



1. RULES PERTAINING TO CFSA SHOW REQUIREMENTS

1.1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1.1. CFSA Shows – all shows hosted by either CFSA or a CFSA affiliated club.
- 1.1.2. All Breeds Championship Show – a show that is presented as a competition show with the aim of qualifying for CFSA COTY and GARS classes. (1.3.2)
- 1.1.3. Show Manager – the person appointed by the club committee to oversee all arrangements for a show.
- 1.1.4. Show Executive – the EXCO member appointed to ensure that all shows are run according to the requirements in the Show Rules.
- 1.1.5. Judges – qualified cat judges that are invited to officiate at a show.
- 1.1.6. Show Representative – a member of EXCO appointed by the Show Manager to submit a report on the proceedings at the show. (1.3.8)
- 1.1.7. Show Attendees - refers to exhibitors, owners, breeders, judges, stewards, show officials and/or visitors attending a show.
- 1.1.8. Stewards – the persons appointed to ensure that cats reach the judges' tables according to schedule.
- 1.1.9. Pedigreed Cat – any cat breed accepted by CFSA and registered with CFSA.
- 1.1.10. Domestic Cat – a household pet with unknown parents and registered as such with CFSA.

1.2. ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS

- 1.2.1. CFSA affiliated clubs must apply for show dates for the next calendar year's shows, by submitting their proposed show dates to the National Cat Clubs Executive (NCCE) in writing, by 30 September each year. Show dates are subject to CFSA EXCO approval.
- 1.2.2. No CFSA affiliated club may advertise a CFSA All Breeds Championship Cat Show, prior to confirmation of approved show dates from the National Cat Clubs Executive (NCCE).
- 1.2.3. CFSA affiliated clubs must pay an annual levy to the National Cat Clubs Executive (NCCE), before the end of February each year.

1.3. MINIMUM COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CFSA SHOWS

- 1.3.1. All Breeds Championship Cat Shows must:
 - 1.3.1.1. Comply with the CFSA Constitution.
 - 1.3.1.2. Comply with the CFSA Show Rules.
 - 1.3.1.3. Comply with the CFSA Breeder & Registration Rules.
 - 1.3.1.4. Comply with the CFSA Judges & Judging Rules.
- 1.3.2. All Breeds Championship Cat Shows must allow for the competition of:
 - 1.3.2.1. All pedigreed breeds recognised by CFSA and registered with CFSA.
 - 1.3.2.2. Non-pedigreed domestic cats registered with CFSA.
 - 1.3.2.3. Special Classes, as defined in the CFSA Show Classes section of these rules.
- 1.3.3. A minimum of fifty (50) pedigreed cats entered for an All Breeds Championship Cat Show is required:
 - 1.3.3.1. For the Best in Show result points to count towards the annual CFSA Cat of the Year.
 - 1.3.3.2. For the awards to count towards title changes.
- 1.3.4. For single shows the Club Show Committee must ensure that at least seven (7) judges, of which five (5) must be all breeds judges officiate at the show, unless written approval is obtain to the contrary from the National Cat Judges' Executive (NCJE).
- 1.3.5. For double shows, the Club Show Committee must ensure that at least nine (9) judges, of which six (6) must be all breeds judges officiate at the show, unless written approval is obtain to the contrary from the National Cat Judges' Executive (NCJE).
- 1.3.6. CFSA affiliated clubs must be aware that traveling judges are entitled to be reimbursed for traveling, food and accommodation expenses, for a distance greater than 100km from the show venue.
- 1.3.7. CFSA affiliated clubs must pay a fixed fee to CFSA, per judge officiating at each show. Fees payable will be determined by CFSA NCJE.
- 1.3.8. The Show Manager will appoint an official Show Representative, who must be a member of CFSA EXCO, who will be required to submit an after show report to CFSA EXCO and the relevant Show Manager, within five (5) days of the relevant show.



- 1.3.9. Each CFSA show must have an appointed licensed Veterinarian either present at the show, or on stand-by and within thirty (30) minutes travelling time from the show venue.
- 1.3.10. CFSA affiliated clubs must pay a fixed fee to CFSA, per pedigreed and non-pedigreed domestic cat entered for each show. Fees payable will be determined by CFSA NCR.

2. RULES PERTAINING TO CFSA SHOW ADMINISTRATION

2.1. PRE-CLOSING DATE SHOW ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR CLUB SHOW COMMITTEES

- 2.1.1. Club Show Committees must invite judges from the official list of CFSA affiliated judges in writing, at least four (4) weeks before the show.
- 2.1.2. Invitations to judges, must include:
 - 2.1.2.1. The show date.
 - 2.1.2.2. The show venue.
 - 2.1.2.3. RSVP date to allow enough time to invite other judges if and when required.
- 2.1.3. Show Entry closing dates must be clearly indicated on the entry forms published, and must be at least three (3) weeks prior to the relevant show date.
- 2.1.4. All clubs must use the standardised version of the Show Entry form as prepared by the National Cat Show Executive (NCSE).
- 2.1.5. Show Entry forms must be available to exhibitors at least two (2) weeks before the stipulated entry closing date.
- 2.1.6. Clubs are required to keep received CFSA Pedigrees (for pedigreed exhibits) and/or CFSA Registration Certificate (for non-pedigreed domestic exhibits) of entered exhibits on file for re-use purposes, should the same exhibit be entered for future shows.

