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1. DEFINITIONS

The following words or terms shall have the following meaning to these Rules:

- 1.1. The **NATIONAL CAT REGISTER** (hereinafter known as the NCR) is the registering authority of the CFSA.
- 1.2. The **NATIONAL CAT JUDGES EXECUTIVE** (hereinafter known as the NCJE) is the recognised cat judging authority of CFSA.
- 1.3. The **NATIONAL CAT CLUBS EXECUTIVE** (hereinafter known as the NCCE) is the recognised cat clubs authority of CFSA.
- 1.4. The **NATIONAL CAT BREED COUNCIL** (hereinafter known as the NCBC) is the recognized breed authority of CFSA.
- 1.5. **ADULT REGISTERED CLASSES**
 - 1.5.1. **OPEN CLASS**
The open class is one in which all registered entire and neutered cats of 9 (nine) months and over on the first day of the show, with or without title, of any one breed or variety of breed recognised by CFSA can be entered. Cats compete for bronze, silver or gold ribbons.
 - 1.5.2. **GOLD CLASS**
The gold class is one in which all registered entire and neutered cats of 9 (nine) months and over which have at least the title of Grand Champion or Grand Premier, of any one breed or variety of breed recognised by CFSA can be entered. Cats compete for gold ribbons only.
 - 1.5.3. **TRIPLE SUPREME CHALLENGE**
The triple supreme challenge is one in which all registered entire and neutered cats which have at least the title of triple supreme can be entered. Entire cats of all breeds compete against each other and neutered cats of all breeds compete against each other for awards.
 - 1.5.4. **VETERAN CHALLENGE**
The veteran challenge is one in which all registered entire and neutered cats that are at least 7 (seven) years old on the first day of the show can be entered. Entire cats of all breeds compete against each other and neutered cats of all breeds compete against each other for awards.
- 1.6. **KITTEN REGISTERED CLASSES**
The open kitten class is one in which registered kittens of 4 (four) months and over and less than 9 (nine) months on the first day of the show, dating from and inclusive of the date of its birth, of any one breed or variety of breed recognised by CFSA can be entered. Kittens compete for Sapphire, Emerald or Ruby ribbons.
- 1.7. A **DOMESTIC CLASS** is one in which all cats of any breed or variety of breed that is not registered as a recognised breed, at any feline registration body (nationally and internationally) of 4 (four) months and over can be entered. All domestic cats over the age of 6 (six) months must be neutered. Proof of spaying/neutering must be provided to the pet registrar.
- 1.8. The **BREEDER** is the owner of the dam at the time of kitting.
- 1.9. The **EXHIBITOR** is the owner in whose name the exhibit is registered or the person to whom registration is pending.



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1.10. The **CFSA SHOW ADMINISTRATOR** is:

- 1.10.1 The person officially appointed by CFSA EXCO on a yearly basis to verify, record and maintain the official results of all CFSA championship shows as well as any other shows where entries and results are based on/derived from CFSA championship shows.
- 1.10.2 Club show committees to submit processed entry records and judges allocations to the CFSA Show Administrator within 7 (seven) days of the show entry closing date.
- 1.10.3 In the event of less than 40 (forty) pedigreed cats entered for a championship show, the CFSA Show Administrator to advise the show manager that the Best in Show results will not count towards Cat of the Year, and communication should be distributed to all exhibitors within 10 (ten) days of the show entry closing date.
- 1.10.4 The CFSA Show Administrator to submit the judges' allocations to NCIE for approval within a reasonable time period after receipt from the club.
- 1.10.5 The CFSA Show Administrator shall notify official results of a CFSA show to NCIE (for publication purposes), the Registrar of the NCR, the appointed auditor and the appointed COTY program administrator within 72 (seventy-two) hours after a show.

1.11. The **SHOW COMMITTEE** shall mean and be the duly appointed sub-committee of the club running the show and shall include:

- 1.11.1. Person or persons to carry out any duty or act which the club is entitled or obliged to carry out.
- 1.11.2. The show manager or managers.

1.12. A **CAT SHOW** is one in which cats and/or kittens compete publicly for awards.

1.13. A **CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW** is one in which registered males, females, neuters and kittens compete publicly for ribbon awards.

1.14. **CFSA** shall mean the Executive Committee of the Cat Federation of Southern Africa.

2. SHOWS

2.1 CFSA REPRESENTATIVE

- 2.1.1. A CFSA Representative, who shall be an EXCO member, shall be appointed at all CFSA shows run under these Rules and shall be responsible to the CFSA for the interpretation of these Rules for the duration of the show.
- 2.1.2. The CFSA Representative, or EXCO-approved stand-in, shall submit a report to CFSA on the show he/she represents.
- 2.1.3. Insofar as is possible, the Show Representative shall not be the same person for more than 2 (two) concurrent shows.

2.2 DUTIES OF SHOW OFFICIALS

- 2.2.1 Show officials must immediately report to the show manager any case of fraudulent or discreditable conduct at or in connection with a show which may come to their notice, and at



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the same time furnish the show manager concerned with all documents or information therewith which may be in their possession or power.

2.2 VETERINARY SURGEONS

- 2.3.1. Each CFSA show must have appointed at least one registered veterinary surgeon, who may or may not be present, to be on stand-by at no more than 30 (thirty) minutes travelling time from the show hall to examine, if required and requested by the show manager, any exhibit at the show and if, in his/her opinion, an exhibit is not fit to remain in the show, he/she shall give his/her reasons to the show manager as soon as possible. Any exhibit disqualified from exhibition and competition by the examining veterinary surgeon shall leave the hall immediately, and if in his/her opinion it is desirable all other exhibits from the same household, and the owner thereof, shall be debarred from attending the show; the officiating Veterinary Surgeon's decision is FINAL.
- 2.3.2. The show manager to send a list of all disqualified cats (veterinary surgeon and judges) details to the Show Administrator within 24 (twenty four) hours of the show. He/she will then notify the Registrar and the other CFSA show managers.

2.4. CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS

- 2.4.1. All National and International Championship Shows MUST be All Breeds Shows.
- 2.4.2. The club must make application to CFSA through the NCCE, in writing, submitting the show dates by October of the previous year for approval to run a Championship Show under these Rules prior to any public advertisement of the show.
- 2.4.3. The Clubs to pay a fixed amount per pedigreed and domestic cat entered for a show to CFSA at the discretion of CFSA.
- 2.4.4. A minimum of 40 (forty) pedigreed cats entered are required for an All Breeds Championship Show in order for the Best in Show results to count points towards Cat of the Year and the awards to count towards title changes.
- 2.4.5. The show committee of each club must invite judges from the official list of CFSA recognised judges (refer point 4.2), in writing, at least 2 (two) months before the show to allow enough time to invite other judges if and when required.
- 2.4.6. The show committee must ensure that ample all breeds judges are invited to enable the smooth running of Best In Show line-ups. At least 4 (four) All Breeds judges (which are non-exhibitors) are required for single shows and 6(six) All Breeds judges (which are non-exhibitors) for double shows.
- 2.4.7. CFSA judges must at each show make up at least 50% (fifty percent) of the total number of judges officiating at the show.
- 2.4.8. The clubs to pay a fixed amount per CFSA judge and non-CFSA approved judge officiating at a show to NCJE at the discretion of CFSA.
- 2.4.9. All club fees (show fees from previous years and current year affiliation fees) must be paid up before a club will be allowed to host any shows.



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2.5. APPEARANCE OF SHOWS AND ENTRIES

- 2.5.1. All shows must be attractive to the public and exhibitors.
- 2.5.2. All shows must account for the comfort of the cats and this shall not be prejudiced in favour of any aspect of judging, owners or public benefit.
- 2.5.3. The show committee may reserve the right to refuse any entry or entries giving full written reasons for the decision. The show committee may fix any day for closing its entries and such date must be published. All registered cats to be entered as one of the following – Adult Male, Adult Female, Neuter or Kitten.
- 2.5.4. There is no restriction on the number of times any one cat may be entered into one category as long as it qualifies.
- 2.5.5. All relevant points gained by any one cat, whether as a kitten or adult at all CFSA shows in any competition year are accumulated and recorded by CFSA for the purpose of annual CFSA awards.

