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## **SHOW RULES**

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## ARTICLE I: DEFINITIONS

**Sec 1. Association.** When the terms "Association", "A.C.F.A." and "ACFA" are used in these rules, each shall be deemed to mean the American Cat Fanciers Association, Inc.

**Sec 2. Other Associations.**

When the term "Other Association[s]" is used in these rules it refers to as the American Cat Association, Inc. [ACA], the Cat Fanciers Association, Inc. [CFA], the Cat Fanciers Federation [CFF], the Canadian Cat Association [CCA], The International Cat Association (TICA) and any international feline registry whose policies and standards are acceptable to the Board of Director.

**Sec 3. Licensed Shows.**

When used in these rules, the term "Licensed Shows" shall mean cat shows held under the rules of this Association and for which a license has been duly issued by the Association.

**Sec 4. Show Season.**

The show season begins May 1 for years when May 1 does not fall on a Sunday. For years when May 1 falls on a Sunday, the show season begins May 2. The show season ends the day preceding the beginning of a new show season.

**Sec 5. Championship Class.**

A Championship Class is any class in which Winners Ribbons may be earned toward a Championship or Grand Championship.

**Sec 6. Non-Championship Class.**

Non-Championship Class is any class for cats or kittens in which no Championship or Grand Championship points may be earned. Such classes include all Kitten Classes, Household Pet Classes, NBC [New Breed or Color] Classes and any other Special Classes.

**Sec 7. Cat.**

The term "Cat" shall be construed to mean a male, female, neuter or spay domesticated feline of the species Felis Catus [formerly Felis Domestica-the domesticated feline of the species] the age of eight [8] months or over on the opening day of the Show, same being considered to be of adult age.

**Sec 8. Alter.**

An altered cat is one that has had the testicles in a male or the ovaries in a female removed surgically. A vasectomized cat is not eligible for entry in the Alter Class.

**Sec 9. Kitten.**

The term "Kitten" shall mean a male or female, neuter or spay, domesticated feline under the age of eight [8] months on the opening day of the show.

**Sec 10. Breed.**

The word "Breed" shall refer to the recognized breeds of cats; namely Abyssinian, American Bobtail Longhair, American Bobtail Shorthair, American Curl Longhair, American Curl Shorthair, American Shorthair, American Wirehair, Australian Mist, Balinese, Bengal, Birman, Bombay, British Longhair, British Shorthair, Burmese, Burmilla Longhair, Burmilla Shorthair, Chartreux, Cornish Rex, Cymric, Devon Rex, Egyptian Mau, European Burmese, Exotic Shorthair, Havana Brown, Himalayan, Japanese Bobtail Longhair, Japanese Bobtail Shorthair, Korat, Kurilian Bobtail Longhair, Kurilian Bobtail Shorthair, LaPerm Longhair, LaPerm Shorthair, Longhair Exotic, Maine Coon Cat, Manx, Nebelung, Norwegian Forest Cat, Ocicat, Oriental Longhair, Oriental Shorthair, Persian, Peterbald, Pixiebob Longhair, Pixiebob Shorthair, RagaMuffin, Ragdoll, Russian Blue, Russian Shorthair, Scottish Fold Longhair, Scottish Fold Shorthair, Selkirk Rex Longhair, Selkirk Rex Shorthair, Siamese, Siberian, Singapura, Snowshoe, Somali, Sphynx, Tonkinese, Toybob, Turkish Angora, and Turkish Van.

**Sec 11. Color.**

The term "Color" shall refer to a color variety of a breed and shall include a color pattern as well as a color. Thus Solid Red, Red Tabby and Red Mackerel Tabby would be three separate colors.

**Sec 12. Breeder.**

The "Breeder" of a cat is the person who is the registered owner of record or lessee of the Dam at the time of mating.

**Sec 13. Exhibitor.**

The "Exhibitor" of a cat is the owner or lessee who enters and exhibits the cat in a show. The term also includes the agent of the owner or lessee. If an individual's name appears as owner on any recognized Association's registration slip or in an official show catalog, the individual shall be considered an owner/co-owner of the cat.

**Sec 14. Fancier.**

A "Fancier" is any person who owns, and exhibits, cats in sanctioned cat shows.

**Sec 15. Pronouns.**

When the pronouns "he", "him" or "his" are used in these rules they shall be deemed to also include "she", "her" or "hers".

**Sec 16. Allbreed Judge.**

An "Allbreed Judge" is one who holds a valid Judge's License from this Association to judge all breeds of cats either in an Allbreed Show or any combination of Specialty Shows.

**Sec 17. Specialty Judge.**

A "Specialty Judge" is one who holds a valid Judge's License from this Association to judge Longhair Specialty Shows, Shorthair Specialty Shows or any combination of Specialty Shows.

**Sec 18. Owner of Record.**

The "owner of record" is defined as the first name appearing in the list of owners on the registration application, transfer of registration or registration certificate.

## ARTICLE II: SHOWS

**Sec 1. Purpose.**

The primary purposes of cat shows include:

- a. To promote public interest in pedigreed and non-pedigreed cats;
- b. To provide Cat Fanciers with an opportunity to have their cats examined and scored, or valued, by competent judges;
- c. To provide competition between cats and provide Cat Fanciers and the general public with an opportunity to learn more about pedigreed and non-pedigreed cats, and;
- d. To encourage Fanciers to improve the various breeds of cats by selective breeding.

**Sec 2. Championship Shows.**

Shows licensed by this Association at which Winners Ribbons toward a Championship/Grand Championship or points toward multiple Grand Championships are awarded may be billed and advertised as Championship Shows.

**Sec 3. Non-Championship Shows.**

Shows where Champion Winners Ribbons are not awarded may be billed and advertised as Kitten Matches, Household Pet Shows or such other title as may be approved by the Association, but the word Championship shall not be used in describing, billing or advertising such shows.

**Sec 4. Caged Shows.**

Shows will be further classified as Caged Shows where the cages are supplied and erected by the Show Management. Carrier Shows where the entries are displayed in the exhibitors' carriers are not sanctioned by this Association excepting Shows in those countries where carrier shows are normal practice.

**Sec 5. Duration.**

The duration of the show shall be determined by the local Club or its Show Management, and may be for one or two days. Show flyers shall indicate the duration of the show.

**Sec 6. Type Ring.**

Rings shall be further classified as to breeds eligible for entry as follows:

- a. Allbreed Rings - for all breeds of cats.
- b. Group Specialty Rings - such as Longhair Specialty Rings for longhair cats and Shorthair Specialty Rings for shorthair cats.

**Sec 7. Ring Limitation.**

Any combination of Allbreed and Specialty Rings may be held in conjunction with each other at the same time and place with the following limitations:

- a. A two-day Back-to-Back Show will not exceed 12 Rings [6 Rings per day].
- b. A one-day Show, which is not in conjunction with another show held on a consecutive day, will not exceed 6 Rings.
- c. A One-Day Split Format Show will not exceed 8 Rings [4 Rings per session]. A Split Format Show may not be combined with another Split Format Show or any other show format permitted under these rules.
- d. A Two-Day Split Format Show will not exceed 12 Rings [ 3 Rings per session].
- e. All Rings, on the same day in a Championship Show, shall be scheduled to begin at the same time (Exception: Breed Specialty Rings). In a One-Day Split Format Show and Two-Day Split Format Show all rings in a session shall be scheduled to begin at the same time.
- f. A one-day show must have at least one (1) Specialty Ring. A two-day show must have at least one (1) Specialty Ring. A Split Day Format show must have at least one (1) Specialty Ring.

**Sec 8. Back-to-Back Shows.**

A Show that exceeds 6 rings and is conducted during two consecutive days at the same location [even if each day is sponsored by a different club] will be billed, and advertised, as a Back-to-Back Show. For the purposes of Class Status, Entry Fees and Listing Fees, each day will be treated as a separate show and a cat achieving a higher Class Status at the end of the first day [Open to Champion, Champion to Grand -or- Kitten to Adult Open] shall be transferred to the next higher Class for the 2nd day of the Show. All Household Pets are prohibited from transferring to a higher class until Confirmation of Title is received from Central Office. A Back-to-Back Show shall contract a different Judge for each ring scheduled during the two days. In all other aspects, a Back-to-Back Show will be considered as a singly licensed show.

**Sec 9. One-Day Split Format Shows.**

A show that will not exceed 8 rings held in one day and is conducted in two sessions in one day at the same location with each session having no more than 4 rings [even if each session is sponsored by a different club] will be billed, and advertised, as a Split Format Show. For the purposes of Class Status, Entry Fees and Listing Fees, each session will be treated as a separate show and a cat achieving a higher Class Status at the end of the first session {Open to Champion, Champion to Grand -or- Kitten to Adult Open} shall be transferred to the next higher Class for the 2nd session of the Show. All Household Pets are prohibited from transferring to higher class until Confirmation of Title is received from Central Office. A Split Format Show shall contract a different Judge for each ring scheduled during the two sessions. In all other aspects, a Split Format Show will be considered as a singly licensed show.

**Sec 10. Two-Day Split Format Show.**

A show that does not exceed 6 rings per day conducted in two sessions per day and is conducted during two consecutive days at the same location [even if each day is sponsored by a different club] will be billed, and advertised, as a Two Day Split Session Show. For the purposes of Class Status, and Entry Fees, each session will be treated as a separate show and a cat achieving a higher Class Status, at the end of one session [ Open to Champion, Champion to Grand – or- Kitten to Adult Open] shall be transferred to the next higher Class of the next session of the Show. All Household Pets are prohibited from transferring to higher class until Confirmation of Title is received from Central Office, A Two-Day Split Format Show shall contract a different Judge for each ring scheduled during the two days. In all other aspects, a Two-Day Split Format Show will be considered as singly licensed show. All other rules which apply to One-Day Split Format Shows apply to Two-Day Split Format Shows.

**Sec 11. Breed Specialty Shows.**

ACFA Clubs may elect to conduct Breed Specialty Shows as an alternate to the standard format Longhair or Shorthair Specialty Show, or in conjunction with the Longhair and Shorthair Specialty Shows. This section applies to adult, non-altered cats **ONLY**.

- a. The Breed Specialty Show may be conducted as follows:

[1] Conduct a Breed Specialty for a specific breed in conjunction with a Specialty Show for all other cats not included in the Breed Specialty [i.e.; a Persian Breed Specialty], with all Best-In-Show Awards presented, and an "All Other Longhair" Specialty with all Best-in-Shows awards presented, both to be conducted under one Judge.

[2] Conduct a Breed Specialty "in addition to" all other Specialty Shows. This Breed Specialty would require an additional Judge and judging ring for the conduct of the Breed Specialty. Clubs may charge an additional amount to the entry fee for cats of the specific breed to cover the expenses incurred from an additional judging as compared to all other breeds exhibited in the show.

- b. Breed Specialty Shows must have 25 or more, cataloged entries for Best-in-Show awards to be credited toward claiming Grand Championship, Multiple Grand Championships, or to receive the allotted points for such wins used to determine the Year-End Awards.
- c. Clubs **must** advertise that, in the event there are not 25 cataloged entries, the Club has the right to cancel the Breed Specialty Show. If canceled, entries for the Breed Specialty Show will be incorporated into the regular Longhair or Shorthair Specialty shows.
- d. If an additional entry fee is charged for the Breed Specialty, this fee will be returned to the Exhibitor in **FULL** if the Breed Specialty is canceled.
- e. Should the club elect to conduct the Breed Specialty with fewer than 25 cataloged entries they must inform the Exhibitor that wins from this Breed Specialty Show will not count toward claiming Grand Championships or Multiple Grand Championships and the **only points scored** for Year-End Awards will be Best and 2nd Best of Color and Best and 2nd Best of Breed.
- f. Breed Specialty Shows must be licensed with ACFA as a separate Specialty Show. Cost for this license will be the same as a Longhair or Shorthair Specialty Show. This license fee will be refunded to the Club if the Breed Specialty Show is canceled due to lack of the required number of entries.

**Sec 12. Breed Congress Shows.**

ACFA Clubs may elect to conduct Breed Congress Shows as an alternate to the standard format Allbreed Show, or in conjunction with the Allbreed Shows. This section applies to adult, non-altered cats **ONLY**.

- a. The Breed Congress Show may be conducted as follows:

[1] Conduct a Breed Congress for two specific breeds in conjunction with an Allbreed Show for all other cats not included in the Breed Congress [i.e.; an American Bobtail Longhair/Shorthair Breed Congress], with all Best-In-Show

Awards presented, and an "All Other Allbreed" with all Best-in-Shows awards presented, both to be conducted under one Judge. The breeds eligible for this format are as defined by the ACFA Board of Directors.

[2] Conduct a Breed Congress "in addition to" all other Allbreed Shows. This Breed Congress would require an additional Judge and judging ring for the conduct of the Breed Congress. Clubs may charge an additional amount to the entry fee for cats of the specific breeds to cover the expenses incurred from an additional judging as compared to all other breeds exhibited in the show.

- b. Breed Congress Shows must have 25 or more cataloged entries for Best-in-Show awards to be credited toward claiming Grand Championship, Multiple Grand Championships, or to receive the allotted points for such wins used to determine the Year-End Awards.
- c. Clubs **must** advertise that, in the event there are not 25 cataloged entries, the Club has the right to cancel the Breed Congress Show. If canceled, entries for the Breed Congress Show will be incorporated into the regular Allbreed shows.
- d. If an additional entry fee is charged for the Breed Congress, this fee will be returned to the Exhibitor in **FULL** if the Breed Congress is canceled.
- e. Should the club elect to conduct the Breed Congress with fewer than 25 cataloged entries, they must inform the Exhibitor that wins from this Breed Congress Show will not count toward claiming Grand Championships or Multiple Grand Championships and the **only points scored** for Year- End Awards will be Best and 2nd Best of Color and Best and 2nd Best of Breed.
- f. Breed Congress Shows must be licensed with ACFA as a separate Allbreed Show. Cost for this license will be the same as an Allbreed Show. This license fee will be refunded to the Club if the Breed Congress Show is canceled due to lack of the required number of entries.

### Sec 13. Multi-Breed Congress Shows.

ACFA Clubs may elect to conduct Multi-Breed Congress Shows as an alternate to the standard format Allbreed Show, or in conjunction with the Allbreed Shows. This section applies to adult, non-altered cats **ONLY**.

- a. The Multi-Breed Congress Show may be conducted as follows:
  - [1] Conduct a Breed Congress for two or more specific breeds as defined in the Championship Judging Program Guidelines in conjunction with an Allbreed Show for all other cats not included in the Multi-Breed Congress [i.e.; Abyssinian, Singapura and Somali Multi-Breed Congress], with all Best-In-Show Awards presented, and an "All Other Allbreed" with all Best-in-Shows awards presented, both to be conducted under one Judge.
  - [2] Conduct a Multi-Breed Congress "in addition to" all other Allbreed Shows. This Multi-Breed Congress would require an additional Judge and judging ring for the conduct of the Multi-Breed Congress. Clubs may charge an additional amount to the entry fee for cats of the specific breeds to cover the expenses incurred from an additional judging as compared to all other breeds exhibited in the show.
- b. Multi-Breed Congress Shows must have 25 or more cataloged entries for Best-in-Show awards to be credited toward claiming Grand Championship, Multiple Grand Championships, or to receive the allotted points for such wins used to determine the Year-End Awards.
- c. Clubs **must** advertise that, in the event there are not 25 cataloged entries, the Club has the right to cancel the Multi-Breed Congress Show. If canceled, entries for the Multi-Breed Congress Show will be incorporated into the regular Allbreed shows.
- d. If an additional entry fee is charged for the Multi-Breed Congress, this fee will be returned to the Exhibitor in **FULL** if the Multi-Breed Congress is canceled.
- e. Should the club elect to conduct the Multi-Breed Congress with fewer than 25 cataloged entries, they must inform the Exhibitor that wins from this Multi-Breed Congress Show will not count toward claiming Grand Championships or Multiple Grand Championships and the **only points scored** for Year-End Awards will be Best and 2nd Best of Color and Best and 2nd Best of Breed.
- f. Multi-Breed Congress Shows must be licensed with ACFA as a separate Allbreed Show. Cost for this license will be the same as an Allbreed Show. This license fee will be refunded to the Club if the Multi-Breed Congress Show is canceled due to lack of the required number of entries.