2.2. SHOW ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITORS

- 2.2.1. If a cat/kitten is owned by more than one (1) person, the names of the exhibitors must be equivalent to the names of the owners on the CFSA Pedigree.
- 2.2.2. All pedigreed cats must be entered in one of the following categories: Adult Entire Male, Adult Entire Female, Adult Neuter or Kitten.
- 2.2.3. All non-pedigreed domestic cats to be entered into the Pet category.
- 2.2.4. All exhibits must have a current vaccination certificate with proof of a core vaccine that has been administered by a licensed Veterinarian, at least one (1) week before a show. Refer to the CFSA Breeder & Registration Rules for the vaccination protocol.
- 2.2.5. All entire males over the age of eighteen (18) months must be registered as a stud with the CFSA National Cat Registrar and the relevant stud number must be completed in the said exhibit's entry.
- 2.2.6. All "teaser tom" males over the age of eighteen (18) months must be registered as a teaser tom with the CFSA National Cat Registrar and the relevant number must be completed in the said exhibit's entry.
- 2.2.7. All kittens must be a minimum of four (4) calendar months and younger than nine (9) calendar months on the day of the show.
- 2.2.8. All entered pedigreed exhibits' entries must be accompanied by a CFSA Pedigree.
- 2.2.9. All entered non-pedigreed domestic exhibits' entries must be accompanied by a CFSA Registration Certificate
- 2.2.10. All entered exhibits' entries must be accompanied by a CFSA Transfer of Ownership Certificate. If a Transfer of Ownership is still pending, the Exhibitor must provide proof of submission to the CFSA National Cat Registrar.
- 2.2.11. Suspended breeder(s) cat(s)/kitten(s) may only be shown at CFSA All Breeds Championship Cat Show after the processing of a CFSA Transfer of Ownership into a non-suspended person's name, pending CFSA EXCO approval.
- 2.2.12. Exhibitors must complete the following detail on the Show Entry Detail form:
 - 2.2.12.1. Exhibitor contact details.
 - 2.2.12.2. Registered name as stated on the CFSA Pedigree (for pedigreed exhibits) and/or CFSA Registration Certificate (for non-pedigreed domestic exhibits), per exhibit.
 - 2.2.12.3. CFSA registration number as stated on the CFSA Pedigree (for pedigreed exhibits) and/or CFSA Registration Certificate (for non-pedigreed domestic exhibits), per exhibit.
 - 2.2.12.4. Category and class entered per exhibit.
- 2.2.13. Exhibitors must complete and sign the Show Entry Summary form.



- 2.2.14. Exhibitors must submit the following documentation prior to the closing date, as stipulated on the Show Entry form:
 - 2.2.14.1. Completed Show Entry Detail form.
 - 2.2.14.2. Completed and signed Show Entry Summary form.
 - 2.2.14.3. CFSA Pedigree(s) (for pedigreed exhibits) and/or CFSA Registration Certificate(s) (for non-pedigreed domestic exhibits).
 - 2.2.14.4. CFSA Transfer of Ownership Certificate (if applicable).
 - 2.2.14.5. Proof of payment.

2.3. POST-CLOSING DATE SHOW ENTRY PROCESSING

- 2.3.1. The Show Committee may reserve the right to refuse any entry or entries giving full written reasons for the decision.
- 2.3.2. No late entries may be accepted by Club Show Committees, i.e. after the specified closing date on the relevant Show Entry form.
- 2.3.3. The Show Manager must ensure that a Show Grid is completed, in the template, as supplied by the National Cat Show Executive (NCSE), based on the entries received.
- 2.3.4. The Show Manager must ensure that the completed Show Grid template is sorted by category, division, breed and breed groups.
- 2.3.5. The Show Manager must include the proposed judges' allocation on the Show Grid template.
- 2.3.6. The Show Manager must compile a Judges' Allocation Summary template.
- 2.3.7. The Show Manager must ensure that the following documents are submitted electronically, to the National Cat Show Executive (NCSE), within seven (7) days, after the closing date of the relevant show:
 - 2.3.7.1. Completed Show Grid template.
 - 2.3.7.2. Completed Judges' Allocation Summary template.
- 2.3.8. The National Cat Show Executive (NCSE) must verify that the received Show Grid is correct in terms of category, division, breed and breed groups, as well as all individual exhibit details and titles, verified with the National Cat Registrar.
- 2.3.9. The National Cat Show Executive (NCSE) must verify that no duplicate judges' allocation has been proposed for the same exhibit(s) at consecutive shows and obtain approval from the National Cat Judges' Executive.
- 2.3.10. The National Cat Show Executive (NCSE) must return the approved Show Grid to the relevant Show Manager, within seven (7) days after receipt (as per 2.3.6. above).
- 2.3.11. Once the Show Grid has been approved, the Show Manager must:
 - 2.3.11.1. Arrange for the printing of judges' books.
 - 2.3.11.2. Compile a Show Catalogue.
- 2.3.12. The Show Manager must send notice to all the exhibitors and the National Cat Show Executive (NCSE) forty-eight (48) hours prior to the show. The notice must include:
 - 2.3.12.1. Bench time.
 - 2.3.12.2. Exhibit allocations.
 - 2.3.12.3. Judges' allocation.
 - 2.3.12.4. Show Manager's contact details.
 - 2.3.12.5. Directions to the venue.
- 2.3.13. The Show Manager must send notice to all officiating judges forty-eight (48) hours prior to the show. The notice must include:
 - 2.3.13.1. Arrival time.
 - 2.3.13.2. Judges' allocation.
 - 2.3.13.3. Directions to the venue.

2.4. SHOW CATALOGUE REQUIREMENTS

- 2.4.1. The Show Committee must ensure that all exhibitors and the National Cat Show Executive (NCSE) receive a copy of the relevant show's catalogue, either electronically, forty-eight (48) hours prior to the show and/or a printed version must be available for purchase at the show.
- 2.4.2. No show catalogue may be supplied to an officiating judge prior or during the relevant show. Officiating judges may be supplied with a hardcopy of the relevant show's catalogue after the completion of Best in Show.



