, we can certainly come back. **Curle:** Quickly, they could really use this. The second one I want to talk more about, but we could certainly start with Kuwait and, like Kathy said, we can always take things on an individual basis. We just need to get more people involved and show them that there is an opportunity to get an award, but I'm going to support this.

**Mastin:** Ed, I need clarification. I've got a question. I know there was concern if another club put on a show that this wouldn't apply to them, but I do not see that in the show rule, nor do I see it in the motion, but it's in the rationale. **Raymond:** The rationale I think was carried forward from the prior board meeting. My understanding of what was being requested and the way I wrote the show rule is that it applies to any shows within that geographical region of the International Division, so I believe that Saudi would be within that division, so if that show

happens, it will be covered by this rule. These are just point requirements for an International Division award. **Mastin:** Thank you for clarifying that, because that’s the way I understood it. **Calhoun:** This is for AWS as a geographic area. If we needed to make any changes, we can come back to the board at that time, but at this point the purpose of bringing this back was expansion to the entire geographic area, so I would like us to move forward on this motion. We want to move things along tonight and I think we just need to vote. **Anger:** Can we get some feedback after this occurs, as to how the exhibitors felt about it, how the show feels about it, so that we’ll have information to make smart decisions going forward? **Rogers:** Absolutely. **Mastin:** OK great. Any further discussion. Any objections? Seeing no objections, this motion passes unanimously.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

2. *Allow an exception to Show Rule 8.05 – Ring sponsorship, for AWS for the 2024-2025 show season.*

<b>Addendum to Article VIII – Prizes, Ribbons and Trophies, SR 8.05</b>	<b>International Division Committee</b>	
<b>Existing Wording</b>		<b>Proposed Wording</b>
		For the 2024-2025 Show Season, the prohibition against the name of the individual/cattery sponsoring awards being on signage visible by judges or included on the rosettes is waived at shows held in the Africa and western Asia (including the middle east [minus Israel], Turkey, Iran, India, Maldives, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan etc.) geographical area of the International Division.
<b>RATIONALE:</b> Prior to rule 8.05 coming into existence, clubs generated an enormous amount of money from Breeder Sponsorships. This rule stopped this activity to the detriment of the funding of the club expenses.		

**Mastin:** OK, let’s do the second one. Kathy Calhoun? **Calhoun:** The second motion is also expanding the initial request that was made in the prior board meeting to the entire geographic area. Basically, what is being asked here is that, in the past, clubs had the opportunity for catteries to advertise, for those advertisements to have visibility so that it could help promote their catteries. This really does not impact or influence judging one way or another. It’s in the native language and the likelihood that a judge is going to first put their integrity into question by changing their judging decisions based on a sponsor. That flies in the face of not believing in the integrity of the judge, but at any rate the judge more than likely will not know the catteries, will not know the language, but this will be a financial benefit to the clubs. I don’t know if Jan has any additional information to provide. **Rogers:** When Kuwait first started, this was a big draw for the breeders, the retired breeders and actually some other show sponsors. They generated 75%-80% of the cost of the shows through that sponsorship. When the show rule came into existence, we saw a great – and we can get the figures – the numbers went down dramatically.

Putting it in Arabic and, like Kenny said, he doesn't speak Arabic. I know I don't. I know a half a dozen words and there's no way I even look at it. Interestingly enough, even if there's pictures of cats, we don't have any idea who they belong to. There's one show a year. It's how they make their money. They have 10 rings and that's how it works over there. It's a different culture. They need money, they need the sponsorship. **Currle:** I'll also mention that Kuwait does not charge for gate. The few shows that we've had in the Middle East don't charge for gate, so they're on their own to sponsor these shows. The cost of bringing U.S. judges over there to the Middle East is probably a little bit more expensive than bringing them over to Asia at this point, so I'm in full support of this. It's not going to hurt. Like Kathy says, to me it just spells negatively against the integrity of the judges to have this rule. We do what we can here in the U.S., but over there I think it's stunting our growth, because we need to keep these clubs alive. **Calhoun:** Echoing the same thing that we said in the show rule prior, this is for all of AWS. It's a big benefit. It's a way for the clubs to make money. It's a way for the breeders to promote their catteries. The ID has asked for incremental supplement. The likelihood that that will happen is rather remote, so I think that this is probably a really good step forward to help them out. **Anger:** This is another one that I'm very supportive of, but I would also like feedback so that we can make more smart decisions going forward past the show season in the show rule. I don't know why we took it away from them in the first place. It makes sense to me. This is an income stream, so let's give it to them.