### Sec 14. Clerks/Stewards.

The Show Manager, or Show Committee, must provide the following administrative personnel:

- a. Master Clerk. The Master Clerk must be in the Show Hall during all hours of Judging. The location of the Master Clerk's desk/table will be made known to the Exhibitors and the Judges' sheets readily available for their review. It is the responsibility of the Master

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Clerk to check all of the Judges' sheets for completeness, accuracy and possible Mechanical Errors. Additionally, the Master Clerk will, as Judges' sheets are available, maintain a Marked Catalog of all wins awarded the Entries to include all place wins, Winners Ribbons, Best/2nd Best of Color, Best/2nd Best of Breed and Best-in-Show Finals. An ACFA Licensed Master Clerk will be paid a minimum of the value of two [2] entries by the Club for a two-day or Split Format show and a minimum of the value of one and one half times the entry fee for a one-day, non Split Format show. **An unlicensed/trainee master clerk will be paid a minimum of seventy-five percent (75%) the fee for Licensed Master Clerks. All fees are to be in cash or check.**

- b. Ring Clerks. Each judge will be assigned a Principal Ring Clerk and, if available, an Assistant Clerk. The Ring Clerk must be in the ring at all times during the judging of the cats. Permission to leave the Ring must be granted by the Judge. The duties of the Ring Clerk include, but are not limited to: checking all Judges' sheets to ensure completeness, accuracy and possible Mechanical Errors; maintaining two marked catalogs [one for the Club and one for the Judge] noting all awards presented by the Judge to each Entry; posting and removing the Entry Numbers of the Exhibits on the Judging cages as directed by the Judge; assuring that there is an adequate supply of ribbons in the Ring for presentation; and assisting the Judge in arranging the Rosettes and Trophies for Finals Presentation. In addition, the Clerk is responsible for supervising the duties of the Cage Stewards assigned to the ring. An ACFA Licensed Ring Clerk will be paid a minimum of the value of one [1] entry by the Club. [Exception - If clerking for only one day of two-day Show or one session of a Split Format Show, the minimum would be one-half the two-day entry fee.] **An unlicensed/trainee ring clerk will be paid a maximum of seventy-five percent (75%) the fee for Licensed Ring Clerks. All fees are to be in cash or check.**
- b. Ring Stewards. Each Judge will be assigned a minimum of one Ring Steward who must be available in the ring at all times during the judging of the cats. The principal duty of the Ring Steward is to clean and disinfect each cage after the Judge has finished judging each cat and it has been removed from the Ring. In addition the Steward will perform those additional duties, which may be requested by the Judge or the Ring Clerk.

### Sec 15. Advertising

Requires ACFA Logo on display in judging ring.

- a. The ACFA Logo, in a minimum of 4" x 6" size, shall be on display in each judging ring and at the front entrance of the show hall. ACFA mailing contact information including the mailing address and phone number shall be on display at each entrance of the show hall.
- b. Show advertising shall be in the manner as prescribed by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE III: SHOW LICENSE

### Sec 1. Licensing.

A License for Shows to be held under the rules of this Association shall be issued to local and regional Allbreed and Specialty Cat Clubs chartered by ACFA upon filing with the ACFA Central Office a properly prepared and executed application form and payment of the license fee.

### Sec 2. Application.

All applications for licenses for shows, to be held under the rules of this Association, shall be made on ACFA Application forms which may be obtained from the ACFA Central Office.

- a. The application for a Show License shall include:
  - name of the club;
  - name, address, telephone number of Entry Clerk;
  - confirmed date of Show;
  - list of the type rings to be held [i.e.; Allbreed and/or Specialty]
  - names of Judges and type of Ring each will judge;
  - statement that the sponsoring Club agrees to be bound by the Rules of the Association;
  - statement that the Club agrees to hold ACFA harmless;
  - and amount of Show License fee;
  - proof of insurance must be provided if the insurance is not purchased through Central Office.
- b. Application for Show License shall be filed at the ACFA Central Office at least **30 days prior** to the proposed date of the show unless special permission is otherwise obtained.

### Sec 3. License Fee.

The Show License Fee shall be as determined by the ACFA Board of Directors and must be forwarded to the ACFA Central Office no later than **30 days prior** to the proposed date of the show unless special permission is otherwise obtained.

### Sec 4. Show Sponsors.

Licensed shows may be sponsored by the following groups under the conditions as noted:



- a. Any Club chartered by ACFA may be licensed to hold one or more Allbreed Shows and/or any combination of Group Specialty Shows. Any special show not covered by these rules must have special approval from the Board of Directors.
- b. Two or more Clubs may be granted licenses to hold Shows on concurrent dates or the same day of a Split Format Show at the same location. Such shows will be advertised as "CO-Sponsored Shows".
- c. A Cat Club or other organization not chartered by this Association may be granted a license to hold Cat Shows under these rules upon the approval of the Board of Directors.

**Sec 5. Show Date.**

Dates for holding shows are subject to approval of ACFA through the Executive Director. Show dates may be reserved prior to filing of the application for license. A non-refundable deposit, as determined by the Board of Directors, which will apply as credit toward the license fee for this date, must accompany the reservation.

**Sec 6. Entry Fees.**

The amount of entry fee for each Class shall be determined by the Club sponsoring the Show, or its Management.

**Sec 7. Back-to-Back Shows.**

A Club, or Clubs, may be granted licenses to hold Shows on consecutive dates at the same location. Such Shows may be two separately licensed Shows sponsored by one Club held on consecutive dates at the same location or two separately licensed Shows sponsored by two Clubs and held on consecutive dates at the same location. [Note: Article XI, Classification, Sec. 8 applies for these Shows.]

**Sec 8. Split Format Shows.**

A Club or Clubs may be granted licenses to hold Shows on the same date, in the case of a Split Format show, at the same location. Such Shows may be two separately licensed Shows sponsored by one club held on the same date at the same location or two separately licensed Shows sponsored by two Clubs and held on the same date at the same location [Note: Article XI, Classification, Sec.8 applies for these shows.]

## ARTICLE IV: ELIGIBILITY FOR EXHIBITION

**Sec 1. Age of Entry.**

Any cat of sound health, eight months old or older on the opening day of the Show, and any kitten of sound health, not less than four months old on the opening day of the Show, is eligible for exhibition at Shows licensed by and held under the rules of this Association and any special requirements published in the Show Flyer of the show. No cat or kitten may be judged in a show unless it has been entered prior to the start of the judging.

**Sec 2. Registration.**

All cats entered in the Championship Classes must be registered in the ACFA Book of Registry, except as noted:

- a. A cat may be entered with the Registration Number **pending**. This term will be used in such instances when, at the time the entry is forwarded to the Club, the Registration has been applied for, but has not yet been received by the owner of the cat. Such cats so entered in a show **must** have the Registration Number forwarded to the Entry Clerk for the show NO LATER THAN the morning of the beginning of the Show. This number **must** be entered in the Marked Catalog for that Show **prior** to forwarding to the ACFA Central Office. No cat may be judged or receive wins with a "pending" registration number -UNLESS- the Registration Number was provided the Show Management prior to the opening of the Show.
- b. An Open cat that is being entered in an ACFA Show **for the first time** may be entered as "Listed". Owners of cats entered as Listed **must** pay a Listing Fee, such fee to be paid at the same time as the Entry Fee to the Show. The Club will forward one-half of the fee to the ACFA Central Office. The only exception to this rule is as stated in Article XI, Sec 8 as pertains to Shows conducted on consecutive days at the same location or the same day in Split Format Shows. In such instances, the Listing Fee **must** be paid for **each** Show or session entered. [Note: Kittens and Household Pets Exempted] Listing fee is established by the Board of Directors.
- c. All Bengals, Korats, Pixiebob Longhairs/Shorthairs, and all cats shown in the NBC Class must have an ACFA registration number. All Bengals must have an ACFA registration number to be allowed inside the show hall for any purpose. A Bengal litter registration number shall suffice in regard to 'kittens for sale'.
- d. A cat may be entered in an ACFA sanctioned International Division show without an ACFA registration number, when hosted by an International Division partner club held on foreign soil.

**Sec 3. Ownership of Entry.**

Cats or Kittens entered for competition must be the bona fide property of the person shown as the owner on the Entry Blank. If ownership is transferred after entry has been made, said transfer must be reported by the seller to the Master Clerk prior to the opening of the Show, and prizes will be paid and delivered accordingly. Such transfer must be noted in the Marked Catalog sent to the ACFA Central Office.

**Sec 4. Illness in Cattery.**

No cat or kitten is eligible for exhibition at a Show held under the rules of this Association if from a house or cattery where there has been any infectious or contagious illness within 21 days prior to the first day of the Show.

**Sec 5. Pregnant Cat.**

Any cat or kitten obviously pregnant is ineligible for entry in a Show and if entered and exhibited shall be disqualified.

**Sec 6. Non-Felis Catus.**

Non-Felis Catus and/or non-Felis Catus/domestic hybrids not recognized by ACFA will not be permitted in the show hall under any circumstances.

**Sec 7. Vasectomized Cat.**

A vasectomized cat is not eligible for entry at Shows sanctioned by ACFA, including Household Pet Rings.

**Sec 8. Kittens for Sale or Delivery.**

No kitten under the age of four [4] months will be allowed in the Show Hall.

**Sec 9. Other Species.**

Any other species of animal will be prohibited from entering the Show Hall. [Handicapped person's animal assistants exempted.]

## ARTICLE V: ENTRIES

**Sec 1. ACFA Rules Apply.**

Any person entering a cat or kitten in any Show licensed by this Association or held under the rules of this Association shall, by such act, be deemed to have agreed to abide by and be subject to the rules of this Association.

**Sec 2. Application for Entry.**

- a. Entry Applications for cats or kittens **shall** reflect the following information on the Official Entry Blank:
- Full and correct name [if registered, the name, as it appears on the Registration Certificate must appear in the catalog to receive credit for Championships won.
  - ACFA Registration Number if registered, or any other registering body by showing the initials of the association in which registered;
  - The Breed and **Registered** Color;
  - Date of Birth;
  - Name of Sire and Dam;
  - Names of Breeder/Owner, Agent/Lessee if applicable;
  - And complete address of Owner/Lessee.
- b. Leased cats must be entered in the owner's name with the name of the lessee added, if desired.
- c. Upon request from the ACFA Central Office, affiliated Clubs must send to the Executive Director such entry slips for the Show as shall be designated.

**Sec 3. Closing Date.**

The date of closing of entries having been duly announced, the Show Management cannot be required to accept entries received after date and time, including time zone, advertised. A Club may not accept more than 200 entries for a one-day show, 400 entries for a two-day show or 100 entries for a Split Format Show.

**Sec 4. Fees.**

All entries should be made on the Official ACFA Entry Blank or submitted electronically as indicated by the Show Management and shall be accompanied by remittance for the Entry Fees. No Entry Fees will be returned for absentees. No telephone or telegraph entries will be accepted unless immediately confirmed in writing and the Entry Fee paid. Any person having entered a cat, kitten, neuter or spay in a Show licensed by this Association is responsible for paying full Entry Fee advertised by the Club, including double cages, Listing Fees, Marked Catalogs, or any other fees set by said Club. If such fees are paid by checks that are returned "Insufficient Funds" and the owner does not pay moneys due within 15 days of notification by the Club, the said Club may notify the ACFA Executive Director to void all wins of the Exhibitor's entry[s].

**Sec 5. Failure to Pay Entry Fee.**

When the Show Entry Clerk receives the entry, acknowledgment of it shall be made to the Exhibitor. Any person entering a cat, kitten, neuter or spay in a Show licensed by this Association will be required to pay all fees incurred [by owner] of said cat even though the entry is not present and competing. It will be the responsibility of the Club to notify the ACFA Central Office within 3 days after the Show of any such debt. The debtor will have 15 days to pay moneys due after notification by the Club. If the debt is not paid the Club will notify the ACFA Central Office to withhold all scores, wins and titles from the owner until the debt to the Club has been satisfied. A person who owes money to a Club at the end of the year will not be able to receive any year-end awards.

**a. Refund of Entry Fees**

- 1) An owner who withdraws an entry no less than seven (7) days prior to the published entry closing date for a show may request an entry refund. It is the Club's discretion regarding whether or not to grant a refund.
- 2) Entry fees and/or refund requests received less than seven (7) days from the published closing date of the Show are non-refundable regardless of circumstances.

**Sec 6. Rejection of Entries.**

Any Club holding a Show shall have the right to reject any entries for any reason deemed justifiable by the Show Management. But, the Show Management must give the applicant written notice stating the reason why the entry was rejected. Reason given must be backed up by relevant

and current rationale. However, the election of an Exhibitor to enter only one Show, which is part of a Back-to-Back Show or a Split Format Show, **shall not** constitute a justifiable reason for rejecting an entry[s].

#### **Sec 7. Late Entries.**

Under no circumstances may Show Officials accept entries after the catalog or entry list has been printed. All entries shall appear in the printed catalog or entry list.

#### **Sec 8. Substitute Entries.**

Show Officials are forbidden to accept substitute cats or kittens in the place of the original entries and no cat or kitten will be allowed in the Show Room unless properly entered.

#### **Sec 9. Erroneous Entry.**

Cats wrongly entered as to color, breed or sex must be transferred by the Show Officials if the entry is discovered before the respective classes are judged. However, any cat that has won a Championship, Multiple Championship or Grand Championship in a certain Color Class may not be transferred to a different Color Class by the Judge. The owner/agent may transfer the cat if found to be Championed in the wrong Color Class. When transferred to the new Color Class, all previous wins, titles and points earned toward Year-End Awards will be voided and the cat transferred to the new Color Class as an Open.

#### **Sec 10. Voluntary Withdrawal of Entry.**

Cats or kittens entered for competition, and present, will be scored a zero in one ring per day for Year-End Award purposes if voluntarily withdrawn by the owner or agent. The owner or agent of any cat withdrawn from a ring must notify the Master Clerk as to which ring the cat is to be withdrawn from before the Class is called to the Judging Ring. The Master Clerk must make the notation "VW" [Voluntarily Withdrawn] in the Master Catalog in the space for annotating the awards for that ring and notify the Ring Clerk that the cat has been withdrawn.

#### **Sec 11. Wrongful Entry.**

Should any cat be wrongfully entered or entered contrary to the rules, upon protest being made, the Show Committee shall have the right to disqualify the cat. In case such disqualified cat has been given an award, the award shall then be given to the next best cat as though the disqualified cat had never been in competition.

#### **Sec 12. Single Class Entry.**

A cat or kitten may not be entered in more than one Class in the same Show. Any cat that has won a Championship, Multiple Championship or Grand Championship in a certain Color Class is not thereafter eligible for entry in a different Color Class, unless, the owner/agent has transferred the cat in accordance with Article V, Sec 9 or it has been re-registered in accordance with Registration Rule, Article IV, Sec 6.