2.4.3. Show Catalogues must contain the following detail per entered exhibit:

- 2.4.3.1. Exhibition number.
- 2.4.3.2. Registered name.
- 2.4.3.3. CFSA registration number.
- 2.4.3.4. Date of birth.
- 2.4.3.5. Colour and pattern description.
- 2.4.3.6. CFSA breed code.
- 2.4.3.7. Division, breed and group.
- 2.4.3.8. Category and class entered.
- 2.4.3.9. Sire detail.
- 2.4.3.10. Dam detail.
- 2.4.3.11. Owner's name.
- 2.4.3.12. Breeder's name.
- 2.4.3.13. Judges' allocation.

2.4.4. Other detail to be specified in Show Catalogues:

- 2.4.4.1. Show Manager's name and contact details.
- 2.4.4.2. Show Committees' names and roles (if applicable).
- 2.4.4.3. CFSA Show Representative's name.
- 2.4.4.4. Officiating Judges' names.
- 2.4.4.5. Exhibitors' names.
- 2.4.4.6. Credits to show sponsors.

3. RULES PERTAINING TO CFSA SHOW CLASSES

3.1. PEDIGREED CLASSES

The different pedigreed divisions are: Persian/Exotic, Medium Hair, Foreign and Siamese/Oriental/Peterbald.

3.1.1. Adult Open Class

- 3.1.1.1. The Open Class is one in which all pedigreed entire and neutered cats of nine (9) months and over on the day of the show, with or without title, of any breed recognised by CFSA can be entered.
- 3.1.1.2. Open Class cats compete for bronze, silver or gold awards.
- 3.1.1.3. Open Class cats are judged by three (3) judges, qualified to judge the relevant breed.
- 3.1.1.4. If an Open Class cat does not conform to the Standard of Points for the relevant breed, the judge may elect to withhold the award.

3.1.2. Adult Gold Class

- 3.1.2.1. The Gold Class is one in which all pedigreed entire and neutered cats of nine (9) months and over, which have at least the title of Grand Champion or Grand Premier, of any breed recognised by CFSA can be entered.
- 3.1.2.2. Gold Class cats compete for gold awards and may not be awarded silver or bronze awards.
- 3.1.2.3. Gold Class cats are judged by three (3) judges qualified to judge the relevant breed.
- 3.1.2.4. If a Gold Class cat does not conform to the Standard of Points for the relevant breed, or not deemed worthy of a gold award, the judge may elect to withhold the award.

3.1.3. Kitten Class

- 3.1.3.1. The Kitten Class is one in which pedigreed kittens of four (4) months and over and less than nine (9) months on the day of the show, dating from and inclusive of the date of birth, of any breed recognised by CFSA can be entered.
- 3.1.3.2. Kittens compete for sapphire, emerald or ruby awards.
- 3.1.3.3. Kitten Class cats are judged by two (2) judges qualified to judge the relevant breed.
- 3.1.3.4. If a Kitten Class cat does not conform to the Standard of Points for the relevant breed, the judge may elect to withhold the award.

3.2. PET CLASS

The different pet divisions are: Long hair Adult, Long hair Kitten, Medium hair Adult, Medium hair Kitten, Short hair Adult and Short hair Kitten.

- 3.2.1. The Pet Class is one in which all non-pedigreed domestic cats of four (4) months and over can be entered.



- 3.2.2. All domestic cats over the age of nine (9) months must be neutered/ spayed or must be registered as a stud/dam in the provisional register for use as an allowable outcross in a registered breeding program.
- 3.2.3. Pets compete for sapphire, emerald or ruby awards.
- 3.2.4. Pet Class cats are judged by one (1) qualified judge or an approved student judge.
- 3.2.5. If a Pet Class cat does not conform to overall good condition and soundness of body, without any structural deviations, the judge may elect to withhold the award.

3.3. SPECIAL CLASSES

Triple Supreme and Veteran Classes are judged in line-up format by one (1) judge during the Best in Show section of the show. The judge must be either an all breeds judge or a specialist judge, qualified and experienced in the breeds represented in the line-up.

3.3.1. Triple Supreme Champion Class

- 3.3.1.1. The Triple Supreme Champion Class is one in which all pedigreed entire cats which have the title of Triple Supreme Champion can be entered.
- 3.3.1.2. Cats are judged individually against the breed relevant Standard of Points.

3.3.2. Triple Supreme Premier Class

- 3.3.2.1. The Triple Supreme Premier Class is one in which all pedigreed neutered cats which have the title of Triple Supreme Premier can be entered.
- 3.3.2.2. Cats are judged individually against the breed relevant Standard of Points.

3.3.3. Veteran Entire Class

- 3.3.3.1. The Veteran Entire Class is one in which all pedigreed entire cats that are at least seven (7) years old on the day of the show can be entered.
- 3.3.3.2. Cats are judged individually against the breed relevant Standard of Points.

3.3.4. Veteran Neuter Class

- 3.3.4.1. The Veteran Neuter Class is one in which all pedigreed neutered cats that are at least seven (7) years old on the day of the show can be entered.
- 3.3.4.2. Cats are judged individually against the breed relevant Standard of Points.

The Super Pet Class is judged in line-up format by one (1) judge during the Best in Show section of the show. The judge must either be an all breeds judge, specialist judge or approved student judge.

3.3.5. Super Pet Class

- 3.3.5.1. The Super Pet Class is one in which all non-pedigreed domestic cats which have the title of Super Pet can be entered.
- 3.3.5.2. Cats are judged individually against overall good condition and soundness of body, without any structural deviations.