2.6. NOTICE TO THE EXHIBITORS

A notice to the exhibitors should be received by all exhibitors, participating judges, CFSA Secretary and the CFSA Show Administrator, at least 48 (forty eight) hours before the date of a show. This notice should contain details of time of checking in, instructions for benching, telephone number of show manager, etc., and allocation of judges. Directions for reaching the venue should be sent with this notice. The notice must provide that a copy of the CFSA Show Rules as well as any existing Show Rules of the NCCE shall be available to any exhibitor requiring it.

2.7. ENTRY OF EXHIBITS

- 2.7.1 All exhibited kittens and cats must have a current vaccination certificate with proof of a core vaccine that has been administered at least 2 (two) weeks before and not longer than a year before the show date.
- 2.7.2. All entire males over the age of 18 (eighteen) months must be registered as a stud with the NCR.
- 2.7.3 No kitten under the age of 4 (four) calendar months on the day of the show shall be eligible for competition.

2.8. ENTRY FORMS – SHOW ENTRY ADMINISTRATION

- 2.8.1. All clubs to make use of the standardised version of the show entry form as prepared by NCIE, and approved by CFSA Executive Committee. All show entry forms to be accompanied by the registration certificates, as well as the transfer of ownership documents (if applicable) for all entries. Where transfer of ownership is pending, show administration is to confirm with NCR that application forms have been submitted. Clubs are required to keep received registration certificates on file to re-use, should the same cat be entered for the next shows.
- 2.8.2. Each cat or kitten must be clearly identified on the entry form, if registered the particulars to be identical with those given on the cat's registration certificate and there must be a declaration signed by the exhibitor that the cat or kitten is entered subject to these Rules.



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- 2.8.3. If a cat has a CFSA title this must be declared. CFSA titles must precede the cats' name. Any other titles may be written at the end of the cats' name.
- 2.8.4. If a cat or kitten be owned by more than one person, the names of the owners must be given on the registration form and on the entry form.
- 2.8.5. All exhibitors must produce a current inoculation certificate (dated within 12 (twelve) months of the date of the show) for all kittens and adults under the age of 3 (three) years on the day of the show.
- 2.8.6. If a cat or kitten be entered except as directed in rules 2.7 and 2.8 the exhibitor shall forfeit any prizes that may have been awarded and if the error is detected in time such cat or kitten shall not be allowed to compete, and the exhibitor shall forfeit all entrance fees, but the committee of the club concerned may, on appeal for good cause shown, remit all or any of the forfeits herein mentioned.
- 2.8.7. Registration numbers must be given on each entry form and these numbers shall appear against the exhibitors' name in the catalogue.
- 2.8.8. All entire males over the age of 18 (eighteen) months must be registered as a stud with the NCR. Teaser toms must be registered with the NCR.
- 2.8.9. Breed identification of the sire and dam must appear after the names in all entries in the show catalogues.
- 2.8.10. Show schedules and entry forms must be available to exhibitors at least 2 (two) weeks before the closing date for entries.
- 2.8.11. No kitten under the age of 4 (four) calendar months on the day of the show will be allowed in the hall for competition or sale.
- 2.8.12. No cat or kitten will be allowed at the show venue for the purpose of selling.
- 2.8.13. The show manager may or may not, at his/her discretion, provide an adequate area for an exhibition to take place concurrently with the show.
- 2.8.14. No owner, breeder or member of CFSA that has been suspended or expelled from the CFSA, may personally attend any CFSA show before the suspension/expulsion was lifted by the CFSA Executive Committee.
- 2.8.15. No exhibitor may move exhibits to new/empty cages without the permission of the show manager.

2.9. CAGE ALLOCATION

The cage allocation and the grouping of exhibits in the show hall may be arranged at the discretion of the show manager. All cats must be clearly identified in accordance with the catalogue numbering.

2.10. SHOW CATALOGUE

- 2.10.1. The grouping and sequence of exhibits in the show catalogue may be arranged at the show managers' discretion.
- 2.10.2. The show catalogue must contain details of the show officials and all exhibitors.



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2.10.3 The show catalogue must contain the names of all persons who assist with the compilation of the catalogue.

2.10.4 The show catalogue must contain full details of all entries according to the registration certificate.

2.11. REMOVAL FROM THE HALL

The Show manager is authorised and empowered to give a verbal warning or remove from the show hall any exhibitor/owner, show official, visitor and/or anybody else whose behaviour conflicts with the Show Rules and/or normal decorum and report the incident to the CFSA within 48 (forty eight) hours.

2.12. EXHIBITOR / OWNER

The exhibitor/owner may be in the hall the whole day, by the cage if he/she so chooses and may decorate the cage in a manner that does not cause discomfort to the exhibit and does not hide the exhibit in the show cage. The exhibitor/owner should not identify himself/herself to the judges, show officials and visitors before the judging is completed.

2.13. EXHIBITOR BOUND BY RULES

A person entering a cat for any show held under these Rules shall, by such act, be deemed to have agreed to refer any question or dispute to the committee of the club concerned or to the CFSA Representative and to abide by their decision, and this fact must be brought to the attention of exhibitors before a show.

2.14. LOCAL RULES

2.14.1. Thereof subject to the definitions of these Rules as they think fit, except:

2.14.2. No classes or prizes may be offered for any progeny sired by a specified cat,

2.14.3. No free service from any particular stud cat may be offered as a prize.

2.14.4. When power to cancel or amalgamate classes, or to alter prize lists, or to return entries is reserved, it must be prominently stated in the schedule of the show and exhibitors shall be notified of intention to exercise such power at least three days previous to the date of the show, notice having been given in the schedule when such publication will be made and entrance fees thereby affected shall be returned, but in case of cancelled classes exhibitors in such classes shall be notified three clear days prior to the show.

2.14.5. If possible, female cats should be placed in cages between males in the various classes. Entire males should not be placed in adjoining cages at any time.

2.14.6. If the show manager makes a technical error in the classification of a cat in a judges' book, and it can be rectified on the day of the show, the judge must accept the show manager's decision.

2.14.7. The aisles between rows of cages must be a minimum of 1,25m and ideally 1,80m.

2.15. FRACTIOUS CATS

2.15.1. If, in the opinion of both the show manager and the judge concerned, a cat cannot be taken out of its pen, it must not be judged. A judge or steward shall report such incidents concerning fractious cats to the show manager immediately. The onus is then on the show manager to take the necessary action. If such fractiousness is confirmed by both the show manager and the



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judge concerned, such incident shall be reported to the Administration Office of CFSA, giving the name of the exhibit together with the show results.

- 2.15.2. Any fractious cat disqualified 3 (three times) in consecutive shows will be banned from entering in any further CFSA shows.
- 2.15.3. The CFSA Show Administrator will keep show clubs informed of cats in such condition.

2.16. DISQUALIFICATION OF CATS

A cat shall be disqualified from exhibition and competition by the show manager if it is proved that:

- 2.16.1 It has been improperly prepared for show, that is, if any dye, colouring, lightening or darkening substance, any oils or greasy preparation and cleaning preparations or any foreign matter of any description has been used and remains in the cat's coat during exhibition; if any of the cat's coat has been excessively cut or clipped, if any of the cat's coat has been singed or rasped down by any substance; if any of the new or fast coat has been removed by pulling or plucking in any way, or if the eyes have been artificially treated so that the pupils do not show a normal reaction to light.
- 2.16.2. It has been penned for competition after judging has been completed.
- 2.16.3. it has been registered in the name of and is owned by a person suspended for discreditable conduct as from the date of the charge being lodged with the club committee concerned and for the period of such suspension.
- 2.16.4. It is totally blind.
- 2.16.5. No exhibitor shall exhibit a cat or kitten, which to his/her knowledge has, at the date of the show, been exposed to any specified communicable disease within the period of 30 (thirty) days prior to the date of the show, and no cat or kitten may be exhibited if the exhibitor has had such illness in his or her home or cattery during that period. In diagnosed cases of Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP), Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) and Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV) the time period shall be 90 (ninety) days. In the case of any communicable disease having occurred in a home or cattery a veterinary clearance certificate will be required from a veterinarian for all the cats in the cattery and the household involved. Any exhibitor who, in the opinion of the show committee or any other person, shall have made a false declaration in respect of the above will be liable to severe penalties under the powers of the CFSA Executive Committee. Owners of rejected exhibits shall not personally attend any show within the prescribed periods unless in the possession of a veterinary clearance certificate which must be presented to the show manager. The veterinary clearance certificate must not be older than 14 (fourteen) days. **THIS RULE TO BE PRINTED IN BOLD TYPE ON EVERY SHOW ENTRY FORM.**
- 2.16.6. It has been entered in a manner not complying with the classification in the schedule or with these Rules.
- 2.16.7. It is a monorchid or cryptorchid if over the age of 18 (eighteen) months on the day of the show unless a certificate of neutering by a qualified veterinary surgeon is produced.
- 2.16.8. It has been declawed.
- 2.16.9. It has not been duly registered.