**Griswold:** I'm a little bit worried that if we do this for one area, that we're going to end up having to do it for lots of different areas as well, like Europe. I don't speak Spanish and I don't speak Italian and things like that either, so if we're going to do it in one area, we might have to end up doing it in all areas. **Calhoun:** One of the things that we have to realize as a global organization is that one shoe does not fit all. One size does not fit all. What may be necessary in the ID may or may not be necessary in Europe, may or may not be useful in the United States. We have to cross those bridges when we come to them. This is what this area needs now and I think we need to support it. I know I certainly do. **Currle:** I like the point Marilee brought up and I totally agree. This rule sucks. It needs to go away. It's an insult to all judges as far as I'm concerned. Maybe we should work on that.

**Mastin:** Matthew, do you have any additional comments? **Wong:** No further comments from me. **Mastin:** OK, thank you. Any further discussion? Any objections to this motion? Seeing no objections, this motion passes unanimously.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

**Mastin:** Jan, thank you. **Rogers:** Thank you. I appreciate it. Hopefully, it will make a dent. **Calhoun:** Thank you Jan. **Mastin:** Kathy thank you.

(3) **SHOW RULES COMMITTEE REWRITE – 11.28 AND 11.29.**

**Committee Chair:** Ed Raymond  
**Liaison to Board:** Carol Krzanowski  
**List of Committee Members:** Cathy Dunham, Kathy Gumm, Shirley Michaud-Dent,  
Brad Newcomb

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**Brief Summation of Immediate Past Committee Activities:**

*The Committee has redrafted the show rule changes set forth below based on feedback received at the April Board meeting and subsequently.*

**Board Action Items:**

**Mastin:** We're going to go on to the next agenda item; that is, Ed Raymond and Carol.  
**Krzanowski:** This is Carol. I will make a standing motion to accept the revisions to these show rules. **Mastin:** Can I have a hand up for a standing second? **Webb:** Second. **Mastin:** I don't know who said it. I think it was Russell, but for future seconds, let's do a hand up because I'm going to miss it. I've got Russell as a standing second. Carol, are you taking us through, or is Ed?  
**Krzanowski:** I think Ed should go ahead. **Mastin:** OK.

1. *Define the Allbreed and Specialty ribbons to be hung in Super Specialty finals, effective for the 2024-2025 Show Season.*

*NOTE: While these changes will be made to the permanent show rules, they will be included, along with an appropriate note, in the Addendum to the print version of the 2024-2025 Show Rules because the print version has already been sent to press. These changes will be incorporated into the digital version of the 2024-2025 Show Rules which can be accessed on CFA.org.*

**Raymond:** We took a different tact to addressing the ribbons to be hung in super specialty ring finals. All of the requirements are listed as part of 11.28, including the hanging of top 5 champions and top 3 premiers when the count for the allbreed count exceeds a threshold. That includes the longhair and shorthair specialties, as well. The changes to 11.29 are very minor from what the existing rule says. We're just adding that particular specialty, just to clarify a little bit there. **DelaBar:** Ed, I was your big critic on past iterations of these show rules and, as far as I'm concerned, you've really got it now. I am fully in favor of what you have presented. **Mastin:** As I recall, I believe it was Pam, Marilee and another board member. Maybe it was Darrell, maybe not, but Marilee, do you agree with Pam? **Griswold:** Yes. I gave some feedback to Ed with some of these and he fixed my concerns. I like the way this is written now. I think it's very clear, so I think you did a good job. **Mastin:** Darrell, were you the third board member that questioned the original show rules? Rachel, do you remember who the third board member was? **Anger:** I'm pretty sure it was Darrell. **Mastin:** Darrell, are you OK with the way this is written? **Newkirk:** I read through it and I think it makes sense. **Mastin:** Good. OK great. I just wanted to make sure that the three board members that had commented on it in April, this is now the way it should be. Any further discussion?



<p><b>Article XI – During the Show – Judging and Awards, amend 11.28 and 11.29</b></p>	<p><b>Show Rules Committee</b></p>	
<p><b>Existing Wording</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed Wording</b></p>	
<p><b>11.28</b>  <b>Standard Allbreed Rings</b>  ...  <b>OCP Rings</b>  ...</p>	<p><b>11.28</b>  <b>Standard Allbreed Rings</b>  ...  <b>OCP Rings</b>  ...  <u><b>Super Specialty Rings</b></u>  <u>In the Allbreed portion of a Super Specialty ring, the Championship finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat, Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Allbreed Champion, Best, 2<sup>nd</sup> Best, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Longhair Champion, and Best, 2<sup>nd</sup> Best, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Shorthair Champion when cat entries are less than 85. For Championship entries of 85 or more, the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat, Best through Fifth Best Allbreed Champion, Best through Fifth Best Longhair Champion, and Best through Fifth Best Shorthair Champion.</u>  <u>In the Longhair/Shorthair Specialty portions of a Super Specialty ring, the Championship finals will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries in the particular specialty are less than 85. For Championship entries of 85 or more in the particular specialty, the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat.</u>  <u>In the Allbreed portion of a Super Specialty ring, Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Kitten when kitten entries are less than 75; for kitten entries of 75 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Kitten.</u>  <u>In the Longhair/Shorthair Specialty portions of a Super Specialty ring, Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Kitten when kitten entries in the particular specialty are less than 75; for kitten entries of 75 or more in the particular specialty the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Kitten.</u></p>	