#### **Sec 13. Eligible for All Rings.**

A cat or kitten entered for competition may be presented for judging in every ring for which it is eligible and cats or kittens entered and originally benched for only one day of a Back-to-Back show or one session of a Split Format Show may only be shown on one [1] day or session.

## **ARTICLE VI: CAGING**

#### **Sec 1. Type/Condition.**

Cages furnished by the Show Management for the judging ring shall be standard cage or poultry exhibition cages. Such cages should be in good condition and sufficiently tight and secure to prevent the cats from escaping. Cages furnished by the Show Management for the benching area may be standard cat or poultry cages or other such cages in good condition and sufficiently tight and secure to prevent the cats from escaping. Show Management shall advise exhibitors of the type of cages being provided in the benching area.

#### **Sec 2. Arrangement.**

Cages should be arranged in the Show Hall in such a manner as to allow maximum aisle space for exhibitors and visitors.

#### **Sec 3. Stacking.**

Double decking of cages will not be permitted.

#### **Sec 4. Benching.**

- a. The Show Management shall have the option of assigning benching cages for all entries in the Show Hall. When this option is exercised all entries of a particular exhibitor or those entries for which that exhibitor is the designated agent shall be benched together. No change of benching assignments shall be made without the permission of the Show Manager.
- b. All cats and kittens for competition shall not be placed under the benching table(s) during a show without the written permission of the show manager outlining the extraordinary circumstances prior to the change in benching location. Extraordinary circumstances shall not violate Show Rules.
- c. Use of noise producing devices by exhibitors such as a hair dryer or vacuum cleaner in the benching area is prohibited. All exhibitors' cell phones should be set on mute or vibrate while in the benching or judging areas. The placement of Latex balloons in the benching area is PROHIBITED.

#### **Sec 5. Judging Ring.**

The following rules apply for all Championship or Non-Championship judging rings in ACFA Shows.

- a. A minimum of ten [10] single or five [5] double judging cages must be provided in each ring.
- b. In "U" shaped rings there must be a minimum of six [6] single or three [3] double judging cages across the back of the ring between corners.
- c. No cage may be placed so that a cat in one ring can see a cat in another ring beside, or behind, its cage.
- d. A plain white pad or thin towel may be placed with the cat in the judging cage. The pad may contain a hand warmer or ice pack. Nothing electronic will be allowed.
- e. Judging cages must be provided with durable non-porous washable bottoms per unit and non-porous washable partitions between cages. Top and center dividers, when used, must be secured in a fashion that will prevent "breaking through" to the other side. This requires tying the divider to the front wire in some manner. Plastic 'cable' ties or similar items are recommended. Partitions must be securely fastened top and bottom. Tops must be securely fastened on all sides.

### **Sec 6. Booths.**

Placement of booths using electrical devices such as engraving machines, popcorn machines, drills, saws or other noise producing devices in either the benching or the judging area is prohibited. Vendors' cell phones should be set on mute or vibrate while in the benching or judging areas. The selling/placement of Latex balloons in the show hall is prohibited.

### **Sec.7. Show Hall Environment**

The show manager should provide a safe, feline friendly environment. Noise hazards and distractions, such as ringing cell phones and latex balloons, are prohibited from the show hall.

## **ARTICLE VII: JUDGES**

### **Sec 1. Judges Eligible to Officiate.**

Clubs holding sanctioned shows under the rules of this Association shall employ Judges approved by this Association and may employ any person holding a valid Allbreed or Specialty Judge's License of this Association or Guest Allbreed or Specialty Judge's License. Clubs may also employ any Judge covered by a Reciprocity Agreement with another association. When Guest Judges are used to officiate, they may not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the judging panel for any one day of a two day back to back or one day show, or any one session of a one or two day split format show.

### **Sec 2. One Judge Per Ring.**

A separate Judge will be employed to officiate in each Allbreed ring and each Specialty ring at shows licensed by this Association. Judges may not judge two shows on two consecutive days at the same location or both sessions on the same day at the same location for a Split Format Show.

### **Sec 3. Judges' Fees.**

Judging Fees are established by the Board of Directors.

- a. Fees are applicable to Regular and Guest Judges regardless of the type or duration of Show judged and are determined by the Allbreed or Specialty Status of the Judge at the time of signing of the Judging Contract.
- b. All payments to judges will be in US dollars unless the show is held in a foreign country and the judge is a resident of said country. In those limited cases a judge may be paid in the national currency.

**NOTE: The following Sections 4, 5 and 6 do not apply to Stand-Alone Household Pet Shows.**

### **Sec 4. Judges' Travel.**

The Club shall reimburse each Judge for reasonable traveling expenses to include transportation, any applicable airfares or mileage [if driving], ground transportation to and from airports and airport parking fees.

- a. Moneys for transportation costs must be sent to each Judge, unless otherwise specified in the Judge's Contract, at least two weeks in advance of departure date for the Show.
- b. **Judge Cancellation.** In the absence of an agreement between a club and a Judge to the contrary, a Judge that unilaterally cancelled his/her judging assignment for any reason, but for the exceptions noted below, the Judge shall be responsible for returning all travel fees advanced to him/her by the club, including airfares paid through a third party. Airline transfer fees for non-refundable tickets are not excluded from this reimbursable obligation to the club.
  - 1) **Exceptions:** Conditions for which non-refundable re-ticketing transfer fees may be deducted from the Judge's reimbursable amount due the club include: death in the Judge's immediate family (spouse, parents, children, grandparents, domestic partner), hospitalization of the Judge for one or more days during the travel/judging time, and any other physical conditions or ailments, verified in writing by a physician, that cause the Judge to be unable to fulfill his/her judging assignment.

- 2) The Judge shall reimburse the club all monies due within 60 days of the contracted show date.

Judges having left their point of origin, but unable to reach their final destination, may be unable to receive credit from the airline for any portion of their fare. In these cases, the Judge is not required to reimburse the club any non-retrievable portion of their airfares.

- 3) A Judge who has moved his/her place of residence subsequent to signing a contract or is traveling from a location other than his residence will not be reimbursed a greater sum for traveling expenses than would have been applicable at the time the contract was signed.
- 4) No Judge may be asked to wait in an airport longer than one [1] hour following his/her scheduled arrival, or to arrive at an airport in excess of two [2] hours prior to his/her scheduled departure. Clubs lacking personnel for airport transportation of Judges are required to pay for shuttle service.
- 5) The Club will provide the Judge with transportation to and from the Show Hall unless the Show is located within the Hotel in which lodging is provided.

### Sec 5. Judges' Lodging.

The Club must provide the Judge adequate lodging as follows:

- a. Clubs shall not require Judges to room together who are judging a Show. However, clubs shall not require, or allow Judges to room together when officiating on opposite days of a Back-to-Back Show, Two-day Format Show. Judges officiating opposite sessions of the same day of a Split Format Show may room together.
- b. Clubs are responsible to provide two nights lodging for a Judge officiating at a Back-to-Back, Split Format, or One-Day show, which are: [1] the night before the Judge officiates; and [2] the night of the day the Judge officiates.
- c. Clubs are responsible to provide three nights lodging for a Judge officiating at a two day or expanded format show, which are: [1] the night before the judge officiates; [2] the night between the two days they are officiating; and [3] the night of the second day they officiate.
- d. Lodging accommodations must provide an in-room phone with outside line access.

### Sec 6. Judges' Meals.

The Club is responsible to ensure that a restaurant is available, and open, in or adjoining the Hotel or Motel in which lodging is provided. If such is not available, the Club will provide transportation for Judges to travel to and from a restaurant. Judges will be reimbursed a reasonable amount for meals to include:

- a. While traveling: Meals consumed during travel to and from the Show if travel is performed during normal meal hours. Exceptions: Meals provided at no extra charge by the Airlines.
- b. At the Show. Upon arrival, and prior to departure, all meals consumed during normal meal hours the day prior to judging, the day[s] officiating and the day after judging. Exception: Meals provided by the Club in the Show Hall or at scheduled banquets.
- c. Reasonable Reimbursement. Reimbursement for meals will take into consideration the cost for same at the facilities available to Judges in the Hotel or Motel [i.e.: \$10 reimbursement for a dinner would not be adequate if the least expensive dinner meal on the menu is \$15].

### Sec 7. Contracts.

Official ACFA contracts, in triplicate, must be used by the affiliated Clubs in making arrangements for the Judges for their shows.

- a. Contracts must specify: the name of the Club; the name of the Judge; the date[s] of the Show; the city/town and state/province where the Show is to be held; the name, address and phone number of the Club Official authorized by the Club to enter into the contract; and any special requirements of either the Club or the Judge.
- b. Judges shall not be required to hold dates open more than fifteen days after any verbal agreement.
- c. It shall be the responsibility of the Club to provide the Judge with a signed official contract and an addressed, stamped envelope for its return. The Club shall be responsible for forwarding one copy of the contract to the ACFA Central Office.
- d. A Championship or Household Pet Judge has thirty [30] days from date of Postmark to sign, and return, a written contract from a Club requesting him to officiate. Failure to return the contract in the prescribed time is sufficient justification for the Club to cancel the contract, if they desire.
- e. A contract that has been signed by both the Club and the Judge is binding on both parties.
- f. A binding contract may be abrogated only by mutual agreement of the Club and the Judge.
- g. A Judge/Club has an obligation to fulfill a mutually signed contract except in verifiable, extenuating circum-stances. A Judge may **not** cancel a judging contract in order to exhibit.
- h. When a judge has asked to be released from his contract, he may not accept another judging assignment for another club that weekend, including the International Division.
- i. Failure to comply with the contractual obligations by either party to a judging contract will result in disciplinary action by the Board of Directors; up to the revocation of the Club Charter, if a Club is in violation of this rule; and suspension or revocation of the judge's License, if the Judge is in violation of this rule.

**Sec 8. Solicitation.**

Judges shall not solicit judging assignments in any manner whatsoever including offering to use free air miles or to donate fees. Judges shall not solicit entries for any show at which they officiate. Soliciting entries does not include making general show announcements, either in person or in print or via electronic media.

**Sec 9. Transportation of Entries.**

Judges shall not transport, supervise the transportation of, or in any way have knowledge by any personal act, of the entries of any Exhibitor at any Show at which they officiate. A Show for purposes of this rule is interpreted as the rings in which the Judge. A judge may not transport supervise the transporting of or in any way be cognizant by personal act of the entries made at the show at which he/she is to officiate. Judges who travel to shows with exhibitors whose cats are entered in the show where the judge is to officiate shall not judges said entries in the show. While it is not encouraged, traveling from airport to hotel/show hall in an exhibitor vehicle shall not be construed as a violation of this rule, provided the show management (having no other option), has made the arrangements for an exhibitor to transport the judge. In this event the exhibitor's entries must be placed in the rear of the vehicle, away from the judge, and covered/screened in such a way to prevent visibility of the entry.

**Sec 10. Judge Exhibiting.**

No Judge, or member of the same household, may enter cats, alters, kittens or household pets for competition on the day that Judge is judging in any part of a show licensed by this Association at which s/he is judging. However, when a Club finds it necessary to replace a Judge after the catalog is closed, a replacement Judge who has entered cats in the show prior to closing may have his/her entries shown in all other rings, regardless of the number of days remaining prior to the show.

**Sec 11. Exhibiting Back-to-Back Shows.**

For Back-to-Back Shows, at time of entering into contract Judges shall be asked if they desire to exhibit at that Show. If they express such a desire, all effort shall be made by the Club to schedule the Judge to officiate on Saturday. Judges officiating on Sunday may exhibit Saturday IF the cat is exhibited by an agent.

**Sec. 12. Exhibiting Split Format Shows.**

For Split Format Shows, at time of entering into contract Judges shall be asked if they desire to exhibit at that Show. If they express such a desire, all effort shall be made by the Club to schedule the Judge to officiate in the first session. Judges officiate in the second session may exhibit in the first session IF the cat is exhibited by an agent.

**Sec 13. Cats In the Judge's Care.**

a. Judges may not judge entries which they have bred. "Bred" for purposes of this rule is defined as: Judge was registered breeder of the entry.

b. Judges may not judge entries which have been in their ownership or care within six [6] months prior to the opening day of the show at which they are officiating. They shall not judge cats which they are named as breeder/co-breeder. These cats MAY be presented in the Judge's ring but are ineligible for any awards. These "Presentation Only" cats shall be counted as catalogue entries and the rings may be 'counted' toward the requirement for the regional and Inter-American awards. "Care" for the purposes of this rule is defined as:

[1] Judge had personal possession of the cat and was responsible for its health, care and welfare for any period of twenty-four [24] hours or longer, but was not the registered breeder of the cat.

[2] Judge acted as the agent of the cat at any licensed Show.

[3] Judge had the cat in his possession for any period of time for breeding purposes.

c. Any NBC owned by a judge may be shown in all other rings on the day or session the judge is judging but must be presented by an agent.

**Sec 14. Reports.**

The Show Committee is required to file a report with the Judges' Executive Council Chair or individual designated by the Board of Directors commenting upon the capabilities of all Judges within thirty [30] days after the close of the Show. [Report forms are provided, in the Show supplies, by the ACFA Central Office]

**Sec 15. Household Pet Judges.**

Household Pets, or any other special classes, excepting kittens, which are not Championship Classes, may be judged by any person or persons selected by the Show Management. Kitten Classes, however, must be judged by a Licensed Judge.

**Sec 16. Donation of Awards.**

No Judge shall donate or offer trophies or special prizes either directly or indirectly to a Club for a Show at which he is one of the officiating Judges.

**Sec 17. Limitation of Cats Judged.**

No Judge will handle or judge more than 200 cats and/or kittens at a one day show nor more than 400 cats and/or kittens at a two-day show. [Exception: In a Split Format Show no judge will handle or judge more than 100 cats and/or kittens.]

**Sec 18. Advertised Hours for Judging.**

A Judge shall be required to remain for the advertised hours of the Show unless agreed upon in the **original** contract between the Club and the Judge or in the case of an emergency.

## ARTICLE VIII: METHOD OF JUDGING

**Sec 1. Judging Ring.**

Judging shall be done in a specially arranged area or "ring". Judging tables must rest firmly on the floor with no temporary supports under the table legs. Dividers will be placed between the Judging Rings to restrict visual line of sight between the judging tables. Where necessary, judging stands will be provided atop the Judges' tables. Male or neutered cats entered in the Kitten, Championship, New Breed or Color [NBC], or Household Pet Classes may not be benched in adjoining cages in the Judging Ring.

**Sec 2. One Judge Per Ring.**

It is required that a separate ring be provided by the Show Management for each Judge employed, including Household Pet Judges.

**Sec 3. No Smoking in Ring.**

No one shall smoke, use tobacco, or items represented as same. This includes but is not limited to electronic cigarettes, vapors and hookah pens.

**Sec 4. Judging Rings Restricted Areas.**

Only authorized officials connected with the Show Management shall be admitted to the judging enclosure except in cases where cats become unmanageable and the owner may be requested to hold the cat. The use of cell phones in the judging area while cats are present is STRICTLY prohibited.

**Sec 5. Basis of Awards.**

Judges shall base their awards in accordance with the ACFA Standards of Perfection and not upon what they personally like or dislike in a cat. All ribbons shall be withheld on a cat not having sufficient merit to score at least 94 points under the Breed Standard.