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2.16.10. If on the day of the show it has not been duly transferred or the application for transfer has not been received by the Registrar of NCR.

2.16.11. A tranquilizer has been evidently administered.

The owner of a cat disqualified in terms of the Rules is liable to forfeiture in the discretion of the club committee of all entry fees made and a prize awarded in respect of or won by such cat at a show or shows in question. The club committee concerned shall have powers to reprimand an exhibitor and order the forfeiture of entry fees and prizes in lieu of disqualification where an exhibitor has made a bona fide error in the entrance forms of a technical or clerical nature.

2.17. COMPLAINTS AGAINST PERSONS

If, in the opinion of the show committee of any of the member clubs, any exhibitor, breeder, member or member of the public attending any show be guilty of:

2.17.1 Any breach of these Rules or of the show rules of the club.

2.17.2 Making a false declaration or miss-statement in respect of matters mentioned in such rules.

2.17.3 Any discreditable conduct with regard to a cat or any matter whatsoever connected with or arising out of a cat show or any matter relating to the same.

2.17.4 Shall have been convicted of cruelty to or neglect of any animal in any court of law, the show committee shall, after giving the person against whom such complaint has been lodged, the opportunity of answering the said charge, verbally or in writing, pass and record in its Minutes a resolution of its findings and shall have the following powers, namely to:

2.17.4.1 suspend the person so guilty from taking part in or having any connection with or entering any show of said club held under the Rules of the CFSA for such a period as the said club's committee may, in its, the name of the club to which such a person is a member and the penalty or absolute discretion, think fit; and

2.17.4.2 forward to the CFSA a report of the meeting of the show committee including the name and address of the person concerned in the inquiry and the penalties imposed. CFSA will notify all affiliated Clubs.

2.18. COMPLAINTS AGAINST DISQUALIFICATION

2.18.1 An objection to a disqualification may be made by any interested party on one or more grounds.

2.18.2 Such objection and the reasons therefore must be in writing and delivered to the show manager. The Show manager and two committee members of the club concerned and the CFSA Representative shall deliberate the objection immediately. Should the objection be deemed to be justified and upheld, the show committee may cause the cat to be re-judged by a different judge, as the case may merit.

2.18.3 The show manager, show or club committee may, *mero motu*, raises such an objection.

2.18.4 If the objection is made by any other person other than referred to in sub-para. 2.18.3 hereof it shall be accompanied by a deposit of R10-00 which shall be returned to the objector if the objection is sustained and forfeited to the club if the objection is overruled. A copy of such objection shall be forfeited to the exhibitor and to any other persons concerned by the club



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secretary and such exhibitor shall be entitled to reply thereto within 7 (seven) days of date of receipt of such notice.

- 2.18.5 Save as is provided for in sub-para. 2.18.6 hereof, the issue shall be decided by the show committee. The show committee may, in its discretion, require the parties concerned to appear before it and give *viva voce* evidence. The decision of the show committee shall be posted to the parties concerned in writing within 48 (forty eight) hours, and the show committee shall be obliged to give reasons for such decision.
- 2.18.6 Where the objection is raised in terms of sub-par. 2.18.3 hereof, the issue shall be decided by an independent third party or body, selected by the show committee, and the decision of such independent third party or body shall be final and binding. Such third party or body shall have the same powers as are given to the show committee in terms of sub-par. 2.18.5 hereof.
- 2.18.7 An appeal shall lie from the decision of the show committee to the CFSA provided it is lodged in writing, with the CFSA, within 14 (fourteen) days from the date of the decision of the show committee.
- 2.18.8 The CFSA shall have the same powers and rights on hearing the said appeal as the show committee, and shall post its decision in writing to the parties concerned within 48 (forty eight) hours. The CFSA shall, unless it deems fit, not be obliged to give reasons for its decision.

2.19. AWARDS

- 2.19.1 One catalogue with full show awards, together with a full list of all the exhibitors and their addresses shall be supplied to the CFSA Show Administrator and COTY Programme Administrator, after completion of Best in Show. These results shall be recorded and maintained as the official results of the show by the CFSA Show Administrator and no correspondence shall be entered into.

One unmarked catalogue to be supplied to NCR to verify correct registration detail, and provide feedback of discrepancies to the CFSA Show Administrator within 72 (seventy two) hours after the show.

The names of all exhibitors who have had cats disqualified, or barred from a show by a veterinary surgeon, shall be forwarded to the CFSA Show Administrator with the show results.

- 2.19.2 The Registrar to keep an updated list of status changes of all cats on show and send the list to the Show Administrator and NCIE after every show. The Show Administrator to ensure that title changes are available to all show managers.

2.20 RIBBON AWARDS

- 2.20.1 Cats compete against the Standard of Points for its breed for ribbon awards.
- 2.20.2 To be eligible for such ribbons a cat must comply with the following:
- 2.20.3 It must be of a breed or variety of breed recognised by CFSA, and entered in a section provided for such a breed at the show.
- 2.20.4 It must be of sufficient merit in the opinion of the judges to be awarded a ribbon.
- 2.20.5 Ribbon points will be accumulated for the CFSA Cat of the Year qualification.
- 2.20.6 Ribbon points for domestic cats are accumulated by CFSA for annual awards.



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2.21 CHAMPION OR PREMIER STATUS

A cat which receives 3 (three) bronze ribbons or at least three ribbons of which the least is a bronze from a minimum of three 3 (three) different judges may claim the title of Champion for an entire cat or Premier for a neutered cat from the CFSA.

2.22 DOUBLE CHAMPION OR DOUBLE PREMIER STATUS

A cat which receives 6 (six) bronze ribbons or at least 6 (six) ribbons of which the least is a bronze from a minimum of 5 (five) different judges may claim the title of Double Champion for an entire cat or Double Premier for a neutered cat from the CFSA.

2.23 TRIPLE CHAMPION OR TRIPLE PREMIER STATUS

A cat which receives 9 (nine) bronze ribbons or at least 9 (nine) ribbons of which the least is a bronze from a minimum of 7 (seven) different judges may claim the title of Triple Champion for an entire cat or Triple Premier for a neutered cat from the CFSA.

2.24 GRAND CHAMPION OR GRAND PREMIER STATUS

A cat which receives 6 (six) silver ribbons or at least 6 (six) ribbons of which the least is silver (bronze ribbon awards do not count toward Grand status) from a minimum of 3 (three) different judges may claim the title of Grand Champion for an entire cat or Grand Premier for a neutered cat from the CFSA.

2.25 DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION OR DOUBLE GRAND PREMIER STATUS

A cat which receives 9 (nine) silver ribbons or at least 9 (nine) ribbons of which the least is silver (bronze ribbon awards do not count toward Grand status) from a minimum of 5 (five) different judges may claim the title of Double Grand Champion for an entire cat or Double Grand Premier for a neutered cat from the CFSA.

2.26 TRIPLE GRAND CHAMPION OR TRIPLE GRAND PREMIER STATUS

A cat which receives 12 (twelve) silver ribbons or at least 12 (twelve) ribbons of which the least is silver (bronze ribbon awards do not count toward Grand status) from a minimum of 7 (seven) different judges may claim the title of Triple Grand Champion for an entire cat or Triple Grand Premier for a neutered cat from the CFSA.

2.27 SUPREME CHAMPION OR SUPREME PREMIER STATUS

A cat which receives 9 (nine) gold ribbons, silver and bronze ribbon awards do not count toward Supreme status) from a minimum of 4 (four) different judges may claim the title of Supreme Champion for an entire cat or Supreme Premier for a neutered cat from the CFSA.

2.28 DOUBLE SUPREME CHAMPION OR DOUBLE SUPREME PREMIER STATUS

A cat which receives 18 (eighteen) gold ribbons from a minimum of 6 (six) different judges may claim the title of Double Supreme Champion for an entire cat or Double Supreme Premier for a neutered cat from the CFSA.



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2.29 TRIPLE SUPREME CHAMPION OR TRIPLE SUPREME PREMIER STATUS

A cat which receives 27 (twenty seven) gold ribbons from a minimum of 8 (eight) different judges may claim the title of Triple Supreme Champion for an entire cat or Triple Supreme Premier for a neutered cat from the CFSA.