4. RULES PERTAINING TO CFSA SHOW MANAGEMENT

4.1. HALL LAYOUT REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1.1. The aisles between exhibit table rows must be a minimum of 1,25m.
- 4.1.2. All shows must account for the comfort of the cats and this shall not be prejudiced in favour of any aspect of judging, owners or public benefit.
- 4.1.3. The show awards table must be set up to allow for privacy and within view and close proximity of the judging area.
- 4.1.4. The judging area must allow for ample space between judges' tables.
- 4.1.5. All officiating judges must be allocated in one (1) designated area.
- 4.1.6. Judging must take place in full view of exhibitors and spectators.
- 4.1.7. The Show Committee must ensure that a registration table is set up at the entrance of the show hall where exhibitors must register before the commencement of the show.
- 4.1.8. If exhibition cats/kittens have been prearranged to attend a show, the Show Committee must ensure that a designated area has been allocated.



- 4.1.9. The Show Committee must ensure that food and beverages are provided for officiating judges, show officials and stewards.
 - 4.1.10. The Show Committee must ensure that there is a tuck shop available for the duration of the show. Exhibitors should never be forced to leave the show hall to buy refreshments.
 - 4.1.11. The area allocated for vendors must be completely separate from the judging area, awards table and exhibits.
 - 4.1.12. The Show Committee must ensure that there are clean/sterile restrooms, with sufficient supplies available at the show venue.
 - 4.1.13. All shows must be attractive to the public and exhibitors.
- 4.2. GENERAL CFSA SHOW REQUIREMENTS
- 4.2.1. If the Show Manager makes a technical error in the classification of a cat in the judges' books, the error may be rectified during the show providing the relevant proof is at hand.
 - 4.2.2. In the case of a change in officiating judges, the Show Manager must inform the exhibitors of such a change and also display a written notice of the relevant change at the entrance of the show hall, prior to the commencement of the show.
 - 4.2.3. In the case of a change in officiating judges, due to a physical injury and/or family responsibility emergency, the Show Manager must inform the exhibitors of such a change and also immediately display a written notice of the relevant change at the entrance of the show hall.
 - 4.2.4. Provided the prescribed requirements pertaining to a change in officiating judges have been met, such a change will be binding on the exhibitors.
 - 4.2.5. If the prescribed requirements pertaining to a change in officiating judges have not been met, exhibitors' may elect to withdraw their exhibit(s) from the show and be entitled to a refund of the relevant entry fees paid.
 - 4.2.6. The Show Manager appointed awards table assistants are responsible for capturing the exhibits' awards and nominations during the show, pre Best in Show.
 - 4.2.7. The Show Committee must ensure that rosettes and prizes for the Best in Show section of the show is provided for in accordance with the prescribed CFSA show categories and special classes.
 - 4.2.8. The Show Manager must ensure that all CFSA Student judges are informed that they are required to steward at CFSA shows. Student judges must receive first priority when the Show Manager arranges stewards for a show. The CFSA EXCO appointed Show Representative must include in their after show report, whether all Student Judges present at the show, participated in stewarding and other duties at the show.
 - 4.2.9. The Show Manager must ensure that at least four (4) stewards, of which two (2) must be adults are arranged to manage the rings at the show, as well as the Best in Show section.
 - 4.2.10. Stewards may not discuss exhibits with judges.
 - 4.2.11. Stewards may not abandon their allocated rings to steward their own exhibits.
 - 4.2.12. Stewards must assist during the Best in Show section of the show, including cleaning tables between line-ups.
 - 4.2.13. No exhibit of any age may be sold at a CFSA show.
 - 4.2.14. No owner, breeder, exhibitor or member that has been suspended or expelled from CFSA, may personally attend a CFSA show.
 - 4.2.15. No exhibitor may identify himself/herself to judges prior to the completion of the Best in Show section.
 - 4.2.16. Exhibitors may not interfere in any form with the judging process, judges, show officials and/or stewards during the course of the show.
 - 4.2.17. Exhibitors may not engage in discussions with judges prior to the completion of the Best in Show section.
 - 4.2.18. No exhibitor, owner, breeder, judge, steward, show official and/or visitor attending the show is allowed to consume alcohol during the course of the show.
 - 4.2.19. No exhibitor, owner, breeder, judge, steward, show official and/or visitor attending the show is allowed to smoke, vape, make use of an e-cigarette or any activity that may be construed as smoking in a show venue.
 - 4.2.20. No exhibitor, owner, breeder and/or visitor attending the show is allowed in the judging area, unless their exhibit is called for judging.
 - 4.2.21. No exhibitor, steward and/or judge is allowed to leave show venue prior to the completion of Best in Show, without permission from the Show Manager.



5. RULES PERTAINING TO CFSA SHOW AWARDS

5.1. PEDIGREED ADULT EXHIBIT AWARDS

- 5.1.1. Exhibits compete against the Standard of Points for its relevant breed for Bronze, Silver and/or Gold awards.
- 5.1.2. If deemed non-compliant to the relevant Standard of Points for the said breed, a judge may elect to withhold the award.
- 5.1.3. Points for awards:
 - 5.1.3.1. Half (0,5) point for a Bronze award.
 - 5.1.3.2. One (1,0) point for a Silver award.
 - 5.1.3.3. One and a half (1,5) points for a Gold award.
 - 5.1.3.4. Four (4) points for one (1) nomination for Best in Show.
 - 5.1.3.5. Five (5) points for two (2) nominations for Best in Show.
 - 5.1.3.6. Seven (7) points for three (3) nominations for Best in Show.
 - 5.1.3.7. Five (5) points for first place, as well as a half ($\frac{1}{2}$) point for each exhibit beaten in the Best in Show line-up.
 - 5.1.3.8. Three (3) points for second place, as well as a half ($\frac{1}{2}$) point for each exhibit beaten in the Best in Show line-up.
 - 5.1.3.9. One (1) point for third place, as well as a half ($\frac{1}{2}$) point for each exhibit beaten in the Best in Show line-up.
- 5.1.4. If the Best in Show line-up consists of more than twelve (12) exhibits, only the highest placed eleven (11) exhibits can earn half ($\frac{1}{2}$) points.
- 5.1.5. Award points for pedigreed exhibits will be accumulated for the annual CFSA Cat of the Year qualification. The highest scoring three (3) shows, in one show season (starting after COTY to next year's COTY), shall accumulatively count towards an exhibit's annual points for CFSA Cat of the Year.