**Sec 6. Final Awards.**

- a. For shows other than Split Format Shows. In the final Awards presentation, a cat absent from the Show Hall before the advertised closing hour of the Show, or before 6:00 PM, whichever comes first, without the permission of the Show Manager shall be deemed to have been withdrawn without permission and shall forfeit all wins for the ring in which they are absent. *The Exhibitor, or his/her representative*, shall be responsible for notifying each judging ring of the approved absence of the Exhibitor's cat in the Finals. This **written approval** shall be signed by the Show Manager and presented to the Judge or Judge's ring clerk, prior to the posting of the Judge's Finals.
- b. For Split Format Shows. In the final Awards presentation, a cat absent from the Show Hall before the advertised closing hour of the session, without the permission of the Show Manager shall be deemed to have been withdrawn without permission and shall forfeit all wins for the ring in which they are absent. *The Exhibitor, or his/her representative* shall be responsible for notifying each judging rings of the approved absence of the Exhibitor's cat in the Finals. This **written approval** shall be signed by the Show Manager and presented to the Judge or Judge's ring clerk, prior to the posting of the Judge's Finals.

**Sec 7. Mechanical Errors.**

When an obvious error has been made in placing an award, and the error is not discovered until after the awards have been posted, or until after the Show, the erroneous award shall be canceled and the Exhibitor receiving such an erroneous award shall return any ribbons, rosettes or trophies received with such an award. If the correct winner of the award can be determined from Class wins as written by the Judge in the ACFA copy of the Judge's Book, the award shall be remade by the Judge responsible for the error, otherwise, the award shall remain vacant. Within 7 days after being notified of an error, the Judge shall correct the error and inform the ACFA Executive Director, Show Secretary and the owner, or owners, of the cat[s] involved, in writing, of the change.

## ARTICLE IX: GENERAL JUDGING RULES

**Sec 1. Absence of Judge.**

- a. Upon notification by a regularly appointed and advertised Judge, prior to his departure from his place of residence, that he will be unable to officiate at a Show for which he is contracted, the Show Committee may appoint a substitute Judge. In such cases, an Exhibitor may decline to allow his entries to compete, but may not remove them from the Show Hall for any reason. The word "withdrawn" must be marked on the Judge's record and in the Marked Catalog opposite the cat's name or number. For the purposes of qualifying for Championships and Grand Championships, when the advertised Judge is unable to officiate, wins under the substitute Judge will be considered as having been earned under a "different judge" regardless of the identity of such substitute Judge.
- b. When a regular appointed and advertised Judge becomes ill at a Show or is delayed en route to a Show for which he is to officiate and is unable to arrive in sufficient time to perform his contracted duties, the Show Committee may appoint a substitute Judge. If there is

insufficient time for a substitute Judge to travel to the place of the Show, the Show Committee may appoint a substitute Judge that is exhibiting at the Show. This rule is an exception to Article VII, Sections 7 and 8. Rules pertaining to withdrawal of entries under the substitute Judge or wins awarded by the substitute Judge are as noted in "a" above.

c. Any Judge, advertised on either day of a Back-to-Back Show or either session of a Split Format Show and officiating at the Show on the day or session opposite to the one for which he was advertised, shall not be deemed a "different judge".

d. When a contracted Judge is unavoidably delayed in reaching the show hall, (i.e., by weather conditions or because of mechanical problems with transportation), any licensed Championship or Household Pet Judge may judge the ring's Household Pet entries in the ADVERTISED FORMAT in order to get the show underway for that ring. [This rule applies to emergencies that arise on the day of a show only, and does not carry an advancement in the status of the substitute Judge for any other classes or for other assignments.]

### **Sec 2. Identification of Entry.**

Cats and kittens shall not be judged with ribbons on their necks **or with other identification marks** other than those required by law. This rule shall not prohibit a plain tag with the Show Entry number for identification of the Entry.

### **Sec 3. Ring Lighting.**

Show Managers shall utilize daylight hours, as far as possible, for the judging. However, an adjustable flood/spotlight shall be available to light the area where the cat is being judged.

### **Sec 4. Order of Judging.**

The order of judging breeds or colors in adult classes may be decided or changed at the discretion of the Show Management. Whenever possible, the Lilac Point Siamese should be judged before the Blue Points and the Chocolate Points before the Seal Points.

### **Sec 5. Class Judged.**

**All cats must be placed in their designated cages in the judging ring prior to judging, unless specifically requested otherwise by the judge.**

Cats entered in the Open or Champion Classes shall be judged in the same Class in all rings for the entire Show even though they may qualify for the next higher Class during the Show. [Note: Cats achieving a higher Class the first day of a Back-To-Back Show or first session of a Split Format Show will be transferred to the higher Class for the second day or second session.]

### **Sec 6. Judge Must Handle Cat.**

Judges must handle and physically examine all cats in the respective Classes. Any cat not amenable to handling on the judging table by the Judge should be cut one or more points for bad disposition, or may be disqualified by the Judge for that Ring, but shall count as present and competing. The cut for bad disposition should be on condition and should bear the notation by the Judge "unamenable to handling". Any cat severely scratching or biting a Judge or the handler shall be penalized. If the cat behaves in such a manner that it appears dangerous to the Judge, the Judge shall notify the ACFA Central Office, in writing, of the following: [1] Name of the Show at which officiating; [2] Name/Entry Number of cat; [3] Nature of cat's behavior. After two different Judges in 2 different combinations of Shows have filed such complaints against a cat, the owner of the cat shall be notified that the cat is barred from further competition in ACFA shows.

### **Sec 7. Absentees.**

Judges shall record all absentees in the Judge's Book.

### **Sec 8. Deception or Fraud.**

Judges shall disqualify any cat showing evidence of intent to deceive the Judge by any artificial means. If the Judge suspects any fraud in any classes previously judged, the Judge may reopen and re-judge such classes.

### **Sec 9. Faults/Disqualification [Excluding HHP].**

- a. Cats, except Manx, Cymric, Japanese Bobtail, Pixiebob, American Bobtail, and Kurillian Bobtail as specified in the individual Breed Standards, with all or part of their tails missing may not receive wins.
- b. Damaged ears or eyes as a result of an injury shall be considered a fault and not a disqualification except that a totally blind cat is not eligible for wins.
- c. A male having one or both testicles recessed [ mon- or cryptorchid] may not be shown in the Championship Class.
- d. Cats that have been declawed shall not be penalized therefore.
- e. Undershot or overshot jaws shall be considered a defect in all breeds, whether or not stated in the Breed Standard of Perfection, and shall be cut one or more points, according to severity.
- f. Spots, patches or sprinkling of a foreign color not provided for in the Breed Standard of Perfection shall be considered a defect in any breed and shall be cut one or more points, according to severity.
- g. Cats having more or fewer than the normal number of toes on each foot, which is five on each front foot and four on each hind foot, shall be disqualified.



- h. Wins shall be withheld from all cats entered in the Championship Classes or Non-Championship Kitten [purebred] Classes for any tail defect [visible or invisible] unless otherwise stated in the Standard of Perfection.
- i. Wins shall be withheld from all cats entered in the Championship Classes and Non-Championship Kitten [purebred] Classes, on any cat or kitten with crossed eyes.
- j. Withhold wins on adult championship whole cats with protruding sternums (protruding xyphoid process of the sternum) near the base of the rib cage. Withhold for evidence of surgical correction in whole cats. Fault kittens according to severity. Altered championship cats may be shown with protruding sternums (xyphoid process) or surgical correction.
- k. Altered cats entered in the Championship Classes demonstrating those defects noted in 'h' and 'i' above shall not have wins withheld. However, they shall be faulted or penalized according to severity.
- l. Any ring in which a cat is disqualified will not count for year-end awards.

**Sec 10. Withhold Wins.**

When the winner's award of Championship points is withheld the Judge shall mark "WW" in the space provided for awards on the posting slip, the Judge's copy, and the ACFA copy of the Judge's Book. The Judge shall state the reason for withholding winners on the ACFA copy. Cats on which wins have been withheld for any reason shall not be eligible for any awards in that Judge's ring. Withhold shall be defined as meaning, "withhold **all** awards" although the ring will count for year-end awards.

**Sec 11. Judging Schedule.**

When two or more rings are held by a Club at the same time and place, a schedule of judging shall be decided prior to the beginning of the judging.

- a. Judging in all rings must commence at approximately the same time. In the case of a Split Format Show this shall apply to each session in the same manner as a back-to-back show on consecutive days.
- b. The Judging Schedule shall be such that each Judge will start judging a different Color Class or Breed, which will not, in any way, conflict with the other Judges.
- c. Cats being called to a ring for judging, in accordance with the schedule, take precedence over cats being called to a ring for Final Awards, unless the Final is already in progress. [Note: For purposes of this rule, a Final in progress is when the Judge has posted the numbers on the cages and an announcement has been made to bring the cats to the ring for Finals prior to the numbers being posted on the cages in the ring where judging is still being conducted.]
- d. The numbers and/or description of cats being called for a Final may NOT be broadcast to the show hall.

**Sec 12. Conversation in Judging Ring.**

- a. Judges are not required to discuss entries with Exhibitors.
- b. Exhibitors must not make any comments on exhibits within the Judges' hearing or challenge the Judges' decisions. Any decision based on the judgment of a Judge acting under these rules shall be final.

**Sec 13. Transfer to HHP.**

Judges shall transfer to the Household Pet Class any cats entered in the Championship Classes showing evidence of mixed ancestry.

**Sec 14. Wrongful Entry.**

Judges may transfer any Open or Non-Championship Kitten exhibit wrongfully entered as to sex, color [excepting red or cream colors. A Judge may not transfer a red or cream cat/kitten to a tabby class or vice versa] or breed, providing such transfer was not made by the Show Management previous to starting the judging, and provided the Class in which the exhibit belongs has not already been judged, in which case the Judge shall mark "wrong class, not judged" in the Judging Book. However, any cat that has been entered as a Champion or Grand Champion in a certain Color Class may not be transferred to a different Color Class but must be judged as entered and cut accordingly under color and pattern.

**Sec 15. Judges' Books.**

Judges' Books shall be manually signed in pen and ink, and all notations thereon shall be made in pen and ink and shall not employ the means of a rubber stamp type signature to substitute therefore.

- a. Judges are to fill out all Final Household Pet, Kitten, Alter and Championship Awards for Best-in-Show in Longhair Specialty, Shorthair Specialty and Allbreed Shows.
- b. Judges are to fill out Best Champion awards for Top 5 Specialty rings.
- c. Awards as posted in the Judge's Book shall be final and shall not be changed except for the correction of obvious errors or in the case of the detection of fraud.
- d. If a cat or kitten which is given an award is later found to be ineligible to receive the award, for any reason, the award shall be given to the next highest cat in the classification. In the case of Top 10 or Top 5 Final Awards, all winners below the voided award will move up one place and the last place will remain vacant.

**Sec 16. Mailing of Judges' Books.**

Judges must forward their Judge's Books to the ACFA Central Office postmarked within 72 hours after the close of the Show.

**ARTICLE X. BREEDS AND COLORS****Sec 1. Breeds:**

The Following Breeds are recognized as being eligible to win Championship and Grand Championship points:

Abyssinian	Egyptian Mau	Kurilian Bobtail Longhair
American Bobtail Longhair	European Burmese	Kurilian Bobtail Shorthair
American Bobtail Shorthair	Exotic Shorthair	Pixiebob Longhair
American Curl Longhair	Havana Brown	Pixiebob Shorthair
American Curl Shorthair	Himalayan	Ragamuffin
American Shorthair	Japanese Bobtail Longhair	Ragdoll
American Wirehair	Japanese Bobtail Shorthair	Russian Blue
Aphrodite Longhair	Korat	Russian Shorthair
Aphrodite Shorthair	LaPerm Longhair	Scottish Fold Longhair
Australian Mist	LaPerm Shorthair	Scottish Fold Shorthair
Balinese	Longhair Exotic	Selkirk Rex Longhair
Bengal	Maine Coon Cat	Selkirk Rex Shorthair
Birman	Manx	Siamese
Bombay	Nebelung	Siberian
British Longhair	Norwegian Forest Cat	Singapura
British Shorthair	Ocicat	Snowshoe
Burmese	Oriental Longhair	Somali
Burmilla Longhair	Oriental Shorthair	Sphynx
Burmilla Shorthair	Persian	Tonkinese
Chartreux	Peterbald	Toybob
Cornish Rex		Turkish Angora
Cymric		Turkish Van
Devon Rex		

Breeds recognized by ACFA International Division partner associations (but not by ACFA) are eligible to earn ACFA Championships and Grand Championships (European or other Board designated division), when exhibited in ACFA sanctioned International Division shows held on foreign soil and hosted by ACFA International Division partner associations.

**Sec 2. Colors.**

The colors [available under separate cover] eligible for registration in the ACFA Book of Registry as defined in the Registration Rules of this Association are entitled to win Championship Winners at Shows licensed by this Association. The Classes authorized in Article XI of these Show Rules shall be provided for each such recognized color of each breed included in a Show.

**Note:** The following is provided for clarification purposes only.

**Colors Not Recognized:** The term "Unrecognized Pattern/Color", coded 0010000 [male] or 0110000 [female] refers to other colors of the breed that are NOT recognized for Championship competition. **No cat with a code 0010000 or 0110000 may be exhibited in the Championship Class. They may be exhibited in the NBC Class Only.**

Cats of color recognized by ACFA International Division partner associations (but not by ACFA) are eligible to earn ACFA Championships (European or other Board designated Division) and Grand Championships (European or other Board designated Division) only when exhibited in ACFA sanctioned International Division shows held on foreign soil and hosted by an ACFA International Division partner association.

ACFA Championships (European or other Board designated Division) and Grand Championships (European or other Board designated Division) shall be computed by the same system as ACFA Championships and ACFA Grand Championships, except for the addition of Breed and Colors recognized by ACFA International Division partner association (but not by ACFA).

**Recognized Colors:** The listing of colors under each breed heading are those which are recognized for Championship competition. Each recognized color has its own Pattern and Color Code, which is added to the Breed code.

**INELIGIBLE FOR EXHIBITION:** IF THE LAST DIGIT OF A CAT'S COLOR CODE NUMBER IS AN "X" IT IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE EXHIBITED IN ANY CLASS; CHAMPIONSHIP, NON-CHAMPIONSHIP OR NBC.

**RECOGNIZED COLORS**

ACFA Breed Color/Patterns and Codes are available under separate cover.

**ARTICLE XI: CLASSIFICATION**

**Sec 1. Division of Classes.**

There shall be two general divisions in Classes in Shows licensed by this Association as follows:

**-Championship Classes:** Classes for adult male, female, neuter and spay cats in which Championship Winners Ribbons and Grand Championship points may be won shall be designated "Championship Classes".

**-Non-Championship Classes:** Classes in which no Championship Winners Ribbons or Grand Championship points may be won shall be designated as "Non-Championship Classes". These shall include Kitten Classes, Household Pet Classes and classes for New Breeds or Colors [NBC].

**Sec 2. Classes.**

The following Classes may be provided for each breed and color of breed recognized by this Association and new color or color pattern of recognized breeds or new breeds [NBC].