Title Certificates will only be prepared at the end of the show season. NCIE will thus prepare only 1 (ONE) title certificate for the highest title achieved, which will then be forwarded to the exhibitor.

A list of title changes will be forwarded to all Show Managers and CFSA Information Officer (for possible Newsletter publication), which will keep all interested parties informed.

Should title certificates be required during the year, arrangements can be made with NCIE.

2.30 DOMESTIC CLASSES

2.30.1 A judge judging in sections other than those referred to in Rule 4.1 shall be entitled to award or withhold without reference to any other judge, ribbons to Domestic cats on the following scale:
Ruby - First and Very Highly Commended
Emerald - Second and Highly Commended
Sapphire - Third and Commended

2.30.2 Domestic cats compete in the classes detailed in Rule 4.1.2.17.

2.30.3 Domestic classes may be sub-divided at the show management's discretion.

2.30.4 The allocated Domestic cat judge shall nominate at least one but no more than three entrants in any of the 6 (six) categories (Long hair Adult, Long hair Kitten, Medium hair Adult, Medium hair Kitten, Short hair Adult, Short hair Kitten) to compete in Domestic Best in Show, provided the entrant nominated merits 93% (ninety three percent) or higher in the opinion of the judge.

2.30.5 Domestic Best in Show shall be judged by a qualified person other than the allocated judge/s of the section of the day.

2.30.6 Points for Domestic cats shall be accumulated by CFSA for annual awards:
1 (one) point for a Sapphire ribbon;
2 (two) points for an Emerald ribbon;
3 (three) points for a Ruby ribbon;
4 (four) points for each nomination;
1 (one) point plus ½ (half) point for each cat beaten in the final line up for 3rd (third) Best In Show;
3 (three) points plus ½ (half) point for each cat beaten in the final line up for 2nd (second) Best In Show; and
5 (five) points plus ½ (half) point for each cat beaten in the final line up for 1st (first) Best In Show.

2.31 CFSA TITLE OF GRAND PET

A domestic cat may claim the title of CFSA Grand Pet on achieving a minimum of 25 (twenty five) points from show awards as detailed in Rule 2.30.6 above. These points must include at least 1 (one) nomination.



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2.32 CFSA TITLE OF SUPER PET

A domestic pet may claim the title of CFSA Super pet on achieving a minimum of 45 (forty five) points from show awards as detailed in 2.30.6 above. These points must include:

- 4-5 (four to five) nominations and at least 2 (two) 1st (first) placings in Best In Show, or
- 6 (six) or more nominations and at least 1 (one) 1st (first) placing in Best In Show.

2.33 BEST OF DIVISION (BOD)

There are 4 (four) divisions. These are Persian/Exotic, Medium Hair, Foreign and Siamese/Oriental.

2.34 BEST IN SHOW (BIS)

- 2.34.1 Each judge officiating at any one show may nominate any kitten, neuter, adult male or adult female for inclusion in the category line-up provided the exhibit received the highest award possible in the class entered.
- 2.34.2 If a group consists of 4 (four) or more cats and they are all present, then the judge is allowed to nominate (2) two cats – irrespective of gender.
- 2.34.3 4 (four) category line-ups (viz kitten, neuter, male and female) shall be judged by a panel of judges.
- 2.34.4 The panel of judges, judging the Best In Show line-ups will be selected by the show manager.
- 2.34.5 Each judge on the panel shall assess each nomination and place the cats in the line-up. The CFSA Show Administrator or CFSA appointed stand-in shall average the points and declare a Best of Division in each category, provided that there are sufficient cats in the line-up to do so. In the event of tied points, a final judge-off shall be conducted by one other judge other than any included in the original panel, or a comparison of the days' awards shall decide.
- 2.34.6 The winners of each Category of Best of Division shall be judged against each other and an Overall Best of Division for each division shall be awarded.
- 2.34.7 The 4 (four) Overall Best of Division winners of the day shall compete against each other for Best in Show.
- 2.34.8 Neither Best of Division nor Best in Show will be awarded points for annual awards.
- 2.34.9 Rosettes for each Best of Division and Best in Show should be awarded.

2.35 ANNUAL AWARDS

- 2.35.1 The best results from a maximum of three (3) shows in which a Cat as an Entire or as a Neuter or as a Kitten or as a Domestic Pet competed in the relevant year shall be calculated for the final CFSA Annual Awards.
- 2.35.2 The points shall be recorded as directed by the CFSA Executive Committee.
- 2.35.3 Points are accumulated by CFSA for each pedigreed exhibit for annual awards as follows:
 - ½ (half) a point for each bronze/sapphire ribbon
 - 1 (one) point for each silver/emerald ribbon
 - 1 ½ (one and a half points) for each gold/ruby ribbon
 - 4 (four) points if 1 (one) nomination for BIS is received on any one day



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5 (five) points if 2 (two) nominations for BIS are received on any one day
7 (seven) points if 3 (three) nominations for BIS are received on any one day
5 (five) points for 1st (first) place; plus ½ (half) a point for each cat beaten in the category line-up.
3 (three) three points for 2nd (second) place; plus ½ (half) a point for each cat beaten in the category line-up.
1 (one) point for 3rd (third) place; plus ½ (half) a point for each cat beaten in the category line-up.
½ (half) a point for each cat beaten in the category line-up, for each cat in the line-up beyond 3rd (third) place.
If the line up consists of more than 12 (twelve) cats, only the top 12 (twelve) cats can earn ½ (half) points.

- 2.35.4 Points are accumulated by CFSA for each Domestic exhibit for annual awards as follows:
- 1 (one) point for each sapphire ribbon
 - 2 (two) points for each emerald ribbon
 - 3 (three) points for each ruby ribbon
 - 4 (four) points for each nomination
 - 1 (one) point, plus ½ (half) a point for each cat beaten in the line-up for 3rd (third) place BIS
 - 3 (three) points, plus ½ (half) a point for each cat beaten in the line-up for 2nd (second) place BIS
 - 5 (five) points, plus ½ (half) a point for each cat beaten in the line-up for 1st (first) place BIS

The top scoring males, females, neuters, kittens and domestics shall be honoured at an annual CFSA Cat of the Year function.

2.36 CAT OF THE YEAR (COTY)

An annual Cat of the Year, a Male of the Year, a Female of the Year, a Neuter of the Year, a Kitten of the Year and a Domestic Pet of the Year shall be declared annually in October unless otherwise decided by the CFSA Executive Committee.

- 2.36.1 The COTY Event Manager and/or Committee shall be appointed by the CFSA Executive Committee.
- 2.36.2 Any Cat/Neuter/Kitten/Pet that competes at any cat show run under CFSA Show Rules in any one calendar year is in the running for qualification in the CFSA Cat of the Year and Gold and Ruby Show (COTY/GARS) of the same calendar year.
- 2.36.3 Notification of qualification to enter the GARS section of the competition will be given to the owner of the qualifying Cat/Neuter/Kitten/Pet.
- 2.36.4 Official entry forms for COTY and GARS will be given to the qualifiers after the completion of the last relevant CFSA Cat Show of the calendar year.
- 2.36.5 The contact details will be those supplied by the owner to the Club's management when the Cat/Neuter/Kitten/Pet was entered for competition.
- 2.36.6 Acceptance for competition in the CFSA GARS section is only complete when the official entry form has been completed by the owner and the form has been returned to the GARS Management.
- 2.36.7 There is no fee for entry into the COTY or the GARS sections, but only qualifiers are eligible to enter.



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- 2.36.8 A maximum of 50 (fifty) entries for COTY and 100 (hundred) entries for GARS can be accepted. In the event of an over-subscription for the GARS section, Cats/Neuters/Kittens/Pets will be accepted on a basis of breed and category balance, accepting the cats with the most awards first. Any owner who has in previous years caused their exhibit to be absent or withdrawn from the event without considerate reason will be considered for non-acceptance before any other.
- 2.36.9 The Management Team of the CFSA COTY/GARS will make every effort to ensure that all qualifiers are informed of their cat's status and that their entry forms have been received in time. However, no responsibility can be taken by CFSA for any circumstance beyond the control of the Management Team in this regard. Any exhibitor who feels sure that his/her Cat has qualified and is entitled to enter COTY/GARS but they have not received notification thereof, is urged to contact the CFSA Registration Office for verification before the closing date for the event in the calendar year in question.
- 2.36.10 Awards and prizes will be presented on the day of the event and will not be handed to a second party. Owners who are unable to accept their awards personally may contact the CFSA Registration Office within 10 (ten) days after the event to arrange collection.
- 2.36.11 All decisions in this competition will be taken by and be at the discretion of the CFSA Executive Committee and such decisions will be final and binding. No correspondence will be entered into.