5.2. PEDIGREED KITTEN EXHIBIT AWARDS

- 5.2.1. Exhibits compete against the Standard of Points for its relevant breed for Sapphire, Emerald and/or Ruby awards.
- 5.2.2. If deemed non-compliant to the relevant Standard of Points for the said breed, a judge may elect to withhold the award.
- 5.2.3. Points for awards:
 - 5.2.3.1. Half (0,5) point for a Sapphire award.
 - 5.2.3.2. One (1,0) point for an Emerald award.
 - 5.2.3.3. One and a half (1,5) points for a Ruby award.
 - 5.2.3.4. Four (4) points for one (1) nomination for Best in Show.
 - 5.2.3.5. Five (5) points for two (2) nominations for Best in Show.
 - 5.2.3.6. Five (5) points for first place, as well as a half ($\frac{1}{2}$) point for each exhibit beaten in the Best in Show line-up.
 - 5.2.3.7. Three (3) points for second place, as well as a half ($\frac{1}{2}$) point for each exhibit beaten in the Best in Show line-up.
 - 5.2.3.8. One (1) point for third place, as well as a half ($\frac{1}{2}$) point for each exhibit beaten in the Best in Show line-up.
- 5.2.4. If the Best in Show line-up consists of more than twelve (12) exhibits, only the highest placed eleven (11) exhibits can earn half ($\frac{1}{2}$) points.
- 5.2.5. Award points for pedigreed exhibits will be accumulated for the annual CFSA Cat of the Year qualification.
- 5.2.6. The highest scoring three (3) shows, in one show season (starting after COTY to next year's COTY), shall accumulatively count towards an exhibit's annual points for CFSA Cat of the Year.

5.3. NON-PEDIGREED DOMESTIC EXHIBIT AWARDS

- 5.3.1. Exhibits compete for Sapphire, Emerald and/or Ruby awards.
- 5.3.2. If deemed non-compliant in terms of overall good condition and soundness of body, without any structural deviations, the judge may elect to withhold the award.
- 5.3.3. Points for awards:
 - 5.3.3.1. Half (0,5) point for a Sapphire award.
 - 5.3.3.2. One (1,0) point for an Emerald award.
 - 5.3.3.3. One and a half (1,5) points for a Ruby award.
 - 5.3.3.4. Four (4) points for a nomination for Best in Show.
 - 5.3.3.5. Five (5) points for first place, as well as a half ($\frac{1}{2}$) point for each exhibit beaten in the Best in Show line-up.



5.3.3.6. Three (3) points for second place, as well as a half (½) point for each exhibit beaten in the Best in Show line-up.

5.3.3.7. One (1) point for third place, as well as a half (½) point for each exhibit beaten in the Best in Show line-up.

5.3.4. Award points for non-pedigreed domestic exhibits are accumulated for the annual CFSA Pet of the Year qualification.

The highest scoring three (3) shows, in one show season (starting after COTY to next year's COTY), shall accumulatively count towards an exhibit's annual points for CFSA Cat of the Year.

NB: Exhibitors may appeal to the Show Manager against an exhibit's award if valid reasons can be provided and before Best in Show commences. The Show Manager, in consultation with the CFSA EXCO appointed Show Representative, must deliberate the appeal immediately. If the appeal is deemed valid, the Show Manager will allocate an alternative judge to re-judge the exhibit.

6. RULES PERTAINING TO CFSA BEST IN SHOW

- 6.1. Each judge officiating at a CFSA show may nominate any kitten, neuter, adult male or adult female for inclusion in the relevant Best in Show line-up provided the exhibit received the highest award possible in the class entered.
- 6.2. Groups according to breed/colour/pattern may be decided on from time-to-time and the number of nominations per judge may be changed. Changes must be approved by EXCO before the start of a show season and ratified at the AGM.
- 6.3. The panel of judges officiating in the Best in Show line-ups, must be allocated by the Show Manager, who is advised to consult with the National Cat Show Executive (NCSE) to prevent duplicate allocation of judges to the same line-ups at consecutive shows.
- 6.4. The four (4) line-ups for the pedigreed categories, i.e. Kitten, Neuter, Male and Female, must be judged by a panel of judges.
- 6.5. One (1) Best in Show line-up for the non-pedigreed domestic category must be judged by a panel of judges.
- 6.6. Each judge on the panel shall assess each exhibit and place them in the categorical line-ups.
- 6.7. The National Cat Show Executive (NCSE) or CFSA EXCO appointed stand-in shall average the points.
- 6.8. In the event of a tie, the National Cat Show Executive (NCSE) will:
 - Review the tied exhibits' awards and quantity of nominations received for Best in Show, to determine if either accumulated more points during the judging section of the show, which will by default outrank one over the other.
 - If both tied exhibits points' accumulated during the judging section of the show are equal, the National Cat Show Executive (NCSE) will notify the Show Manager, who will request an alternative judge to officiate the judge-off.
- 6.9. After averaging the Best in Show points and/or resolution of tied points (if applicable) the National Cat Show Executive (NCSE) will provide the Show Manager with the winner results, for announcement.
- 6.10. The highest scoring four (4) exhibits in each pedigreed category, i.e. Kitten, Neuter, Male and Female (thus the top sixteen (16) exhibits) will be judged against each other in one (1) final Best in Show line-up, by a panel of judges, to determine the Cat of the Day. No points will be accumulated for the final Best in Show line-up.