## a. Non-Championship Classes:

<u>No</u>	<u>Name of Class</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Name of Class</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Name of Class</u>
01	Male/Neuter Kitten	91	Male NBC		
02	Female/Spay Kitten	92	Female NBC		
07	Male/Neuter HHP Kitten	41	Neuter HHP	46	Spay HHP
08	Female/Spay HHP Kitten	43	Neuter Royal HHP	48	Spay Royal HHP
		45	Neuter Supreme HHP	50	Spay Supreme HHP

## b. Championship Classes

<u>No</u>	<u>Name of Class</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Name of Class</u>
11	Male Open	16	Female Open
13	Male Champion	18	Female Champion
15	Male Grand Champion	20	Female Grand Champion
31	Neuter Open	36	Spay Open
33	Neuter Champion	38	Spay Champion
35	Neuter Grand Champion	40	Spay Grand Champion

**Sec 3. Catalog Class Numbers.**

The class number to be used in the Show Catalog will be made up of the three letter Breed Code and the Class Numbers noted in Sec 2 above. Examples of Class Number are:

BUR-01	Burmese Male Kitten	ASH-11	American Shorthair Male Open
MAN-18	Manx Female Champion	ABY-31	Abyssinian Neuter Open
SIA-15	Siamese Male Grand Champion	PER-16	Persian Female Open
NBC-91	New Breed/Color Male	HHP-50	HHP Spay Supreme

Actual color of cat shall be included in the complete description of the cat as shown in the catalog prior to the detail of the individual cat's name, registration number, birthday, sire, dam, etc.

**Sec 4. Open Class.**

The Open Class is for cats, either male, female, neuter or spay, eight months or older, that have not fulfilled the requirements for Champion.

**Sec 5. Champion Class.**

The Champion Class is for cats, male, female, neuter or spay, that have qualified for, and been confirmed, an ACFA Champion, Double Champion, Triple Champion or Quadruple Champion and have not yet fulfilled the requirements of Grand Champion.

**Sec 6. Grand Champion Class.**

The Grand Champion Class is for cats, male, female, neuter or spay, that have completed one or more Grand Championships in this Association.

**Sec 7. Erroneous Class Entry.**

Any cat correctly entered in the Open Class that is confirmed as Champion by ACFA after the entry was made shall be transferred to the Championship Class. Any cat that is entered in the Champion Class and is confirmed by ACFA as Grand Champion after the entry was made must be transferred to the Grand Champion Class. If such cats are not transferred, any awards won in connection with the erroneous classification shall be void and shall be given to the next highest cat in the classification, if it can be determined from the posted awards; otherwise the awards shall remain vacant. Such a cat shall not, however, be deprived of any awards won that are not in connection with such erroneous classification, such as but not limited to, Best of Color, Best of Breed and Best Cat.

**Sec 8. Back-to-Back Show Transfers.**

Cats entered the first day of two shows being held on consecutive days or the first session of a Split Format Show which achieve a higher class status due to wins on the first day or session [i.e.; Champion or Grand Champion] must apply for confirmation of the new Class immediately after the first day's show or session **and** transfer to the higher Class on the second day or session.

- a. Application for confirmation will be submitted, with the proper fee, to the Entry Clerk, Master Clerk [or designated Club Official] to ensure that each application, accompanied by the proper fee, is forwarded to the ACFA Central Office [or given to a representative of ACFA Central Office as designated by the Executive Director] at the conclusion of the show. Show Management will accept no transfers after the envelope is sealed for mailing and envelope will be sealed no later than show has begun on the second day or session.
- b. It is the responsibility of the owner/agent of the cat who has requested confirmation to a higher Class to notify the Master Clerk for the second day or session's Show of such transfer. Failure to transfer the cat to the proper Class on the second day or session can result in a loss of wins due to entry in the improper Class, as per Section 7, this Article.
- c. Cats entered in a Back-to-Back or Split Format Show as "Listed" may be exhibited **both** days or sessions of the Show. If the cat qualifies as a Champion on the first day or session it must apply for its confirmation [as described above] and be transferred to the Championship Class the second day or session. The application for Championship Confirmation will be noted "Registration Applied For" in the space provided for the cat's Registration Number. The confirmation will not be processed by the ACFA Central Office until such time as the cat is registered. If the cat is not properly transferred to the Championship Class for which it is eligible at the end of the first day or session, it may **NOT** be shown on the second day or session. Household Pets will not be transferred to Royal Household Pet or from Royal to Supreme Household Pet at a Show or during the same weekend in which it was earned. Such cats **must** be confirmed by the ACFA Central Office prior to advancement, or transfer, to a higher Class.

**Sec 9. Alter Class.**

Neuters and Spays shall not compete in any classes with unaltered cats. Altered cats must begin competition as Alters in the class held at the time of altering. Wins made as unaltered cats are carried forward and titles retained. This does not apply to the Household Pet Class.

**Sec 10. Kitten Class.**

The Kitten Class is for kittens, male or female, neuter or spay, not less than four [4], but under eight [8], calendar months of age on the opening day of the Show. The class is a Non-Championship Class. Kittens are not eligible for any "Bests" in Show except Best through Tenth Best Kitten in Specialty Shows or Allbreed Shows.

**Sec 11. Household Pet Class.**

This is a Non-Championship Class and is open to all cats who are, for any reason, ineligible for Championship competition. Rules applying to Household Pets are as contained in Article XII of these rules.

**Sec 12. New Breeds and/or Color of Breeds [NBC].**

This is a Non-Championship Class for the exhibition of Probationary breeds of cats; and those breeds recognized by other recognized associations that do not violate ACFA's definition of acceptable breeds; or new colors, or color patterns, of Championship breeds that have not been recognized by the Association for Championship competition. Experimental breeds are not eligible for the NBC class. Representatives of a recognized breed and recognized color of that breed ARE NOT eligible for competition in the NBC Class.

**Sec 13. Refund of Entry Fee.**

If a cat is listed in the Show Catalog under an erroneous classification as a result of an error by the printer or Show Officials, and if the cat is judged in such erroneous classification, then any awards won relating directly to such erroneous classification shall be void and the sponsoring Club shall refund to the Exhibitor the amount of the Entry Fee paid for such Show.

## ARTICLE XII: HOUSEHOLD PETS

**Sec 1. Definitions.**

- a. Altered Household Pet - A Household Pet which has been sterilized surgically and is unable to reproduce itself.
- b. Neuter - A male cat which has been altered.
- c. Spay - A female cat that has been altered.
- d. Mixed Breed – Of obvious parentage representing several different breeds of cats and the resultant progeny are not a creditable representative of a recognized breed of cat accepted for Championship competition.
- e. Pure Breed/Purebred - Of known, or obvious, ancestry, which is of a recognized breed accepted for Championship competition.
- f. Household Pet Class - Non-Championship Class for the exhibition of Household Pets four [4] months of age, or older.
- g. Recorded Household Pet - A Household Pet that has been recorded with ACFA in accordance with the Rules of the Association.

**Sec 2. Rules for Recording.**

The following rules apply for the Recording of a Household Pet with this Association:

**Rule 1. Mixed Breed Household Pet.** An Altered Mixed Breed Household Pet (or a Non-Altered Mixed Breed Household Pet in Japan) may be recorded with ACFA as a Household Pet. Proof or certification of the cat being altered must be provided at the time of application for Recording. Such proof may be in the form of a letter from the veterinarian performing the surgery, clinical records, or certification by completing the information requested in the space provided on the Household Pet Application for Recording.

**Rule 2. Pure Breed Household Pet.** An Altered Pure Breed Household Pet (or a Non-Altered Pure Breed Household Pet in Japan), which is not registered in the Book of Registry of ACFA, may be recorded with the Association as a Household Pet. Proof or certification that the Household Pet has been altered must be provided as noted in Rule 1 above.

**Rule 3. Registered Pure Breed Household Pet.** An Altered Pure Breed Household Pet (or a Non-Altered Pure Breed Household Pet in Japan), which has been registered in the ACFA Book of Registry, may be recorded as a Household Pet under the following conditions:

- a. The owner of the cat must surrender its Certificate of Registration to ACFA.
- b. An Application for Recording of a Household Pet will be submitted to ACFA.
- c. Proof or certification of the cat being altered must be submitted as noted in Rule 1 above.

**Rule 4. Pure Breed/Mixed Breed Under 8 Months of Age.** A Household Pet which is not less than four [4] months, but less than eight [8] months, may be Recorded in accordance with Rule 1, 2 or 3 above with the exception of proof or certification of altering. However, when the cat reaches eight [8] months of age, its Recorded Number will be suspended until such time proof or certification of altering is received. Until such proof or certification is received the cat will be ineligible to claim any Titles or receive any Year-End Awards.

**Sec 3. Household Pet Recorded Number System.**

The Recorded numbering system will reflect the difference in Mixed Breed or Pure Breed ancestry and the status of an unaltered cat between the ages of four (4) and eight (8) months of age.

- a. Household Pet number will be in three segments. The first segment will denote the cat as a Household Pet; the second segment will denote Mixed Breed or Pure Breed, longhair or shorthair [Mixed Breed only], Breed [Pure Breed only] and color code; the third segment is the Household Pet's Recorded Serial Number.

- b. The codes used for Mixed Breed Household Pets are:

[1] First segment of number: HHP = Household Pet

[2] Second segment of number: MX = Mixed Breed, plus hair length and color codes as follows:

L = Longhair	11 = White	59 = Tabby
	12 = Blue	81 = Bicolor [two colors]
S = Shorthair	13 = Black	89 = Particolor [3 or more colors]
	14 = Red	
	15 = Cream	

Example: HHP-MXL12-12345 = Blue Mixed Breed Longhair Household Pet, Serial Number 12345.

- c. The codes used for Pure Breed Household Pets are:

[1] First segment of number: HHP = Household Pet

[2] Second segment of number: Breed and Color Codes. Code numbers are the same as used for the Championship classes as contained in Article X of these rules.

Example: HHP-PER1011200-23456 = Blue Persian Neuter Household Pet, Serial Number 23456.

- e. For those Household Pets that are Recorded between the age of four [4] and eight [8] months, a "[K]" will be added to the end of their Serial Number. This coding will be removed from the number at such time as proof or certification of altering is received by the ACFA Central Office.

Example: HHP-MXS59-34567[K] = Mixed Breed Household Pet Shorthair Tabby, Serial Number 34567 which is between the ages of 4 and 8 months and has not been altered and is not eligible to claim Titles or Year-End Awards until such time as proof or certification of altering is received.

**Sec 4. Household Pet Shows.**

Household Pet Shows for which points are earned toward Titles and Annual Awards must meet the following criteria:

- a. Be licensed by ACFA.
- b. Be judged by an ACFA Licensed Allbreed, Specialty, Trainee or Household Pet Judge.

**Sec 5. Format of Household Pet Show.**

Clubs may elect one, or more, of the following formats for the conduct of a Household Pet Show.

- a. Longhair/Shorthair Specialty Household Pet Show conducted in conjunction with a Specialty Championship Show with the Household Pets being judged by the Championship Judge.
- b. Allbreed Household Pet Show conducted in conjunction with an Allbreed Championship Show with the Household Pets judged by the Championship Judge.
- c. Longhair/Shorthair Specialty or Allbreed HHP Show conducted in a separate ring from the Championship Show and judged by a separate Licensed Judge contracted specifically to judge only the Household Pets.
- d. Longhair/Shorthair Specialty or Allbreed HHP Show conducted in a separate ring from the Championship Show and judged by a Non-Licensed Judge contracted specifically to judge only the Household Pets. However, such a show will not be scored for ACFA Year-End Awards nor will wins count toward HHP Titles.

**Sec 6. Best in Show Awards.**

The following awards will be presented in all ACFA licensed Household Pet Shows:

- a. Allbreed Household Pet Show.

[1] Judges will present the following awards in all Allbreed and Stand-Alone Household Pet shows with less than 40 catalogued Household Pet entries:

Best Allbreed HHP	6th Best Allbreed HHP	In addition, the Judge shall designate the following awards: Best Royal HHP 2nd Best Royal HHP Best Supreme HHP 2nd Best Supreme HHP
2nd Best Allbreed HHP	7th Best Allbreed HHP	
3rd Best Allbreed HHP	8th Best Allbreed HHP	
4th Best Allbreed HHP	9th Best Allbreed HHP	
5th Best Allbreed HHP	10th Best Allbreed HHP	

[2] Judges will present the following awards in all Allbreed and Stand-Alone Household Pet shows with **40** or more catalogued Household Pet entries:

Best Allbreed HHP	6th Best Allbreed HHP	11th Best Allbreed HHP
2nd Best Allbreed HHP	7th Best Allbreed HHP	12th Best Allbreed HHP
3rd Best Allbreed HHP	8th Best Allbreed HHP	13th Best Allbreed HHP
4th Best Allbreed HHP	9th Best Allbreed HHP	14th Best Allbreed HHP
5th Best Allbreed HHP	10th Best Allbreed HHP	15th Best Allbreed HHP

In addition, the Judge shall designate the following awards: Best & 2nd Best Royal HHP and Best & 2nd Best Supreme HHP

- b. Specialty Household Pet Show.

[1] Judges will present the following awards in Specialty Shows with less than 25 catalogued entries in each Class of competition [i.e.: Longhair HHPs and Shorthair HHPs]

Best LH HHP	Best SH HHP	In addition, the Judge shall announce the following awards: Best LH/SH Royal HHP 2nd Best LH/SH Royal HHP Best LH/SH Supreme HHP 2nd Best LH/SH Supreme HHP
2nd Best LH HHP	2nd Best SH HHP	
3rd Best LH HHP	3rd Best SH HHP	
4th Best LH HHP	4th Best SH HHP	
5th Best LH HHP	5th Best SH HHP	

[2] Judges will present the following awards in Specialty Shows with 25 or more catalogued entries in each class of competition [i.e.: Longhair HHPs and Shorthair HHPs]

Best LH HHP	Best SH HHP
2nd Best LH HHP	2nd Best SH HHP
3rd Best LH HHP	3rd Best SH HHP
4th Best LH HHP	4th Best SH HHP
5th Best LH HHP	5th Best SH HHP
6th Best LH HHP	6th Best SH HHP
7th Best LH HHP	7th Best SH HHP
8th Best LH HHP	8th Best SH HHP
9th Best LH HHP	9th Best SH HHP
10th Best LH HHP	10th Best SH HHP

**Sec 7. Eligibility for Exhibition.**

The HHP class is open to all kittens between the ages of four [4] and eight [8] months of age and all altered cats (or a non-altered Household Pet in Japan) over the age of eight [8] months who are, for any reason, ineligible for Championship competition. Cats of apparent Purebred ancestry shall be judged on the same basis as Mixed Breed cats and should neither be rewarded nor penalized solely on the basis of their resemblance to the Championship breeds.

**Sec 8. Household Pet Titles.**

Recorded Household Pets may earn points from wins received in ACFA licensed Household Pet Shows for credit toward Royal and Supreme Household Pet Titles, and multiples thereof. However, a Household Pet which was Recorded between 4 and 8 months of age, and unaltered,

may not claim such points earned and the Titles until proof or certification of altering (excepting for Japan) has been received by the ACFA Central Office.

- a. Royal Household Pet. There are three levels of the Royal Household Pet title which a cat may earn. These Titles, and cumulative points needed for awards, are as follows:

Royal HHP - 250 points                  Double Royal HHP - 500 points                  Triple Royal HHP - 750 points

- b. Supreme Household Pet. There are four levels of the Supreme Household Pet title which a cat may earn. These Titles, and cumulative points needed for awards, are as follows:

Supreme HHP - 1000 points                  Triple Supreme HHP-1500 points  
Double Supreme HHP-1250 points                  Quadruple Supreme HHP-1750 points

- b. Household Pet Supreme Roll of Honor. When a Household Pet has accumulated a total of 2000 points from wins in ACFA Licensed Shows it's owner may apply for, and receive, a certificate noting they have been entered upon the ACFA Household Pet Supreme Roll of Honor.