PEDIGREED CATS

- 2.36.12 Each section shall consist of the top 10 (ten) scoring cats in each category.
- 2.36.13 Points gained at CFSA shows throughout the year will be counted for qualification for Cat of the Year in that particular year.
- 2.36.14 The results of the 3 (three) highest scoring shows of each exhibit will be totaled to give the exhibits' position on the qualifying lists. The 3 (three) highest scores must be from the same category (kitten, adult male, adult female or adult neuter).
- 2.36.15 If an exhibit is shown at less than 3 (three) shows the full total of the exhibits' points will count on the qualifying lists.
- 2.36.16 No cat may compete in more than 1 (one) section. If qualifying points are gained in more than 1 (one) section, then the section where the cat has the highest position will be where the cat competes.
- 2.36.17 In the event of tied circumstances, the positions will be determined by judge-off or by 4th (fourth) and 5th (fifth) show results.
- 2.36.18 Points for all sections will be computerised and audited for BIS and COTY.
- 2.36.19 The points will not be made public during the show season.
- 2.36.20 A minimum of 3 (three) qualified judges as approved by NCJE will judge the Cat of the Year in the finals.
- 2.36.21 Each judge will examine each cat and award percentage points.
- 2.36.22 Each placed cat will receive a rosette, a COTY trophy and a certificate.



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- 2.36.23 The final placings (11 (eleven) up to 20 (twenty) per category) will be made available after the COTY event.

DOMESTIC CATS

- 2.36.24 All domestic exhibits at CFSA shows which are awarded ribbons will score points toward qualifying for Pet of the Year.

- 2.36.25 Each cat placed in the top 10 (ten) will receive a rosette and a certificate.

2.37 GOLD SHOW / RUBY SHOW (GARS)

GOLD SHOW

- 2.37.1 A Gold Show is a specialist CFSA Show.

- 2.37.2 A Gold Show Manager and/or Committee shall be appointed by the CFSA Executive Committee.

- 2.37.3 The Gold Show will run at the same venue and on the same day as the Cat of the Year Finals each year.

- 2.37.4 All CFSA registered cats, entire or neuter, that have met the qualifying requirements during any 1 (ONE) calendar year, as determined annually by the CFSA Executive Committee, will be invited to compete in the CFSA Gold Show of the same year.

- 2.37.5 All qualifiers present at a Gold Show will receive a certificate and a rosette as well as other prizes that may be arranged.

- 2.37.6 Main competition:

- 2.37.6.1 Entrants are divided into 2 (two) categories – entire or neuter.

- 2.37.6.2 Each category is then divided into (4) four divisions:
Persians / Exotics
Medium Hairs
Foreign
Siamese / Oriental

- 2.37.6.3 In each of the 4 (four) Divisions cats compete as follows – males against males for the title of Best Male; females against females for the title of Best Female. Thereafter the Best Entire Male competes against the Best Entire Female for the title of Best Entire Adult for each Division. The neuters compete against each other for the title of Best Neuter Adult for each Division.

- 2.37.6.4 The respective winners of each of the four Divisions compete against each other for the title of Best Gold Adult and Best Gold Neuter.

- 2.37.6.5 The Best Gold Adult and the Best Gold Neuter will then compete against each other for the title of Best Gold Cat.

- 2.37.7 Special classes may be allocated by the show manager or show committee if time and entries permit.



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- 2.37.8 Judging – There should be at least 5 (five) judges to assess a Gold Show and judges must be allocated for each category of competition. The format must be open judging with each of the judges selecting their winning cat, writing the cat's table number or letter on a display board and showing this to the audience. In the event of all judges selecting different cats, another judge will have the final vote on the cats concerned. The allocation of the judges for all classes as well as a reserve judge to handle ties in each case must be prepared and made public before the commencement of the Gold Show.
- 2.37.9 The purpose of a CFSA Gold Show is to declare a CFSA GOLD CAT OF THE YEAR and to recognise the excellence of cats that attend CFSA shows throughout the year.

RUBY SHOW

- 2.37.10 A Ruby Show is a specialist CFSA show and runs concurrently with a Gold Show.
- 2.37.11 All CFSA Registered Cats, entire or neuter, and Domestic Pet Cats (neuters only) that have met the qualifying requirements during any 1 (ONE) calendar year; as determined annually by the CFSA Executive Committee, will be invited to compete in the CFSA Ruby Show of the same year.
- 2.37.12 Classes and competition will be run as for the Gold Show except the divisions will be Kitten (under 9 (nine) months on the day of the show) and Adult (over 9 (nine) months on the day of the show) instead of Entires and Neuters.
- 2.37.13 The purpose of a CFSA Ruby Show is to declare a CFSA RUBY CAT OF THE YEAR and a CFSA RUBY PET OF THE YEAR as well as to recognise the excellence of cats and kittens that attend CFSA shows throughout the year.



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3. REGISTRATION

3.1 GENERAL RULES

- 3.1.1 The NATIONAL CAT REGISTER (hereinafter known as NCR) is the registering body of CFSA. Any person who is a member of an affiliated CFSA cat club may make use of the services of the NCR.
- 3.1.2 Each application for registration of a cat, kitten, litter of kittens or male cat as stud must be accompanied by 1 (ONE) relevant copy of pedigree of at least 4 (four) generations which will be retained by the NCR. Each application must be signed by the bona fide owner.
- 3.1.3 Application for the registration of an imported cat or kitten or a cat or kitten from another recognised South African registration body must be accompanied by a verified copy of the cat or kitten's original pedigree as well as a formal verified list issued by the other registration body to clarify Breed/Pattern/Colour codes. The application for registration must be submitted with the correct CFSA Breed, Pattern and Colour code.
- 3.1.4 An official registration certificate containing certified pedigree will be issued for each registered cat or kitten.
- 3.1.5 Each registration of cat, kitten or litter of kittens must be applied for under the Cattery Prefix name of the owner of the cat, kitten or litter of kittens.
- 3.1.6 A cattery name must be registered as a prefix only. No proper names, famous names or numbers will be accepted. The Registrar has sole discretion in the acceptance of cattery names. A new Cattery name may not be similar to any existing name. Application and renewal of a cattery name must be signed by the owner of the cattery.
- 3.1.7 An owners' Cattery name may be added to a cats' name as a suffix on transfer. The breeders' prefix will always remain part of a cat's name. A new owner's cattery name may be added as a suffix on change of ownership on the decision of the owner. Subsequent changes of ownership will result in the intermediate owners' suffix being removed. This is also applicable to imported cats.
- 3.1.8 Once registered a name may not be changed.
- 3.1.9 If a name is found unsuitable by the Registrar, the registration of the name or part of name may be refused without necessarily ascribing any reason.
- 3.1.10 The Registrar should be informed when a cat dies or is neutered.
- 3.1.11 The registrar must be informed when a cat is being used for breeding purposes. All cats and kittens will be registered as "not for breeding" until information to the contrary is supplied.
- 3.1.12 Male and Female breeding stock will be recorded in the Breeding Register and will be issued with stock numbers when requirements for such have been met.
- 3.1.13 Whist the Registrar will take steps to ensure that the particulars contained in Registration Certificates are accurate; no responsibility for errors can be accepted. Corrections will be effected on production of satisfactory evidence.
- 3.1.14 A certificate of mating issued by the owner of the sire must accompany every application for registration of litters if the owner of the dam is not the owner of the sire.