7. RULES PERTAINING TO CFSA TITLES

7.1. CHAMPION (ENTIRE) OR PREMIER (NEUTER) STATUS

7.1.1. Champion or Premier

To achieve Champion or Premier status, a cat must receive three (3) awards, bronze or higher, from a minimum of three (3) different judges.

7.1.2. Double Champion or Double Premier

To achieve Double Champion or Double Premier status, a cat must receive six (6) awards, of which the least is a bronze, from a minimum of five (5) different judges.

7.1.3. Triple Champion or Triple Premier

To achieve Triple Champion or Triple Premier status, a cat must receive nine (9) awards, of which at least four (4) are bronze, from a minimum of seven (7) different judges.



7.2. GRAND CHAMPION (ENTIRE) OR GRAND PREMIER (NEUTER) STATUS

Bronze awards do not count towards Grand status.

7.2.1. Grand Champion or Grand Premier

To achieve Champion or Premier status, a cat must receive six (6) awards, silver or higher, from a minimum of three (3) different judges.

7.2.2. Double Grand Champion or Double Grand Premier

To achieve Double Champion or Double Premier status, a cat must receive nine (9) awards, of which the least is a silver, from a minimum of five (5) different judges.

7.2.3. Triple Grand Champion or Triple Grand Premier

To achieve Triple Champion or Triple Premier status, a cat must receive twelve (12) awards, of which at least four (4) are silver, from a minimum of seven (7) different judges.

7.3. SUPREME CHAMPION (ENTIRE) OR SUPREME PREMIER (NEUTER) STATUS

Bronze and Silver awards do not count towards Supreme status.

7.3.1. Supreme Champion or Supreme Premier

To achieve Supreme Champion or Supreme Premier status, a cat must receive nine (9) gold awards, from a minimum of four (4) different judges.

7.3.2. Double Supreme Champion or Double Supreme Premier

To achieve Double Supreme Champion or Double Supreme Premier status, a cat must receive eighteen (18) gold awards, from a minimum of six (6) different judges.

7.3.3. Triple Supreme Champion or Triple Supreme Premier

To achieve Triple Supreme Champion or Triple Supreme Premier status, a cat must receive twenty-seven (27) gold awards, from a minimum of eight (8) different judges.

7.4. TITLE CERTIFICATES

7.4.1. Exhibitors may apply for title certificates by completing the CFSA Title Certificate Application and submitting it to the CFSA National Cat Registrar (NCR).

7.4.2. Triple Supreme Champion or Triple Supreme Premier title certificates will be distributed (free of charge) after the completion of the show season and exhibitors do not have to apply for it.

7.5. NON-PEDIGREED DOMESTIC STATUS

7.5.1. Grand Pet

To achieve Grand Pet status, a non-pedigreed domestic cat/kitten must receive a minimum of twenty-five (25) points for show awards, as detailed point 5 above. The twenty-five (25) points must include at least one (1) nomination for Best in Show.

7.5.2. Super Pet

To achieve Super Pet status, a non-pedigreed domestic cat/kitten must receive a minimum of forty-five (45) points for show awards, as detailed point 5 above.

The forty-five (45) points must include either:

- Four (4) to five (5) nominations for Best in Show and at least two (2) first placings in Best in Show line-ups.
- Six (6) or more nominations for Best in Show and at least one (1) first placing in a Best in Show line-up.

7.6. NATIONAL QUALIFIER STATUS

7.6.1. National Qualifier (NQ) status is awarded to the ten (10) highest scoring pedigreed, i.e. Males, Females, Neuters, Kittens and non-pedigreed domestic cats, who qualifies for the annual CFSA COTY event. The letters "NQ" will be added, as a suffix to the relevant cats'/kittens' pedigrees, by the CFSA National Cat Registrar.

7.7. NATIONAL WINNER STATUS

7.7.1. National Winner (NW) status is awarded to the first placed Male, Female, Neuter, Kitten and non-pedigreed domestic cat, as announced at the annual CFSA COTY event. The letters "NW" will be added, as a suffix to the relevant cats'/kittens' pedigrees, by the CFSA National Cat Registrar.

7.7.2. In the event of a cat/kitten qualifying for the annual CFSA COTY event multiple times, its highest title will reflect on its pedigree.



7.8. DISTINGUISHED MERIT STATUS

- 7.8.1. To achieve Distinguished Merit status, at least five (5) of a female cat's (dam's) offspring must achieve Supreme Champion/Premier status at CFSA All Breeds Championship Shows.
- 7.8.2. To achieve Distinguished Merit status, at least ten (10) of a male cat's (sire's) offspring must achieve Supreme Champion/Premier status at CFSA All Breeds Championship Shows.
- 7.8.3. DM status application process:
 - 7.8.3.1. In the event of a dam/sire qualifying for Distinguished Merit (DM) status, the owner must submit the list of offspring who achieved Supreme Champion/Premier status to the National Cat Show Executive (NCSE) for verification.
 - 7.8.3.2. The list must include the offspring registered names and registration numbers (M-number).
 - 7.8.3.3. Once verified by the National Cat Show Executive (NCSE) the letters "DM" will be added, as a suffix to the relevant cat's pedigree, by the CFSA National Cat Registrar.