- c. Points Credited Toward Titles. For each Best-in-Show Award received, as noted in Section 6 above, the following points are awarded:

Best AB HHP	- 50 points	Best LH/SH HHP	- 25 points
2nd Best AB HHP	- 48 points	2nd Best LH/SH HHP	- 24 points
3rd Best AB HHP	- 46 points	3rd Best LH/SH HHP	- 23 points
4th Best AB HHP	- 44 points	4th Best LH/SH HHP	- 22 points
5th Best AB HHP	- 42 points	5th Best LH/SH HHP	- 21 points
6th Best AB HHP	- 40 points	6th Best LH/SH HHP	- 20 points
7th Best AB HHP	- 38 points	7th Best LH/SH HHP	- 19 points
8th Best AB HHP	- 36 points	8th Best LH/SH HHP	- 18 points
9th Best AB HHP	- 34 points	9th Best LH/SH HHP	- 17 points
10th Best AB HHP	- 32 points	10th Best LH/SH HHP	- 16 points
11th Best AB HHP	- 30 points		
12th Best AB HHP	- 28 points		
13th Best AB HHP	- 26 points		
14th Best AB HHP	- 24 points		
15th Best AB HHP	- 22 points		

When there are fewer than 25 catalogued entries in a LH/SH Specialty Show the following points will be awarded:

Best LH/SH Royal HHP - 3 points                  Best LH/SH Supreme HHP - 3 points  
2nd Best LH/SH Royal HHP - 2 points                  2nd Best LH/SH Supreme - 2 points

**NOTE:** Points are awarded only for the highest Best-in-Show Award received in any one ring.

- e. Confirmation of Title. To confirm a Royal or Supreme HHP Title the owner of the cat must send a letter to ACFA stating the Cat's name, Recorded Number and list of Shows in which it was exhibited and for which they wish to claim the points earned. The letter is to be accompanied by the appropriate fee. Certificates suitable for framing are available for an additional fee.

**Sec 9. Year-End Awards.**

All Recorded and altered Household Pets will be scored for Regional and Inter-American Year-End Awards as provided in Article XVI of these rules. Scoring will be conducted in the same manner as that used for scoring the Championship cats.

**Sec 10. Household Pet Executive Committee.**

A Household Pet Executive Committee will be elected biennially by the members of the Household Pet Section. Such Committee will be comprised of five [5] members, one of whom will be designated the Chair of the Committee.

- a. Election. The Household Pet Executive Committee will be elected in the same manner as that prescribed for the Breed Executive Committees as noted in Article V of the ACFA Bylaws. Candidates must have been exhibiting Household Pets and a member of the Household Pet Section a minimum of five [5] years at time of filing for candidacy.

- b. Duties. The Household Pet Executive Committee is responsible for advising the Board of Directors on matters pertaining to the exhibition and Recording of Household Pets. The Committee may make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding Show Rule amendments or Board Directives affecting the Household Pets.

**Sec 11. Household Pet Judges - General Judging Rules.**

The following rules are exceptions to Article VII of these rules and apply to Household Pet Judges which are officiating in a separate Household Pet Ring and not judging the Championship Show.

- a. Judges may not transport or supervise the transportation of any Household Pet entries in a Show at which they are officiating.
- b. Judges, or members of their households, may enter cats or kittens for competition in any part of the Championship Show or Shows licensed by ACFA where they are judging only the Household Pets.
- c. A Judge may donate or offer trophies or special prizes to a Club for use in the Championship Rings at a Show in which they are judging only the Household Pets.
- d. Judges may exhibit cats, kittens and/or alters in the Championship Class at a Show in which they are judging only the Household Pets.

**ARTICLE XIII: AWARDS AND PRIZES**

**Sec 1. Place Ribbons.**

- a. Entitlement. In each Class the Judge shall select and place a First, Second or Third Place Ribbon for each cat or kitten. In larger classes a Fourth and Fifth Place may be awarded.
- b. Colors. The colors for Ribbons, Cards or Stickers designating Place Ribbons shall be as follows:

[1] First Place - Dark Blue                      [2] Second Place - Red                      [3] Third Place - Yellow

**Sec 2. Winners Ribbons.**

- a. Entitlement. In each recognized color of the adult classes the First Place male, female, neuter and spay in the Open and Champion Classes shall compete and the better male, female, neuter and spay in each case shall be awarded a Winners Ribbon.
- b. Colors. The color for the Winners Ribbon shall be red, white and blue.

**Sec 3. Best of Color Ribbons.**

- a. Entitlement. In each recognized color of the Kitten, Open, Champion and Grand Champion classes (adults and alters) the cats and kittens shall compete against others of that color in their respective Class for the Best and Second Best of Color. The Best of Color shall not be construed to mean "the cat with the best color", but shall mean the Best Cat of the color variety, all points considered.
- b. Colors. The colors for the Ribbons, Cards or Stickers shall be as follows:

[1] Best of Color - Black    [2] Second Best of Color - White

**Sec 4. Best of Breed Ribbons/Rosettes.**

- a. Entitlement. From the cats, kittens and alters winning Best of Color and Second Best of Color in each breed, the Judge shall select the Best Cat and Second Best Cat of each breed.
- d. Colors. The colors for Ribbons shall be as follows:

[1] Best of Breed – Brown                      [2] Second Best of Breed – Orange

These colors apply to Ribbons purchased on or after May 1, 2015.

**Sec 5. Non-Championship Awards.**

The words Non-Championship Class or Household Pet Class may be printed on all Ribbons, Rosettes or Cards indicating awards in Non-Championship Classes.

**Sec 6. Best-in-Show Awards.**

The Judge shall make the following awards, where applicable:

- a. Specialty Rings/Top 5: Judges will present the following awards in a Specialty Ring with fewer than 25 catalogued entries in each Class of competition [i.e.; Longhair Cats, Kittens or Alters and Shorthair Cats, Kittens or Alters].

Best Cat	Best Alter	Best Kitten	In addition, the Judge will <u>present</u> the Best Champion award in the Adult Championship and Alter Classes.
2nd Best Cat	2nd Best Alter	2nd Best Kitten	
3rd Best Cat	3rd Best Alter	3rd Best Kitten	



4th Best Cat                      4th Best Alter                      4th Best Kitten  
 5th Best Cat                      5th Best Alter                      5th Best Kitten

- b. Specialty Rings/Top 10: Judges will present the following awards in a Specialty Ring where there are 25 or more catalogued entries in a class of competition [ i.e.; Longhair Cats, Kittens or Alters and Shorthair Cats, Kittens or Alters].

Best Allbreed Cat	Best Allbreed Alter	Best Allbreed Kitten
2nd Best Allbreed Cat	2nd Best Allbreed Alter	2nd Best Allbreed Kitten
3rd Best Allbreed Cat	3rd Best Allbreed Alter	3rd Best Allbreed Kitten
4th Best Allbreed Cat	4th Best Allbreed Alter	4th Best Allbreed Kitten
5th Best Allbreed Cat	5th Best Allbreed Alter	5th Best Allbreed Kitten
6th Best Allbreed Cat	6th Best Allbreed Alter	6th Best Allbreed Kitten
7th Best Allbreed Cat	7th Best Allbreed Alter	7th Best Allbreed Kitten
8th Best Allbreed Cat	8th Best Allbreed Alter	8th Best Allbreed Kitten
9th Best Allbreed Cat	9th Best Allbreed Alter	9th Best Allbreed Kitten
10th Best Allbreed Cat	10th Best Allbreed Alter	10th Best Allbreed Kitten

- c. Allbreed Rings/Top 10: Judges will present the following awards in an Allbreed Ring where there are less than 50 catalogued entries in either the Kittens or Cats class of competition.

Best Allbreed Cat	Best Allbreed Kitten
2nd Best Allbreed Cat	2nd Best Allbreed Kitten
3rd Best Allbreed Cat	3rd Best Allbreed Kitten
4th Best Allbreed Cat	4th Best Allbreed Kitten
5th Best Allbreed Cat	5th Best Allbreed Kitten
6th Best Allbreed Cat	6th Best Allbreed Kitten
7th Best Allbreed Cat	7th Best Allbreed Kitten
8th Best Allbreed Cat	8th Best Allbreed Kitten
9th Best Allbreed Cat	9th Best Allbreed Kitten
10th Best Allbreed Cat	10th Best Allbreed Kitten

- d. Allbreed Rings/Top 15: Judges will present the following awards in an Allbreed Ring where there are 50 or more catalogued entries in either the Kittens or Cats class of competition.

Best Allbreed Cat	Best Allbreed Kitten
2nd Best Allbreed Cat	2nd Best Allbreed Kitten
3rd Best Allbreed Cat	3rd Best Allbreed Kitten
4th Best Allbreed Cat	4th Best Allbreed Kitten
5th Best Allbreed Cat	5th Best Allbreed Kitten
6th Best Allbreed Cat	6th Best Allbreed Kitten
7th Best Allbreed Cat	7th Best Allbreed Kitten
8th Best Allbreed Cat	8th Best Allbreed Kitten
9th Best Allbreed Cat	9th Best Allbreed Kitten
10th Best Allbreed Cat	10th Best Allbreed Kitten
11th Best Allbreed Cat	11th Best Allbreed Kitten
12th Best Allbreed Cat	12th Best Allbreed Kitten
13th Best Allbreed Cat	13th Best Allbreed Kitten
14th Best Allbreed Cat	14th Best Allbreed Kitten
15th Best Allbreed Cat	15th Best Allbreed Kitten

- e. Allbreed Rings/Top 10: Judges will present the following awards in an Allbreed Ring where there are less than 40 catalogued entries in the Alters class of competition.

Best Allbreed Alter  
 2nd Best Allbreed Alter  
 3rd Best Allbreed Alter  
 4th Best Allbreed Alter  
 5th Best Allbreed Alter  
 6th Best Allbreed Alter  
 7th Best Allbreed Alter  
 8th Best Allbreed Alter  
 9th Best Allbreed Alter  
 10th Best Allbreed Alter

- f. Allbreed Rings/Top 15: Judges will present the following awards in an Allbreed Ring where there are 40 or more catalogued entries in the Alters class of competition.

Best Allbreed Alter  
 2nd Best Allbreed Alter  
 3rd Best Allbreed Alter  
 4th Best Allbreed Alter

- 5th Best Allbreed Alter
- 6th Best Allbreed Alter
- 7th Best Allbreed Alter
- 8th Best Allbreed Alter
- 9th Best Allbreed Alter
- 10th Best Allbreed Alter
- 11th Best Allbreed Alter
- 12th Best Allbreed Alter
- 13th Best Allbreed Alter
- 14th Best Allbreed Alter
- 15th Best Allbreed Alter

g. All Ribbons/Rosettes, which are given during the Final Award Presentation, or during Best of the Best, must have ACFA in letters or the Association Logo on them.

**Sec 7. Final Awards Presentation.**

- a. Order of Merit: Judges will present their Final Awards by Order of Merit, starting at the lowest level [i.e.; Class Awards] and ending with Best Cat in Show.
- b. Authorized Absences: Where practicable, and Final Awards are presented prior to the advertised closing hour of the Show, or 6:00PM [whichever is first], the Judge must have all cats brought to the Judging Ring to receive final awards except such cats as may have been previously excused, in writing, by the Show Manager.
- c. Cats Present in Ring: Judges will excuse from the Ring, or turn down the Entry Number Cards of, all cats that are not to be used in their Final Awards presentations.

**Sec 8. Authorized Prizes.**

Only those awards listed in Sections 1 through 6 above will be presented in ACFA shows with the exception of special Breed Club or Sponsor Awards. Prizes may be: rosettes, ribbons, cups, trophies, medals, gift certificates, books, magazine subscriptions, cash, bonds, certificates of donation, or products.

**Sec 9. Availability of Prizes.**

Chartered Clubs holding licensed Shows under these rules are required to have in their possession, at the opening of the Show, all cups, trophies, medals, rosettes, ribbons and other prizes listed on the premium list. In the event these awards are unavailable, the club shall forward the appropriate award to the Exhibitor.

**Sec 10. Best of the Best.**

In Shows licensed by this Association, clubs may elect to present the Best of the Best for Cats, Kittens, Alters and/or Household Pets. Such award does not count toward wins for Grand Championship or points toward Year-End Awards. Clubs so electing to present Best of the Best will utilize the following formula for determining the recipient in each category so awarded.

- a. Specialty Shows: All cats receiving at least a Best-10th Best Cat in a Specialty Show will be awarded the following points:

- |                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Best LH/SH Cat - 25 points     | 6th Best LH/SH Cat - 20 points  |
| 2nd Best LH/SH Cat - 24 points | 7th Best LH/SH Cat - 19 points  |
| 3rd Best LH/SH Cat - 23 points | 8th Best LH/SH Cat - 18 points  |
| 4th Best LH/SH Cat - 22 points | 9th Best LH/SH Cat - 17 points  |
| 5th Best LH/SH Cat - 21 points | 10th Best LH/SH Cat - 16 points |

- b. Allbreed Shows: All cats receiving at least a Best-10th Best Cat in an Allbreed Ring will be awarded the following points:

- |                          |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Best Cat - 50 points     | 6th Best Cat - 40 points  |
| 2nd Best Cat - 48 points | 7th Best Cat - 38 points  |
| 3rd Best Cat - 46 points | 8th Best Cat - 36 points  |
| 4th Best Cat - 44 points | 9th Best Cat - 34 points  |
| 5th Best Cat - 42 points | 10th Best Cat - 32 points |

- c. Allbreed Shows Awarding Top 15 Finals; will also score the following:

- 11th Best - 30 points
- 12th Best - 28 points
- 13th Best - 26 points
- 14th Best - 24 points
- 15th Best - 22 points

d. Determining Best of the Best: The Cat, Kitten, Alter and/or Household Pet receiving the Best of the Best Awards will be that cat receiving the most total points for all rings of competition.

## ARTICLE XIV: SHOW FLYER

### Sec 1. Contents of Flyer.

The Show Flyer advertising a Club's Show shall contain, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. The ACFA logo shall appear on the front page of the Show Flyer.
- b. Time and Place: Date of Show and address of show hall where the Show will be conducted.
- c. Climate Control: Statement as to whether the show hall is climate controlled [i.e.; air-conditioned in summer or heated in winter].
- d. Hotel/Motel: Name, address and telephone of host or show motel, if any.
- e. Local Contact: Name address and telephone number of Entry Clerk or Show Secretary.
- f. ACFA Scored: Announcement that the Show will be scored for ACFA Inter-American and Regional Awards.
- g. Inoculations: **Should** include advice to all Exhibitors that it is highly recommended that they have their cats and kittens inoculated for enteritis, rhinotracheitis, calici virus and rabies [if required by local or state law].
- h. Cats' Claws: Warning notice that all cats and kittens must have their claws trimmed prior to the Show and that if they are not trimmed, it will be done at the Show at the Exhibitor's expense. While ACFA does not support the practice of declawing, declawed cats may be entered. Clear nail caps are permitted.
- i. Advertised Times: Advertised time schedule of Show to include: check-in time, starting time for judging, and advertised closing time of Show.
- j. ACFA Rules Apply: A statement that the "Show will be conducted according to the ACFA Show Rules, a copy of which is available from the ACFA Central Office".
- k. Officiating Judges: A list of the Judges officiating and the type of rings they will conduct [i.e.; Allbreed/Specialty], if known at time of publication of the Show Flyer.
- l. Special Club Rules: Any special Club Rules not covered by ACFA Show Rules [i.e.; no smoking in show hall, special smoking section, entry closing date, etc.].