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- 3.1.15 Only studs which are entire and registered as a stud will be accepted as a sire on any application for registration of kittens. In case a stud is not a CFSA registered stud but registered at another recognised registration body, verified proof must be provided that he has been registered recently as a stud at that registration body.
- 3.1.16 Only dams which have been registered for breeding and have been issued with a stock number will be accepted on any application for registration of kittens.
- 3.1.17 Certificates of title will be issued to all cats that achieve or change status at any cat show held under CFSA rules.
- 3.1.18 The title of Distinguished Merit shall be awarded to a female cat with 5 (five) progeny having the title of Supreme Champion or Supreme Premier or to a male cat with 10 (ten) progeny having the title of Supreme Champion or Supreme Premier. The letters "DM" may then be included at the end of a cat's registered name. The Distinguished Merit status is to be claimed by the owner from the NCR.
- 3.1.19 The title of National Qualifier shall be awarded to all cats that qualify for the Top 10 (ten) COTY positions, including the top 10 finalists in the Pet category. The letters "NQ" may then be included at the end of the cat's registered name.
- 3.1.20 The title of National Winner shall be awarded to all cats that win Top Kitten, Top Neuter, Top Male, Top Female and top Pet at COTY. The letters "NW" may then be included at the end of the cat's registered name.
- 3.1.21 The title of Breed Winner to be awarded to the top cats of each breed that qualify yearly for COTY in each of the Male, Female, Neuter and Kitten categories.

The highest placed cat of each division of each of the CFSA recognised breeds shall be awarded this title, which shall be appended to the cat's name as a suffix and after the "NW/NQ" title. This shall appear on the cat's pedigree.

The 1st (first) placed cats in each of the categories (i.e. Male, Female, Neuter and Kitten) shall automatically be awarded the title of "NW BW".

The title shall be valid from the 2015 show year and the owners of the cats for the years prior to this may apply to the Registrar for the title to be included on previous winners' pedigrees.

3.2 REGISTRATION AND SHOWS

- 3.2.1 Every cat or kitten exhibited at a show held under these Rules in any registered classes must have been registered with the NCR prior to the closing date for entries to the show. If the transfer for the new owner has been submitted to the NCR but the registration has not been completed on the closing date for entries for the show, the exhibit must be entered as "pending transfer".
- 3.2.2 Application for and registration of studs shall take place prior to the closing date for entries to a show.
- 3.2.3 All domestic pets entered for shows must be registered before the show entry closing date.



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4. JUDGES AND JUDGING

4.1 JUDGES AND SHOWS

4.1.1 Allocation

Judges are allocated by the Show Committee of the Club concerned in consultation with the Show Administrator and to the approval of NCJE. The Show Administrator must keep an updated record of all shows' judges' allocations and ensure that judges do not judge the same group of cats at consecutive shows.

4.1.2 General

4.1.2.1 Judging takes place away from the exhibits' cages in a judging area prepared with a table for each judge.

4.1.2.2 Each Judge's table will be attended by at least 1 (one) steward at the show manager's discretion.

4.1.2.3 The head steward will supervise the stewards of the tables, call the exhibits to be brought to the Judges' table and he/she is responsible to ensure that the clerks receive all the pages from the judges' book. The clerks will prepare the award documentation.

4.1.2.4 The stewards transport the exhibits or assist the exhibitors/owners to transport the exhibits to and from the judges.

4.1.2.5 The exhibits may be removed from the show cages by the exhibitors/owners. When the head steward calls an exhibit by number, the nominated steward will approach the cage of the exhibit and if the exhibitor/owner is by the cage the exhibitor/owner will be invited by the steward to take the exhibit from the show cage. Should the exhibitor/owner not be present or on request of the exhibitor/owner, the steward will remove and transport the exhibit to the judges' table.

4.1.2.6 Awards are given by the judges individually and CANNOT be discussed amongst the judges. Each judge writes his/her observations and AWARD on the judging page, which is in duplicate, of each cat and passes the judging page and copy to the clerk who will prepare the award documentation.

If a judge changes his/her result during judging the show manager must be informed, and a new judging page used.

4.1.2.7 The exhibits can be transported in cages from the show cage to the judges' tables and back, or they can be carried by the steward or the exhibitor/owner.

4.1.2.8 Exhibitors/owners MAY, at the show manager's discretion, steward their own cats.

4.1.2.9 After the cat has been judged, an official will place the award documentation on the show cages or hand it to the respective exhibitors.

4.1.2.10 The exhibitor/owner may stand at a reasonable distance from the Judges' table and see and listen to the judging process. The exhibitor/owner MAY NOT talk, comment, ask questions or interfere in any form whatsoever with the judging, the



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judges, the clerk and the steward. Any dissatisfaction or complaint must be addressed as stipulated in these Rules.

- 4.1.2.11 Panel judging shall be conducted without consultation and in full view of spectators.
- 4.1.2.12 Only CFSA approved registered judges may officiate at Championship Shows organised under CFSA Rules.
- 4.1.2.13 The organisers of shows shall select judges from the official list of CFSA registered judges in consultation with NCJE.
- 4.1.2.14 Each registered adult cat shall be judged by 3 (three) judges, qualified to judge the breed. Each trio of judges must consist of 3(three) experienced judges, or 2 (two) Experienced Judges and 1 (one) lesser experienced judge. Judges must be allocated cats in groups according to the official CFSA Group List. Judges may consult on any exhibit with any judge who is qualified to judge the breed and who is not one of the other 2 (two) judges allocated to the exhibit on the day.
- 4.1.2.15 Each registered adult cat may be entered into 1 (one) ribbon class only at each show:

EITHER

The **OPEN CLASS** in which entrants compete against the written standard for any of the ribbon awards. Each judge will award or withhold independently according to his/her opinion of the merit of the entrant:

Gold ribbon for supreme standard;
silver ribbon for grand standard;
bronze ribbon for champion standard; and
withhold for less than champion standard.

Adult cats may enter this class *with or* without title.

OR

DEPENDING ON TITLE

The **GOLD CLASS** in which entrants compete against the written standard for gold ribbons only. Each judge will award or withhold a gold ribbon independently according to his/her opinion of the merit of the entrant:

Gold ribbon for supreme standard; or
withhold for less than supreme standard.

Adult cats with a title of Grand Champion, Grand Premier, Double Grand Champion, Double Grand Premier, Triple Grand Champion, Triple Grand Premier, Supreme Champion, Supreme Premier, Double Supreme Champion, Double Supreme Premier, Triple Supreme Champion or Triple Supreme Premier may enter this class.

- 4.1.2.16 Each registered kitten may be entered into the REGISTERED KITTEN CLASS in which entrants compete against the Standard of Points for its breed for any of the ribbon awards. Each registered kitten shall be judged by 2 (two) judges qualified to judge



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the breed. Each pair of judges shall consist of at least 1 (one) Experienced Judge qualified to judge the breed. Each judge may consult with any other judge qualified to judge the breed provided that the judge is not the other 1 (one) assigned to that exhibit on that day.

The judges will award or withhold according to his/her opinion of the merit of the entrant:

Sapphire ribbon for commended standard (equal to bronze in adult);
emerald ribbon for highly commended standard (equal to silver in adult);
ruby ribbon for very highly commended standard (equal to gold in adult); and
Withhold for less than commended standard.

All registered kittens over the age of 4 (four) months and under the age of 9 (nine) months on the day of the show are eligible for this class.

4.1.2.17 Specialist Classes

4.1.2.17.1 Cats with at least the title of Triple Supreme Champion or Triple Supreme Premier may enter 1 (one) of these classes in addition to or instead of their ribbon class - either The Triple Supreme Champion Challenge or the Triple Supreme Premier Challenge. Cats entered in either of these 2 (two) classes must be judged in 2 (two) separate line-ups during Best in Show by 1 (one) Experienced All Breeds judge or 1 (one) Experienced Specialist judge provided the Specialist Judge is qualified to judge all of the breeds entered.

4.1.2.17.2 Cats that are 7 (seven) years of age or older on the first day of the show may enter 1 (one) of these classes in addition to or instead of their ribbon class - The Veteran Adult Challenge or The Veteran Neuter Challenge. Cats entered in either of these 2 (two) classes must be judged in 2 (two) separate line-ups by 1 (one) Experienced All Breeds Judge or 1 (one) Experienced Specialist Judge, provided the Specialist Judge is qualified to judge all the breeds entered and present. The judge will place all cats entered.

4.1.2.18 Domestic Class

Each Domestic cat shall be judged by 1(one) qualified judge or student judge as listed on the CFSA Judges List, at the show committee's discretion.

EITHER

The **DOMESTIC KITTEN LONGHAIR CLASS** in which unpedigreed domestic entire or neutered kittens over the age of 4 (four) months and under the age of 9 (nine) months on the day of the show and which have long fur compete against the written standard for ribbon awards.

OR

The **DOMESTIC KITTEN MEDIUMHAIR CLASS** in which unpedigreed domestic entire or neutered kittens over the age of 4 (four) months and under the age of 9 (nine) months on the day of the show and which have medium-length fur compete against the written standard for ribbon awards.