	<p><u>In the Allbreed portion of a Super Specialty ring, Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat, Best and 2nd Best Allbreed Premier, Best and 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Longhair Premier, and Best and 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Shorthair Premier when cat entries are less than 50. For Premiership entries of 50 or more, Best through 15th Best Cat, Best though 3rd Best Allbreed Premier, Best through 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Longhair Premier, and Best through 3<sup>rd</sup> Best Shorthair Premier will be awarded.</u></p> <p><u>In the Longhair/Shorthair Specialty portions of a Super Specialty ring, the Premiership finals will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries in the particular specialty are less than 50. For Premiership entries of 50 or more in the particular specialty, the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat.</u></p> <p><u>Nothing in the forgoing limits a judge's discretion to conduct a Super Specialty final in the manner he or she sees fit.</u></p>
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**Mastin:** Let's just do 11.28 and then we'll come to 11.29. Any objections to 11.28?  
 Seeing no objections, this motion passes unanimously.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

<p><b>11.29</b> a. In Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings the Championship finals will be Best through 10th Best Cat, Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Champion when cat entries are less than 85.</p> <p>For Championship entries of 85 or more, the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best through Fifth Best Champion.</p> <p>Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Kitten when kitten entries are less than 75, for kitten entries of 75 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Kitten.</p> <p>Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat, Best and 2nd Best Premier when cat entries are less than 50. For Premiership entries of 50 or more, the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Premier.</p> <p>Veteran Class finals awards will be Best through 5th Best Cat or Best through 10th</p>	<p><b>11.29</b> a. In Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings, the Championship finals will be Best through 10th Best Cat, Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Champion when cat entries <u>in the particular specialty</u> are less than 85. For Championship entries of 85 or more <u>in the particular specialty</u>, the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best through Fifth Best Champion.</p> <p><u>In Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings, Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Kitten when kitten entries <u>in the particular specialty</u> are less than 75; for kitten entries of 75 or more <u>in the particular specialty</u> the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Kitten.</u></p> <p><u>In Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings, Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat, Best and 2nd Best Premier when cat entries <u>in the particular specialty</u> are less than 50. For Premiership entries of 50 or more <u>in the particular specialty</u>, the final awards will be Best</u></p>
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<p>Best Cat as determined by show management.</p> <p>b....</p>	<p>through 15th Best Cat; Best, 2nd Best and 3rd Best Premier.</p> <p>Veteran Class finals awards will be Best through 5th Best Cat or Best through 10th Best Cat as determined by show management.</p> <p>b....</p>
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**RATIONALE:** While shows featuring Super Specialty rings do not usually receive sufficient entries in a class to trigger the awarding of Top 15 placements and additional Champion and Premier placements, it does happen on occasion. These changes clarify the ribbons to be awarded.

**Mastin:** Ed, on 11.29? **Raymond:** 11.29 largely tracks the current language of the rule. We simply added the wording *in the particular specialty* just to make it clear that the counts are determined in a normal specialty final by the number of longhair or shorthair cats that are entered in determining whether you are doing top 15 or top 10. **Mastin:** Marilee, Pam DelaBar and Darrell, all looks good on 11.29? **Griswold:** Yes, it does. So, Ed and I went back and forth with some of these. He addressed every one of my concerns. Looks good. **Mastin:** Pam DelaBar, do you agree? **DelaBar:** Yes, and I stated as such. **Mastin:** OK, and then Darrell, do you agree with 11.29 as well? **Newkirk:** I am in agreement. **Mastin:** Alright, any further discussion? **Noble:** Not really changing the status of what everybody else has said, but as a master clerk I will say that this best clearly defines this for everybody and mistakes should be a lot less than what they have been in the past. **Mastin:** Good. Thanks for pointing that out. Any additional discussion? Any objections? Seeing no objection, the motion passes unanimously.

**The motion is ratified by unanimous consent.**

**Future Projections for Committee:**

*Currently, no show rule changes are anticipated to be brought forth at the June Board Meeting.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Ed Raymond, Chair*

**Mastin:** OK Ed, thank you. Carol, thank you. **DelaBar:** Would you like me to do notes and announce these show rule changes? **Mastin:** Sure, that would be great, thank you.

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The open session meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m. EST.

The executive session meeting was adjourned at 11:49 p.m. EST.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Rachel Anger, Secretary*