## ARTICLE XV: CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Sec 1. General.

Winners Ribbons and Final Awards required for confirmation of Championships, Double, Triple, Quadruple and Grand Championships, shall be as stated throughout this Article except that when the advertised Judge is unable to officiate. Wins made under the substitute Judge will be considered and counted as having been earned under a "different Judge" regardless of the identity of such substitute Judge.

### Sec 2. Registered Color Class.

A cat registered in one color class but shown in any other color class may not qualify for any Championship based on the unregistered color class unless re-registered. Any Championships won under the original registered color class are void.

### Sec 3. Open Winners.

In each recognized color, the First Place male, female, neuter and spay in the Open Class shall compete and the better male, female, neuter and spay in each case shall be known as "Open Winners" and shall be entitled to receive the Winners Ribbon.

### Sec 4. Championships.

Any male or female cat registered in the ACFA Book of Registry, and/or accepted by the Association for Championship competition, shall be entitled to the prefix "Champion" when it has won a minimum of four [4] Winners Ribbons in the same **registered** color class in ACFA Shows under not fewer than four [4] different Judges and confirmation of such Championship has been issued to the owner. However, in such isolated locations as may be determined by the ACFA Board of Directors, these requirements may be lowered so that any cats whose owners reside and exhibit cats in such places will be allowed to claim Championships by combining two [2] Winners Ribbons from ACFA Shows with one [1] Winners Ribbon [or equivalent] from another association. Open Winners over and above the four [4] required for Championship, won while competing in the Open Class, may be credited toward those Winners Ribbons required for multiple Championships. When claiming ACFA Championships (European or other Board designated Division) and Grand Championships (European or other Board designated Division), the owner of the cat shall be required to submit a copy of the cat's registration form his/her own country.

**Sec 5. Neuter and Spay Championships.**

Any neuter or spay cat registered in the ACFA Book of Registry, and accepted by the Association for Championship competition shall be entitled to the prefix Neuter Champion or Spay Champion when it has won a minimum of four [4] Winners Ribbons in the same **registered** color class in ACFA Shows under not fewer than four [4] different judges and confirmation of such Championship has been issued to the owner. However, in such isolated locations as may be determined by the ACFA Board of Directors, these requirements may be lowered so that any cats whose owners reside and exhibit cats in such places, will be allowed to claim Championships by combining two [2] Winners Ribbons from ACFA Shows with one [1] Winners Ribbon [or equivalent] from another association. Open Winners over and above the four [4] required for Championship, won while competing in the Open Class, may be credited toward those Winner Ribbons required for multiple Championships.

**Sec 6. Certificates of Championship.**

Certificates of Championship, Multiple Championships and Grand Championship may only be issued to the registered owner of the cat.

**Sec 7. Winners Ribbons.**

- 1) Winners Ribbons used in qualifying for a Championship, multiple Championships, or Grand Championship must be won under the name in which the cat is registered. Ownership shown in the Show Catalog or Entry List shall agree with the registered ownership.
- 2) Transfer of Winners Ribbons from other associations as defined by these rules.
 

A cat, who has earned at least one winners ribbon with ACFA, may purchase up to the equivalent of four (4) winners ribbons earned from other associations as follows:

  - a. The winners ribbons must have been earned under different judges at show(s) sanctioned by the other association. For associations which award points rather than award winners ribbons, the Board of Directors shall define the equivalent points required per winners ribbon.
  - b. The cat is registered in that association.

To claim the transfer, the registered owner of the cat must submit a copy of the cat's registration and confirmation of winners ribbons/points from the other association.

Transferred wins will not count toward year-end awards.

**Sec 8. Championship Winners.**

In each recognized color, the First Place male, female, neuter and spay in the Championship Class shall compete and the better male, female, neuter and spay in each case shall be known as "Champion Winners" and shall be entitled to receive the Champion Winners Ribbon or Certificate. Such Champion Winners Ribbons shall count toward a second, third or fourth Championship and toward a Grand Championship.

**Sec 9. Multiple Championships.**

A male, female, neuter or spay cat that has qualified for and been confirmed a Champion in this Association shall become eligible for multiple Championships when they have earned Winner Ribbons as follows:

- a. North American Continent: A cat that has earned Winners Ribbons in the number of cumulative rings as noted below may claim the respective multiple Championships.

Double Championship - 8 rings  
Triple Championship - 12 rings  
Quadruple Championship - 16 rings

The last four Winner Ribbons required for Quadruple Champion must have been awarded by four [4] different Judges. [NOTE: The four [4] different Judges that awarded Winners Ribbons for the Quadruple Championship may be repeats of Judges that awarded Winners Ribbons used to claim Champion through Triple Champion.]

- b. International Division. A cat that has earned Winner Ribbons in the number of cumulative rings as noted below may claim the respective multiple Championships.

Double Championship - 6 rings  
Triple Championship - 9 rings  
Quadruple Championship - 12 rings

**Sec 10. Grand Championships.**

A male, female, neuter or spay cat that has qualified for and been confirmed as a Quadruple Champion in this Association it may qualify for, and be confirmed, a Grand Champion if it meets the following criteria:

- a. North American Continent. Has received six [6] Best in Show Awards of Best Champion or higher, as listed in Article XIII, Sec 6 of these rules, under six [6] different Judges, of which two [2] awards must be 10th Best Allbreed Cat or higher.
- b. International Division. Has received four [4] Best in Show Awards or Best Champion or higher, as listed in Article XIII, Sec 6 of these rules, under four [4] different Judges, of which two [2] awards must be 10th Best Allbreed Cat or higher.

**Sec 11. Additional Grand Championships.**

A male, female, neuter or spay cat that has qualified for and been confirmed as a Grand Champion in this Association may qualify for additional Grand Championships by winning thirty [30] Grand Championship points for each such additional Grand Championship in Shows licensed by this Association. In such isolated locations as Hawaii, Alaska, the Maritime Provinces of Canada [Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Newfoundland] and areas outside the Continental United States and Canada, additional Grand Championships may be claimed by winning fifteen [15] additional Grand Championship points. The owner of the cat shall make application and pay the required confirmation fee, as established by the Board of Directors, for each such additional Grand Championship until a maximum of Quadruple Grand Champion has been received, at which time the name of the cat is to be placed on the ACFA Supreme Roll of Honor and an appropriate certificate awarded to the cat's owner.

**Sec 12. Grand Championship Points.**

Each Grand Champion male, female, neuter or spay cat winning a 10th place or higher final award in Shows licensed by this Association shall be entitled to one point for each Grand Champion defeated. A maximum of five [5] points may be earned in any one Ring.

**Sec 13. Confirmation of Championship.**

When a cat has met the requirements for its first Championship the owner shall apply for confirmation from the ACFA Central Office. Such application shall not constitute confirmation of the Championship. However, the cat may not thereafter be entered and shown in the Open Class. Any Championship Winner Ribbons won shall be forfeited and awarded to the next best cat if it can be mechanically determined. After application is in the mail the cat may be entered in the Class of Champions. However, should the ACFA Central Office be unable to confirm the Championship applied for, the cat must be transferred back to the Open Class.

**Sec 14. Confirmation of Multiple Championships.**

When a cat has met the requirements for a Double, Triple and/or Quadruple Champion, as specified in Section 8 above, the owner may apply for confirmation of these multiple Championship from the ACFA Central Office.

**Sec 15. Confirmation of Grand Championship.**

When a cat has met the requirements for Grand Champion, as specified in Section 10 above, the owner shall apply for confirmation of Grand Champion from the ACFA Central Office. The cat may not thereafter be entered in the Champion Class. If entered and shown in the Champion Class, any Championship Winner Ribbons won shall be forfeited and awarded to the next best cat if it can be mechanically determined. After the application is in the mail the cat may be entered in the Class for Grand Champions. However, if the ACFA Central Office is unable to confirm the Grand Championship applied for, the cat must be transferred back to the Champion Class.

**Sec 16. Application for Confirmation.**

When a cat has met the requirements for Champion, Grand Champion, or multiples thereof, the owner of the cat will make application for confirmation to the ACFA Central Office. Such confirmations will be on the proper form provided by ACFA and must be accompanied with the appropriate fee, as established by the ACFA Board of Directors, for each of the Championships/Grand Championships claimed.

**Sec 17. Certificate of Championship.**

The owner of a cat will be entitled to receive a lithographed certificate, suitable for framing, denoting the Championship confirmed upon payment of the established fee, as determined by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE XVI: ANNUAL AWARDS

**Sec 1. Types of Awards.**

The Association may make Annual Awards of Certificates, Ribbons, Rosettes, Banners or other suitable recognition for the "highest winning" Cats, Kittens, Alters and Household Pets of the Show Season. The type of the award and the number to be presented will be determined by the Board of Directors.

**Sec 2. Scoring System.**

Such awards will be based on a scoring system of "points awarded for wins" earned in each Show during the Show Season.

- a. Calculation of Points: The points awarded and the manner in which they are calculated will be by the direction of the Board of Directors.
- b. Cats Scored: The Annual Awards Scoring System shall apply equally to Cats, Kittens, Alters and Household Pets.
- c. Amendment: Any consideration to modify or amend current rules pertaining to calculation of the scores for Annual Awards will be discussed only at convened sessions of the Board of Directors.
- d. Effective Date: Modifications of or amendments to the scoring system will not be effective until the start of the Show Season following the Board's acceptance.
- e. Limitation of Effective Date: Modifications of or amendments to rules pertaining to the calculation of awards will **not** be retroactive.

**Sec 3. Awards to be Presented.**

Annual Awards to be presented will include, but are not limited to: Top-20 Inter-American Cats; Top-10 Inter-American Kittens, Alters and Household Pets; Inter-American Best and Second Best of Breed for Cats, Kittens and Alters; and Inter-American Best and Second Best of Color of Breed for Cats. At the Regional level, these awards will include, but are not limited to: Top-5 Cats, Kittens, Alters and Household Pets; Best and Second Best of Breed for Cats; and Best and Second Best of Color of Breed for Cats.

**Sec 4. Eligibility for Awards.**

Cats, Kittens and Alters must be registered with ACFA, on the last day of the show season, and exhibited in their registered breed and color class, to be eligible to be scored for, and receive, Annual Awards. If a cat is re-registered in a different breed or color class, only such wins as made under the new registered breed or color class will be scored. Household Pets must be altered and recorded with ACFA on the last day of the show season to be eligible to be scored for, and receive, Annual Awards.

**Sec 5. Recording Change of Ownership.**

The ACFA Central Office will **NOT** record any change of ownership received after the last day of the show season for prior Year-End Scoring purposes. Regional designation will be determined by address of record on file in the Central Office as of the last day of the show season.

**Sec 6. Re-registrations.**

All re-registrations, to be eligible to be scored for Annual Awards, **MUST** be received by the ACFA Central Office no later than the last day of the show season.

## ARTICLE XVII: MANAGEMENT OF SHOWS

**Sec 1. Show Committee.**

A Club sponsoring a Show must select/appoint a Show Committee which should consist of at least five members who are thoroughly familiar with ACFA Show Rules and Show Management.

**Sec 2. Jurisdiction.**

The Show Manager and all other officials, excepting Judges, shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Show Committee and shall have such duties and responsibilities as may be assigned to them by the Show Committee.

**Sec 3. Posting of Names.**

The names of the Judges, members of the Show Committee and all Show Officials shall be posted in the Show Hall.

**Sec 4. Liability.**

The Show Management will take all reasonable care of cats, carriers and other personal property of Exhibitors, but, it must be expressly stipulated that neither the Show Management, nor any member of the Club, nor the Club conducting and sponsoring the Show, can be held pecuniary liable for the loss of, or accident to, the cats, carriers or other personal property of any Exhibitor.

**Sec 5. Exhibits Present in Show Hall.**

All exhibits must be in the Show Hall as stipulated below:

- a. All cats or kittens for competition or exhibition must be confined to an enclosed secure carrier when entering or leaving the show hall.
- b. All cats and kittens for competition or exhibition must be in the Show Hall at the advertised time that judging is to commence and must remain and be presented in each Ring for which eligible during the entire Show unless excused in writing by the Show Manager or withdrawn in accordance with Article V, Sec 10. or Article IX of these rules. Failure to be present at the time of judging will result in the cat being noted as absent for that Ring and the cat or kitten will not be scored for year-end awards.
- c. In Shows lasting more than one day, Exhibitors may remove cats at night at the discretion of the owner. Cats so removed must be present in cages at the time announced for commencement of the next day's judging or any prizes for which eligible from the previous day's judging shall be forfeited. [Note: This rule does not apply to Back-to-Back Shows as these are separate one-day Shows.]
- d. All entries should be presented to the judging ring upon posting of the entry number. Exhibits should be brought to the ring by the owner/agent without use of any conveyance that will interfere with the judging ring. Mobility assistive devices may be used in such cases that the owner/exhibitor is disabled or has balance issues which inhibit their ability to carry a cat to the judging ring. In whatever manner an exhibit is brought to a ring, the exhibitor shall not draw attention to him/herself or the exhibit(s).
- e. A Club may have the right, if it so desires, to allow an Exhibitor traveling from a distance to remove his entries prior to the closing hour of the Show.
- f. It is the responsibility of the owner to enter a cat or kitten correctly under it's exact registered name, registered ownership and, when required, registration number.
- g. It is the Exhibitor's responsibility, upon arrival at the Show, to confirm that the registration number has been printed in the catalog; and, if the registration number has not been printed in the catalog, it is the Exhibitor's responsibility to provide the registration number to the Master Clerk at the Show, using a self-carbon catalog correction request form.

**Sec 6. Sale of Cat/Kitten.**

Cats and/or kittens may be sold in the Show Hall under the following conditions:

- a. Exhibitors desiring to sell cats or kittens at the Show may declare on their entry blanks the price asked for each and this price will be printed in the catalog and must not be increased during the Show. All sales of cats or kittens present at the Show must be reported promptly to the Show Management and a commission of 10% of the sale price paid to the Club or a flat fee may be charged, at the discretion of the Show Management, in lieu of the 10% commission.
- b. Clubs so desiring, and having available space and cages, may allow Exhibitors to enter cats or kittens over four [4] months of age for sale, but not for competition. An announcement shall be made in the Show Flyer specifying the entry fee to be charged for such entry. Exhibitors are not required to state the price of any such cat or kitten offered for sale.
- c. All cats/kittens sold must be confined in a sturdy carrier when entering or leaving the show hall.

**Sec 7. Show Liability Insurance.**

The Show Management **must** purchase casualty insurance for the Show to insure the Club against the hazard of injury to Judges, Stewards, Show Personnel and the General Public. Any Club that does not purchase such insurance from ACFA **must** provide proof of insurance coverage with the application for Show License.

**Sec 8. Show Sponsorship**

A show may accept financial sponsorship at any level and from any source, other than the Judges officiating for that club on the day or session the judge is officiating, or a member of a Judge's household. However, no sponsor name may be displayed in a ring, or printed on rosettes, other than that of the overall show and/or ring sponsor. A group, club, social group, business or other group in which a judge has membership, association, ownership, or other affiliation, may contribute to a show for the day or session the judge is not officiating; however, the sponsorship/donation will be in the form of a general show sponsorship/donation and cannot be identified with specific rings and/or judges.

**Sec.9. First Aid Kit**

The show manager must provide a current industrial type Red Cross approved First Aid Kit which must include latex and/or vinyl gloves. The Kit will be at the announcer's stand, or when there is no central announcer, at the master clerk's table. Emergency numbers (ambulance service, police and fire) must be affixed to the top of the First Aid Kit.