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OR

The **DOMESTIC KITTEN SHORTHAIR CLASS** in which unpedigreed domestic entire or neutered kittens over the age of 4 (four) months and under the age of 9 (nine) months on the day of the show and which have short fur, compete against the written standard for ribbon awards.

OR

The **DOMESTIC CAT LONGHAIR CLASS** in which unpedigreed domestic neutered cats over the age of 9 (nine) months on the day of the show and which have long fur compete against the written standard for ribbon awards.

OR

The **DOMESTIC CAT MEDIUMHAIR CLASS** in which unpedigreed domestic neutered cats over the age of 9 (nine) months on the day of the show and which have medium-length fur compete against the written standard for ribbon awards.

OR

The **DOMESTIC CAT SHORTHAIR CLASS** in which unpedigreed domestic neutered cats over the age of 9 (nine) months on the day of the show and which have short fur, compete against the written standard for ribbon awards.

- 4.1.2.18.1 In the Domestic classes the judge will award or withhold 1 (one) ribbon to each entrant according to his/her opinion of the merit of the entrant.
- 4.1.2.18.2 Ruby ribbon for very highly commended standard.
- 4.1.2.18.3 Emerald ribbon for highly commended standard.
- 4.1.2.18.4 Sapphire ribbon for commended standard.
- 4.1.2.18.5 Withhold for less than commended standard.
- 4.1.2.18.6 Each Judge shall individually award or withhold one ribbon to each cat.
- 4.1.2.19 A newly qualified judge (lesser experienced) who has passed the examinations as required by NCJE is eligible to judge across the board in the section in which he/she is qualified.
- 4.1.2.20 Lists of experienced and lesser experienced judges are to be obtained from NCJE. Upgrading of judges from lesser experienced to experienced to be determined by NCJE.
- 4.1.2.21 A judge may only judge cats which he or she or any member from the same household or any relative of the first degree does not own.
- 4.1.2.22 A judge shall not participate in any awards in which a cat belonging to the judge, any member from the same household or any relative of the first degree is competing.
- 4.1.2.23 A judge may in his or her discretion refuse to judge an exhibit in keeping with the judge's code of ethics.
- 4.1.2.24 All unofficial awards may be judged according to the Show Manager's discretion.



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- 4.1.2.25 All judges allocated sections at a show must receive written notice, at least 24 (twenty four) hours before the show, from the show manager in which a list of breeds to be judged is included.
- 4.1.2.26 Judges must sign all relevant awards at shows.
- 4.1.2.27 Officiating judges are entitled to be reimbursed from the Club concerned for travelling expenses (provided the distance traveled to the show is over 100 km (hundred kilometres)) and food and accommodation for the duration of the show.
- 4.1.2.28 **Judges Decisions**
The judges' decision shall be final and binding on the exhibitors, save in the case of fraud on the part of the judge or any other person, in which case the decision shall rest with the committee and CFSA and no correspondence will be entered into. This rule must be brought to the attention of the exhibitors before a show.
- 4.1.2.29 **Change of Judges**
- 4.1.2.29.1 Once a cat has been penned for competition at a show it may not be withdrawn without the written consent of the show manager.
- 4.1.2.29.2 In the case of any change of judges a notice of any change of judges shall be prominently displayed at the entrance to the show before judging commences.
- 4.1.2.29.3 Provided that the provisions of sub-paragraph 4.1.2.29.2 hereof have been complied with, a change of judges shall be binding on the exhibitors.
- 4.1.2.29.4 If for any reason whatsoever, the provisions of sub-paragraph 4.1.2.29.2 have not been complied with; the exhibitor shall have the election:
- a) as set out in sub-paragraph 4.1.2.29.1 hereof to withdraw the cat from competition; or
 - b) to refuse the award of such judge; or
 - c) to accept the award of such judge.
 - d)
- 4.1.2.29.5 In the case of sub-paragraph 4.1.2.29.4 a) and b) hereof, the exhibitor shall be entitled to a refund of entry fees in the classes concerned.
- 4.1.2.30 **Show Reports**
- Show reports may or may not be required at the discretion of the Show Manager and in the manner decided upon by the Show Manager in agreement with the judges.



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4.2 JUDGES AND STUDENT JUDGES

- 4.2.1 The CFSA recognises as judges those who have been trained according to the rules, have passed a theory and a practical examination, are considered to be active judges and appear on the official list of the NCJE of CFSA.
- 4.2.2 The CFSA may recognise judges belonging to other organisations after they have been approved by NCJE. The committee of the club wishing to make use of a visiting judge must submit a written request for approval to NCJE, including an up-to-date and detailed CV of the requested judges' involvement in pedigreed cat judging, as well as a letter of recommendation (giving references and contact details) from the governing body to which the judge is affiliated or by which the judge is recognised. Approved judges are authorised to judge according the CFSA standard, those breeds which they are licensed to judge by their own organisation, once NCJE has given this approval in writing to the club committee/show manager concerned. The NCJE's written approval shall detail the breeds which the visiting judge may judge and any other official function/s (if any) that the judge in question is entitled to perform, as well as the dates of the shows at which the judge may officiate.
- 4.2.3 A judge who is recognised by the CFSA must undertake to abide by the Constitution and Rules of the CFSA and to judge according to the official CFSA Standard of Points.
- 4.2.4 The Executive Committee of CFSA shall publish an official list of its recognised judges annually. For inclusion in this list, judges are required to pay an annual subscription to NCJE, the amount of which is fixed by the NCJE and is revised from time to time. The appointed NCJE member will be responsible for submitting the fees of its judges to the NCJE Treasurer by the 31st March each year.
- 4.2.5 The official list contains the name, address and telephone number/s of the judge and the category or categories for which he/she is appointed.
- 4.2.6 A CFSA judge must be a member of a CFSA affiliated cat club in the country of his/her permanent residence. Where there is no CFSA member in the country of his/her residence, he/she should retain membership of the CFSA club where he/she were registered during his/her CFSA training.
- 4.2.7 A CFSA judge may in his/her own discretion accept a judging assignment from any Club not affiliated with CFSA, but must notify the NCJE of such.
- 4.2.8 The organisers of shows are required to select judges from names in the official list of CFSA appointed judges in corroboration with NCJE, or as indicated under Rule 4.1.1.
- 4.2.9 Judges are required to adhere to the Breed Standard recognised by the CFSA.
- 4.2.10 Judges are required to write their assessment report in English.
- 4.2.11 In assessing an exhibit, judges must take into consideration the overall condition of the exhibit with regard to age. The current age appears on each report.
- 4.2.12 A judge may be assisted by a steward and can be further assisted by any person who is appointed by the organiser.
- 4.2.13 Out-of-town judges officiating at a show are entitled to reimbursement from the club concerned for reasonable expenses incurred. A club is required to pay NCJE a levy per judge officiating at a show, including non-CFSA judges. The levy for CFSA and non-CFSA judges to be



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decided annually by a simple majority vote of the NCJE members to the approval of the CFSA Executive Committee. Where and when applicable, upon submission of proof that certain requirements were met, a reduced rate can be applied for.

- 4.2.14 NCJE funds are to be used to pay travelling costs as approved annually by EXC, for out of town judges invited to judge at COTY and GARS.
- 4.2.15 An officiating judge must be given advance notice of the breeds he/she is to assess, if he/she is to instruct a student judge or if he/she is to act as an examiner (re. practical exams at shows). Judges must reply to Clubs' invitations in writing within a maximum of 2 (two) weeks. Once a judge has accepted an invitation to judge at any CFSA show, he/she may not cancel that acceptance without submitting to NCJE the reason for the cancellation and obtaining the prior approval of NCJE. In the event that NCJE does not approve the cancellation of the acceptance, that judge shall judge and if he/she fails to do so shall be subject to sanction. CFSA judges who cancel an already accepted invitation for judging at a show are not permitted to accept another judging assignment for the same date.
- 4.2.16 The NCJE can appoint a judge as an honorary or emeritus judge in acknowledgement of their services to the NCJE of CFSA.
- 4.2.17 Student judges who have successfully completed the CFSA General Course and who are at the time of a show enrolled as a student judge, with any one of the CFSA Judges Forums, shall be allowed to judge the Domestic Pets at shows.