8. RULES PERTAINING TO CFSA CAT OF THE YEAR (COTY)

- 8.1. The COTY and GARS Event Manager will be appointed by CFSA EXCO.
- 8.2. Entrance for COTY qualifiers are free of charge, but entry is by invitation only, based on points.
- 8.3. CFSA COTY qualifying requirements:
 - 8.3.1. The total points of the three (3) highest scoring shows for a pedigreed cat/kitten in each category, i.e. Males, Females, Neuter and Kittens will determine the cat/kitten's annual placing.
 - 8.3.2. The three (3) highest scoring shows for a pedigreed cat/kitten must be from the same category, i.e. Males, Females, Neuters and Kittens, e.g. points accumulated in the Kitten category, cannot be carried over to the Adult/Neuter categories.
 - 8.3.3. The three (3) highest scoring shows for a non-pedigreed domestic cat/kitten will determine the cat/kitten's annual placing.
 - 8.3.4. A cat/kitten who competed in more than one (1) category during a show season and who has accumulated adequate points in one (1) or more of the categories, will qualify in the category where the cat/kitten has achieved the higher placing.
 - 8.3.5. A cat/kitten can qualify for CFSA COTY, by attending less than three (3) shows during a show season, providing the points accumulated are adequate.
 - 8.3.6. In the event of tied points, the placings will be calculated by reverting to the relevant cats/kittens' fifth, sixth and so on shows' points, to determine the higher total score.
- 8.4. No points accumulated at CFSA all breeds championship show for the relevant show season will be made public.
- 8.5. The ten (10) highest scoring pedigreed, i.e. Males, Females, Neuters, Kittens and non-pedigreed domestic cats will qualify for the annual CFSA COTY event, thus fifty (50) cats/kittens in total.
- 8.6. The National Cat Show Executive (NCSE) will notify the owners of the CFSA COTY qualifiers, after the completion of the last CFSA all breeds championship show for the relevant show season and only once the points have been calculated, verified and audited.
- 8.7. All COTY qualifier placings are final, as they are based on audited points (as described in item 11.8.4 of the CFSA Constitution) per cat/kitten accumulated throughout the course of the relevant show season. Therefore no correspondence in terms of qualifier placing and/or points queries will be allowed.
- 8.8. CFSA COTY qualifiers are placed from tenth to first in their relevant categories, i.e. Males, Females, Neuters, Kittens and non-pedigreed domestic cats and will be announced at the annual CFSA Gala event.
- 8.9. Based on the judging of the pedigreed category qualifiers, i.e. Males, Females, Neuters and Kittens by a panel of at least three (3) all breeds judges, at the COTY event, the annual Cat of the Year will be determined and announced at the annual CFSA Gala event.
- 8.10. All COTY qualifiers will receive a rosette, trophy and certificate at the annual CFSA COTY event.
- 8.11. The eleventh to twentieth placed cats/kittens in each category, i.e. Males, Females, Neuters, Kittens and non-pedigreed domestic cats will be made public at the annual CFSA Gala event.

9. RULES PERTAINING TO CFSA CAT OF THE YEAR (COTY) SPECIAL CATEGORIES

- 9.1. Annual Kitten Litter of the Year Award
Qualification in this category is based on the total accumulated points of at least three (3) or more siblings of a kitten litter shown at CFSA All Breeds Championship Shows, during the show season.



9.2. Annual Adult Litter of the Year Award

Qualification in this category is based on the total accumulated points of at least three (3) or more siblings of an adult litter shown at CFS Africa All Breeds Championship Shows, during the show season.

9.3. Annual Dam of the Year Award

Qualification in this category is based on the total accumulated points of at least four (4) or more offspring of a dam shown at CFS Africa All Breeds Championship Shows, during the show season.

9.4. Annual Sire of the Year Award

Qualification in this category is based on the total accumulated points of at least six (6) or more offspring of a sire shown at CFS Africa All Breeds Championship Shows, during the show season.

9.5. Annual Cattery of the Year Award

Qualification in this category is based on the following minimum criteria:

9.5.1. The cattery must be registered with CFS Africa for a period of at least twenty-four (24) months.

9.5.2. The cattery must produce and register at least five (5) kittens from a minimum of two (2) litters from two (2) separate dams per year, with the CFS Africa National Cat Registrar.

9.5.3. A minimum of six (6) cats of which 25% or at least two (2) must be kittens from the above point, bred by the cattery, must be shown at CFS Africa All Breeds Championship Shows during the show season.

9.5.4. The cattery must compete in at least three (3) of the four (4) categories, i.e. Males, Females, Neuters and/or Kittens.

9.5.5. A cattery of which the owner has been found guilty of proven infringements by CFS Africa and/or another cat registering body in South Africa will be eligible to compete, pending CFS Africa EXCO review of circumstances.

9.5.6. A cattery of which the owner has been found guilty of proven breach of the CFS Africa Constitution, CFS Africa Breeder & Registration Rules, CFS Africa Show Rules and/or CFS Africa Judges and Judging Rules, will be eligible to compete, pending CFS Africa EXCO review of circumstances.

9.5.7. The winner is based on the accumulated points of the cats/kittens shown during the season, however the aim of this award is to reward quality bred cats/kittens therefore this is factored into the calculation.

10. RULES PERTAINING TO CFS Africa GOLD AND RUBY SHOW (GARS)

The purpose of a CFS Africa GARS Show is to declare an annual Gold Cat of the Year, Ruby Cat of the Year and Ruby Pet of the Year, in recognition of the excellence of the cats that attend CFS Africa shows throughout the show season.