**Sec 10. Failure to Comply.**

Failure to comply with any part of these Show Rules shall result in a penalty to be decided by the Board of Directors of ACFA.

## ARTICLE XVIII: HEALTH RULES

**Sec 1. Vetted/Non-Vetted Shows.**

Clubs shall have the option to hold either a vetted, or with proper notification to the ACFA Central Office, a non-vetted Show. If the Club elects to exercise the option of a non-vetted Show, the statement "This is a Non-Vetted Show - no Veterinary inspection will be required prior to benching" shall appear prominently on the Show Flyer.

- a. Vetted Show. If entries are subjected to a Veterinary inspection the following will apply:

- [1] The decision of the Veterinarian on health status of each cat shall be final and binding on all parties concerned.
- [2] If the Veterinarian is called to the Show Hall for any purpose other than the advertised Veterinarian inspection, including such things as late entries, sick cats, sale cats, etc., the fee shall be set between the Veterinarian and the Exhibitor or the Club at the time of the examination.
- [3] It shall be the duty of the Show Committee to provide ample facilities for these examinations, and to provide an assistant for the Veterinarian who will clean and disinfect the examination table between cats or groups of cats.
- [4] All cats or kittens entering the Show Hall, whether for the Championship Show, Household Pet Show, for sale or for any other purpose, must be examined by the Show Veterinarian.
- [5] The Veterinarian shall examine each cat or kitten before it is caged and shall disqualify any cat that shows any form of contagious disease. Such disqualified cats shall be removed at once from the Show Hall. If any cat is not passed by the Show Veterinarian it shall be the responsibility of the Show Manager, acting for the Show Committee, to ensure that said cat is immediately removed from the Show Hall and not returned for the duration of the Show.
- [6] If, in his expert opinion, the Veterinarian considers that the particular disease condition renders other cats or kittens exposed to the disqualified cat [either because they are from the same cattery or carried in a common carrier or vehicle] as dangerous to the health of the other cats in the Show, such cats may also be disqualified and removed.

[7] The Veterinarian shall also disqualify any male cats with bilateral cryptorchids [being defined as having neither testicle in the scrotum], obviously pregnant females [obvious to include professional palpitation of a fetus 3-4 weeks post conception], and any cat with a dangerous mental attitude.

[8] Each cat or kitten passed by the Veterinarian shall have that fact indicated on its cage tag which shall be displayed on the cage front throughout the Show.

[9] Any Exhibitor suspecting a cat of having a contagious disease must report same to the Show Committee and it shall be the duty of the Show Manager, acting for the Show Committee, to remove such cat to a room apart from the regular Show Room until the Veterinarian shall pass upon the health of the cat. Should the Show Veterinarian find it necessary, he shall order the immediate removal of the sick cat from the Show Hall and from further participation in the Show. Such cats shall be entitled to all prizes allotted to them prior to the decision of the Veterinarian, including any Final Awards which may be awarded after its removal.

b. Non-Vetted Show. When entries are not subjected to a Veterinarian Inspection the following rules apply:

[1] The Show Secretary and/or Entry Clerk shall establish a check-in table at which all Exhibitors must check in prior to the beginning of the judging, advising the appropriate Show Committee member present of the absentees and transfers. Said Committee Member shall mark the Exhibitor's entry slip accordingly.

[2] Any Exhibitor, Judge or Show Committee member suspecting any cat of having a contagious or infectious illness or parasite infestation must report same to the Show Manager and it will be the duty of the Show Manager, acting for the Show Committee, to remove such cat to an area apart from the regular Show Room until a Veterinarian can pass upon the health of the suspected cat. In the event that a Veterinarian confirms and/or diagnoses contagious or infectious illness, the entry shall be disqualified, but awards received prior to the decision shall stand. If a Veterinarian certifies the entry free from contagious or infectious illness or parasite infestation, it shall be returned to the Show Room and normal competition. It shall be the responsibility of the owner or agent of the suspected entry to obtain a Veterinarian's services. Show Management shall provide as much assistance as possible.

[3] If, during the course of normal examination and judging, a Judge finds: an abnormality of the male testicles as described in a [7] above; an obviously pregnant female; or any cat with a dangerous mental attitude it shall be the responsibility of that Judge to disqualify that cat and to notify the Show Manager or a member of the Show Committee in order that Judges subsequently scheduled to handle said cat may be properly notified. If the agent or owner/exhibitor questions the Judge's opinion, a Veterinarian shall be consulted and the procedure as described in a [2] above shall be followed. In the event of a disqualification, all awards won prior to disqualification shall be retained with the exception of disqualification due to cryptorchidism, in which case all Judges shall be notified and all previous wins shall be voided.

### **Sec 2. Illness in House or Cattery.**

a. Any Exhibitor who shows a cat or kitten from a house or cattery where there has been any infectious or contagious illness within 21 days prior to the opening day of the Show shall forfeit all wins at the Show and shall be suspended from exhibiting at a licensed ACFA Shows for not less than 90 days nor more than 12 months.

b. Any Exhibitor who has knowledge of the above violation and does not report same to the Show Committee is subject to similar forfeitures and suspensions.

## **ARTICLE XIX: CATALOG**

### **Sec 1. Format.**

All Championship Shows licensed with this Association shall publish a "standardized" printed or mimeographed catalog denoting all cats entered in the Show.

- a. Page size of catalog will be 8½ by 11 inches.
- b. Format of the catalog will be as established by the Board of Directors, a sample of which will be provided to all Clubs sponsoring Shows.
- c. Clubs are prohibited from accepting and printing advertisements from cat associations/registries other than the American Cat Fanciers Association, Inc. in ACFA show catalogs. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the revocation of the Club's Charter. [Note: International Division Affiliates excepted.]
- d. The ACFA Logo shall appear on the front cover of the show catalog. ACFA contact information including the mailing address and phone number shall be listed inside the catalog.

### **Sec 2. Appearance of Entries.**

All entries must appear in numerical order in the printed catalog. The number of entries appearing in the catalog will not exceed 200 for a one-day show nor 400 for a two-day show. Order of entries in the printed catalog will be as follows:

- a. Non-Championship Kitten Classes
  - Longhair Kittens arranged in breed and color sequence listed in Article X, Sec 2.
  - Shorthair Kittens arranged in breed and color sequence listed in Article X, Sec 2.



b. Non-championship New Breed or Color Classes [NBC]

- Longhair New Breed or Color
- Shorthair New Breed or Color

c. Championship Classes

- Longhair Adults arranged in breed and color sequence listed in Article X, Sec 2.
- Shorthair Adults arranged in breed and color sequence listed in Article X, Sec 2.
- Longhair Alters arranged in breed and color sequence listed in Article X, Sec 2.
- Shorthair Alters arranged in breed and color sequence listed in Article X, Sec 2.

d. Non-Championship Household Pet Classes

- Longhair Household Pets
- Shorthair Household Pets

The order of Classes within each breed shall be as shown in Article XI, Sec 2b. In addition, any Exhibitors' List providing the names and addresses of the Exhibitors which entered the Show will also include all Owners plus Lessees and Agents.

**Sec 3. Catalog Entries.**

When a multiple Ring Show, or when two or more Shows are held by a Club at the same time and place, the printed catalog or entry list shall include for the first, or principal, Show all of the information required by the foregoing section. For each additional Show, the list of entries in the catalog or entry list may show only, as to each: [1] Entry Number; [2] Name of cat; [3] Registration Number; and [4] Name of Owner.

In lieu of a separate list for each Ring, it is permissible to provide a column on each page for each Ring, providing the first, or principal, Ring is placed to the left of the additional Rings.

**Sec 4. Catalogs/Judges' Books.**

Catalogs and Judges' Books shall not be made available to Exhibitors or Judges prior to the open hour of the Show. [Note: Opening hour is defined as that time which the Show Hall is opened to allow the Exhibitors to begin checking in their entries.]

**Sec 5. Catalogs to Central Office.**

The Show Manager or Show Secretary shall send a completely marked Catalog and a blank copy of the catalog to the ACFA Central Office within forty eight [48] hours after the close of the Show. A marked catalog shall be construed to mean the Official Show Catalog with the wins marked in the catalog opposite each exhibit's number. Failure to forward catalogs as required causes delays in Championship confirmation and computation of the Year-End Awards. Penalty for non-compliance will be determined by the Board of Directors.

**Sec 6. Marked Finals Pages.**

A marked set of finals or a marked catalog shall be sent to each of the officiating judges. Marked finals shall be construed to mean the finals pages from the Official Show Catalog, with the final placements indicated for all classes at the Show. It shall be the responsibility of the Show Committee to fulfill their responsibility for marked finals pages within thirty [30] days after the close of the show.

## ARTICLE XX: CONDUCT AND PROTESTS

**Sec 1. Talking Near Judge's Ring.**

During the judging, the Exhibitors must not talk to the Judge or make comments on exhibits within the Judge's hearing.

**Sec 2. Entry Into Judge's Ring.**

Exhibitors shall not enter the judging enclosure except to handle unamenable cats, at the request of the Judge, unless serving at the time as a Clerk or Steward to the Judge or in some other official Show capacity.

**Sec 3. Protests.**

Protests about the violation of any of the Rules or Regulations of this Association, or about the actions or conduct of any Exhibitor or Official of the Show shall be made only in writing and in accordance with Bylaw Article XV, Sec 4.

- a. Whether a formal protest has been made or not, the Board of Directors shall have full power to inquire into any alleged violations of these Rules, or the alleged misconduct of any Exhibitor or Show Official, and to bring charges for such violation or misconduct as provided in the Bylaws of the Association.
- b. Where the evidence in a protest which is presented to the Jurisprudence Committee proves that other Exhibitors than the one against whom the protest is filed, or the Show Committee or any member of the Committee, are at fault either by commission of an offense against the Show Rules or by failing to properly enforce the Show Rules, the Jurisprudence Committee shall have the power to assess penalties against the guilty party or parties as though they had also been the subjects of the original protest.

## **ARTICLE XXI: STANDARDS**

### **Sec 1. Revisions.**

The official Standard of Perfection for each breed shall be subject to change and revision only upon referral to, and review by, the appropriate Breed Executive Committee, with subsequent referral to the Breed Section as a whole for balloting. Such requests may be submitted to the Breed Executive Committee by any member or group of members of the respective Breed Section. Acceptance or rejection of the proposal shall be determined by a 60% majority vote of the Breed Section members voting in accordance with Bylaw Article IX, Sec 8.

### **Sec 2. Compliance With Rules.**

All amendments to the Standards of Perfection must comply with the rules and limitations set forth in Article V, Sec 6 of the Association Bylaws.

### **Sec 3. New Breeds.**

When a new breed has been accepted for Championship status by the Board of Directors, the Standard submitted to the Board at the time of application for advancement from Probationary Breed will become the official Standard of Perfection. Subsequent changes or revisions to the Standard will be as proscribed in Sec 1 above.

### **Sec 4. Effective Dates.**

Changes and revisions in Standards of Perfection shall not become effective until May 1st [or 1st day of new Show Season] following the date of acceptance unless otherwise stipulated in accordance with Bylaw Article IX, Sec 12.

## **ARTICLE XXII: AMENDMENTS**

### **Sec 1. Procedure.**

The Show Rules may be amended as provided in Article XVI of the ACFA Bylaws.

### **Sec 2. Forwarding Amendments.**

Proposed amendments must be forwarded to the ACFA Central Office no later than April 30 of each year, in the format proscribed in Bylaw Article IX, Sec 3.

<b>Absence of Judge</b> .....	<b>12</b>	<b>Judges Allbreed</b> .....	<b>2, 9, 19</b>
<b>Absentees</b> .....	<b>7, 13</b>	Fees .....	9
<b>Amendment</b> .....	<b>26, 30</b>	Guest .....	9
<b>Back-to-Back</b> .....	<b>2, 3, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17</b>	Household Pet .....	10, 11, 20
<b>Benching / Cages</b> .....	<b>8</b>	Specialty .....	2, 9, 19
<b>Ribbons / Rosettes</b> .....	<b>19</b>	Substitute Judge .....	12, 24
<b>Best of the Best</b> .....	<b>23</b>	<b>Judging Ring</b> .....	<b>8, 12</b>
<b>Breed Specialty Show</b> .....	<b>3</b>	<b>Judging Rings</b> .....	<b>2</b>
<b>Breeds / Breed Code</b> .....	<b>1, 14</b>	<b>Judging Schedule</b> .....	<b>2, 14</b>
<b>Catalog</b> .....	<b>29</b>	<b>Kittens for Sale</b> .....	<b>7, 27</b>
<b>Classification - Championship</b> .....	<b>1, 6, 15, 24</b>	<b>Liability</b> .....	<b>27, 28</b>
Alter .....	1, 17, 24	<b>License Fee</b> .....	<b>3, 5</b>
Cat .....	1	<b>Listed Cats</b> .....	<b>6, 17</b>
Champion .....	16, 24	<b>Master Clerk</b> .....	<b>5</b>
Grand Champion .....	16, 25	<b>Non-Vetted Show</b> .....	<b>28</b>
Grand Championship .....	25	<b>Other Species</b> .....	<b>7</b>
Open .....	6, 16	<b>Points</b> .....	<b>20</b>
<b>Classification - Non-Championship</b> .....	<b>1, 15</b>	<b>Posting Slips</b> .....	<b>14</b>
Household Pet .....	1, 17	<b>Pregnant</b> .....	<b>7, 28, 29</b>
Kitten .....	1, 17	<b>Protests</b> .....	<b>30</b>
New Breed / Color .....	1, 17	<b>Refunds</b> .....	<b>3, 17</b>
<b>Clerks</b> .....	<b>5</b>	<b>Registered Color Class</b> .....	<b>24</b>
<b>Color / Pattern Codes</b> .....	<b>1</b>	<b>Rejection of Entries</b> .....	<b>7</b>
<b>Conversation</b> .....	<b>14</b>	<b>Ribbons / Rosettes</b> .....	<b>21, 23, 24</b>
<b>Disqualification</b> .....	<b>7, 8, 13, 28, 29</b>	Best In Show .....	21
<b>Entry</b> .....	<b>7, 8</b>	Winners Ribbons .....	21, 24, 25
Closing Date .....	7	<b>Ring Limitation</b> .....	<b>2</b>
Erroneous .....	8, 16, 17	<b>Scoring / Scoring System</b> .....	<b>20, 23, 26</b>
Fees .....	7	<b>Show Date</b> .....	<b>6</b>
Late Entry .....	8	<b>Show Insurance</b> .....	<b>5, 28</b>
Substitute Entry .....	8	<b>Standards</b> .....	<b>12, 30</b>
Withdrawal .....	8, 12	<b>Stewards</b> .....	<b>5</b>
Wrongful .....	8, 14	<b>Titles</b> .....	<b>19, 20, 24, 25</b>
<b>Feral Cat</b> .....	<b>7</b>	<b>Unamenable to Handle</b> .....	<b>13</b>
<b>Final Awards</b> .....	<b>12, 19, 21</b>	<b>Vasectomized</b> .....	<b>1, 7</b>
<b>Flyer</b> .....	<b>23</b>	<b>Vetted Show</b> .....	<b>28</b>
<b>Health / Illness</b> .....	<b>7, 28, 29</b>	<b>Withhold Wins</b> .....	<b>14</b>
<b>Ineligible</b> .....	<b>7, 11, 15, 17, 18, 19</b>	<b>Year-End Awards</b> .....	<b>20, 26</b>