4.3 JUDGES' SEMINARS

- 4.3.1 The NCJE will organise training seminars for judges in conjunction with CFSA.
- 4.3.2 The NCJE is required to organise a judges' seminar at least once every 2 (two) years.
- 4.3.4 The seminar will be listed in the official show calendar and count as an official CFSA judges' seminar.
- 4.3.5 The costs connected with the organisation of the training seminar will be borne by NCJE and paid from a special fund drawn from the annual subscriptions paid by the NCJE judges and the fees paid by clubs for officiating judges.
- 4.3.6 The NCJE member in whose territory the training seminar is to be held will provide the necessary cats.
- 4.3.7 Travel, subsistence and accommodation costs are at the judges' own expense, except where there is a surplus in the NCJE fund. This surplus will be divided pro rata according to the travelling costs of those judges in other centres.
- 4.3.8 Where the surplus exceeds the total travelling expenses in any one year, these costs will be paid in full and the balance carried forward to the next seminar.
- 4.3.9 The Secretary of the NCJE Seminar will be the Secretary of the NCJE member in which territory that Training Seminar is being held.
- 4.3.10 The Secretary of the NCJE Seminar will hold a roll call of judges attending the training seminar and produce an agenda with proposals and make minutes of the proceedings.



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- 4.3.11 The training seminar to be hosted in the region where the majority of judges reside for practical reasons.

4.4 JUDGES' TRAINING

- 4.4.1 To apply to become a judge the following procedures must be complied with:
- 4.4.1.1 Be an active member of a CFSA club for an accepted period.
 - 4.4.1.2 Participate as a steward at an accepted number of shows.
 - 4.4.1.3 Satisfactorily complete the Introduction and General Knowledge of Cats course run by the NCJE.
- 4.4.2 Once a candidate has completed the required number of stewarding assignments with accepted clubs he/she may apply to join a course with the NCJE member in which territory he/she resides.
- 4.4.2.1 He/she will be required to write a preliminary examination relating to the General Course, conducted by the NCJE member to whom he/she has applied. This is to take place before his/her candidature as a student judge is presented to the NCJE which body will check all certificates before admitting the candidate as a student judge.
 - 4.4.2.2 The student judge must be able to speak, read and write English and must be able to communicate fluently in the language.
 - 4.4.2.3 The student judge must serve as trainee at all possible shows throughout the training period.
 - 4.4.2.4 Student judges are required to be present during Best in Show.
 - 4.4.2.5 A maximum participation at training sessions for the student judges is required.
 - 4.4.2.6 The training sessions for student judges are defined by a specific set of rules as set down by the NCJE and revised from time to time.
 - 4.4.2.7 Once the student judge has successfully completed both his/her written and practical examinations, he/she will be required to judge an acceptable number of cats as a probation judge with a minimum of 3 (three) different experienced judges before qualifying in that section and then can judge in a ring with 2 (two) experienced judges.
 - 4.4.2.8 The period of judging as a lesser experienced judge will be determined by NCJE.
 - 4.4.2.9 The NCJE member to which the candidate belongs is entirely responsible for the progress of the candidate and can oppose final examination if in the NCJE member's opinion the candidate does not have sufficient knowledge of the relevant course.
 - 4.4.2.10 The candidate must be at least 21 (twenty one) years of age on the day of the first examination



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- 4.4.2.11 The candidate cannot be admitted to the examination hall before the examination takes place.
- 4.4.2.12 The candidate must complete the examination in English.
- 4.4.2.13 The repertoire of examination questions must be provided by the NCJE.
- 4.4.2.14 The candidate, prior to commencement of a course, must pay the course fee as determined by the NCJE.
- 4.4.2.15 Fees must be forwarded to the NCJE member before a course may commence.
- 4.4.2.16 The practical examination can be taken at a show or independently. At least 12 (twelve) cats of the relevant category are required.
- 4.4.2.17 The practical examination must be conducted by a minimum of 2 (two) experienced judges who have been active judges in the category in which the candidate is to be examined.
- 4.4.3 Judges are trained in the following sections:-
1. Introduction to and General Information on Cats
 2. Persian/Exotic Breeds
 3. Medium Hair Breeds
 4. Siamese and Oriental Breeds
 5. Foreign Breeds
- 4.4.4 The judges' examination (except the Introduction and General Section) consists of 2 (two) parts:
- 4.4.4.1 Theory
- Theoretical examination:
- Time and place to be determined by the NCJE member.
 - It is a written examination.
 - It has to contain questions selected by the examiners from a repertoire of judges' examination questions issued by the NCJE.
 - A minimum of 80% (eighty percent) must be achieved in order to gain a pass.
 - Should a candidate fail at his/her first attempt, he/she may re-sit the examination one further time.
 - Failure to gain a pass on the second sitting is final.
- 4.4.4.2 Practical
- Practical examination:
- Time and place to be determined by the NCJE.
 - A minimum of 85% (eighty five percent) is required in order to gain a pass.
 - The candidate has to judge, award and make a full written report on at least 10 (ten) cats in the category.
 - The candidate must also orally assess 2 (two) cats.
 - Should a candidate fail at his/her first attempt, he/she may re-sit the examination 1 (one) further time.
 - Failure to gain a pass on the second sitting is final.
- 4.4.5 The NCJE member (or club where the practical examination is held at a show) is required to ensure that:



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- 4.4.5.1 The candidate has at least 1 (one) steward at his/her disposal during the entire part of the practical.
- 4.4.5.2 The practical examination takes place under similar conditions as the official judging.
- 4.4.6 The examiners are required to:
 - 4.4.6.1 Evaluate the theoretical examination within 2 (two) weeks.
 - 4.4.6.2 Compile various cats for practical examination assessment.
 - 4.4.6.3 Announce the final results of the practical examination within 2 (two) weeks.
- 4.4.7 In the event of an already registered judge wishing to qualify in another category, this judge will be required to repeat the judge training procedure and participate as a student judge in that section.

4.5 GENERAL JUDGING RULES

- 4.5.1 The period between judging courses to be determined by the local Judges Forum, which must apply to NCJE to register candidates for a relevant course.
- 4.5.2 NCJE members are required to forward to the NCJE Secretary the name of each student judge.
- 4.5.3 Judges are required to inform the NCJE member to whom they belong of the shows for which they have accepted invitations to judge.
- 4.5.4 It is prohibited for judges and student judges to possess a catalogue before Best in Show is completed.
- 4.5.5 Judges should attend to any reclassification requirements as necessary.
- 4.5.6 Judges should attend to any provisional judging duties as required. Judges must receive prior notice.
- 4.5.7 Written complaints against judges are to be dealt with by the NCJE.
- 4.5.8 A NCJE member to which a judge belongs is not empowered to suspend a judge from officiating either on a temporary basis, unless confirmed in writing by the NCJE.
- 4.5.9 A judge or student judge may not assess their own cats, or any exhibits belonging to any member of their household or belonging to any member of his/her family in the first degree.
- 4.5.10 Each NCJE member must take all necessary steps to ensure that the candidate it presents is sufficiently qualified to meet the necessary requirements relating to his/her training, conduct and judging qualities.

5 RECOGNITION OF AND ALTERATIONS TO THE RULES IN THIS RULE BOOK

- 5.1 The NCCE clubs, the NCBC members, the NCJE Forum and the NCR agree that they are free to make any further ancillary rules that they wish, so long as they do not conflict with or contravene these Rules.



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- 5.2 No CFSA Championship show may be held without written approval from CFSA. Clubs authorised to hold a CFSA Championship Show are bound by these Rules.
- 5.3 The CFSA may amend and/or alter these Rules at an Annual General Meeting. All bodies and persons who, in accordance with the Constitution of CFSA, may make proposals to amend the Rules of CFSA, must submit such proposals supported by motivation to the CFSA Secretary before 31st October in any one calendar year. The CFSA Secretary, after receiving such, shall collate all submissions and present the full lists to all relevant bodies and persons for discussion and input, the responses to which must be in the hands of the CFSA Secretary by 30th November of the same year. All proposals for amendment shall be deliberated and decided upon by the CFSA Executive Committee. The proposals that are accepted shall be placed before the next AGM for ratification.

6 BREACH OF THE RULES IN THIS RULE BOOK

Any breach of these Rules may result in the show being declared null and void or fines being imposed on the club concerned or any other form of forfeit as determined by CFSA.

7 INTERPRETATION OF THESE RULES IN THIS RULE BOOK

Should any disagreement to the interpretation of these Rules arise, the interpretation of these rules shall be at the discretion of the CFSA.