10.1. The annual CFS Africa GARS event will occur at the same venue and on the same day as the annual CFS Africa COTY event.

10.2. The COTY and GARS Event Manager will be appointed by CFS Africa EXCO.

10.3. A GARS Show Manager will be appointed by CFS Africa EXCO.

10.4. Entrance for GARS qualifiers are free of charge, but entry is by invitation only, based on points.

10.5. No points accumulated at CFS Africa all breeds championship shows for the relevant show season will be made public.

10.6. The cats/kittens who accumulate enough points to earn those places from eleventh to twenty-fifth in their respective categories, i.e. Males, Females, Neuters, Ruby Kittens, Ruby Adults and Pets will qualify for the annual CFS Africa GARS event, thus ninety (90) cats/kittens in total.

10.7. The National Cat Show Executive (NCSE) will notify the GARS Show Manager of the CFS Africa GARS qualifiers, after the completion of the last CFS Africa all breeds championship show for the relevant show season and only once the points have been calculated, verified and audited. No correspondence in terms of qualifier placing and/or points queries will be allowed.

10.8. The GARS Show Manager will forward formal GARS entry forms to the owners of the CFS Africa GARS qualifiers, after the National Cat Show Executive (NCSE) has provided him/her with a list of CFS Africa GARS qualifier names.

10.9. The owners of the CFS Africa GARS qualifiers has to complete and submit the official GARS entry forms to the GARS Show Manager, prior to the indicated closing date.

10.10. The CFS Africa GARS event consists of the following sections:

10.10.1. Gold Entires includes pedigreed adult male and female qualifiers.

10.10.2. Gold Neuters includes pedigreed neutered/spayed qualifiers.

10.10.3. Ruby Kittens includes pedigreed kitten qualifiers, under the age of nine (9) months, on the day of the CFS Africa GARS event.

10.10.4. Ruby Adults includes pedigreed kitten qualifiers, over the age of nine (9) months, on the day of the CFS Africa GARS event.



- 10.10.5. Ruby Pets includes non-pedigreed domestic cat/kitten qualifiers.
- 10.11. The CFSA GARS event sequence of proceedings:
- 10.11.1. Ruby Pet section:
- 10.11.1.1. Qualifiers are judged in one (1) line-up, officiated by three (3) all breeds judges, specialist judges and/or student judges.
- 10.11.1.2. The Ruby Pet Kitten of the Year, Ruby Pet Adult of the Year and overall Ruby Pet of the Year winners will be calculated based on the judges' scoring.
- 10.11.1.3. These winners will be announced at the annual CFSA Gala event.
- 10.11.2. Ruby Cat section:
- 10.11.2.1. Ruby Kitten qualifiers are judged in one (1) line-up, officiated by three (3) all breeds judges. Based on the judges' scoring, the four (4) Ruby Kittens with the highest scores will be announced.
- 10.11.2.2. Ruby Adult qualifiers are judged in one (1) line-up, officiated by three (3) all breeds judges. Based on the judges' scoring, the four (4) Ruby Adults with the highest scores will be announced.
- 10.11.2.3. The four (4) Ruby Kitten and four (4) Ruby Adult winners are then judged in one (1) line-up, officiated by three (3) all breeds judges.
- 10.11.2.4. The Ruby Kitten of the Year, Ruby Adult of the Year and overall Ruby Cat of the Year winners will be calculated based on the judges' scoring.
- 10.11.2.5. These winners will be announced at the annual CFSA Gala event.
- 10.11.3. Gold Cat section:
- 10.11.3.1. Gold Male qualifiers are judged in one (1) line-up, officiated by three (3) all breeds judges. Based on the judges' scoring, the four (4) Gold Males with the highest scores will be announced.
- 10.11.3.2. Gold Female qualifiers are judged in one (1) line-up, officiated by three (3) all breeds judges. Based on the judges' scoring, the four (4) Gold Females with the highest scores will be announced.
- 10.11.3.3. Gold Neuter qualifiers are judged in one (1) line-up, officiated by three (3) all breeds judges. Based on the judges' scoring, the four (4) Gold Neuters with the highest scores will be announced.
- 10.11.3.4. The four (4) Gold Male, four (4) Gold Female and four (4) Gold Neuter winners are then judged in one (1) line-up, officiated by three (3) all breeds judges.
- 10.11.3.5. The Gold Entire of the Year, Gold Neuter of the Year and overall Gold Cat of the Year winners will be calculated based on the judges' scoring.
- 10.11.3.6. These winners will be announced at the annual CFSA Gala event.
- 10.11.4. All GARS qualifiers will receive a rosette at the annual CFSA GARS event.
- 10.11.5. All GARS section winners will receive a rosette at the annual CFSA GARS event.
- 10.11.6. The Gold Entire of the Year, Gold Neuter of the Year, Ruby Kitten of the Year, Ruby Adult of the Year, Ruby Pet Kitten of the Year and Ruby Pet Adult of the Year will receive a rosette and certificate at the annual CFSA Gala event.
- 10.11.7. The Gold Cat of the Year, Ruby Cat of the Year and Ruby Pet of the Year will receive a rosette, trophy and certificate at the annual CFSA Gala event.

11. RULES PERTAINING TO DISQUALIFICATION OF EXHIBITS

11.1. DISQUALIFICATION CRITERIA

- 11.1.1. Pertaining to Show Manager authority:
- The Show Manager may disqualify an exhibit if benched after judging has commenced.
 - The Show Manager must disqualify an exhibit if an exhibit is swapped for a non-entered cat/kitten during the course of the show. This will be a result of a complaint received at the show, by a witness of the act and the relevant exhibit, as well as the non-entered cat/kitten will subsequently have to be removed from the show venue immediately. The relevant exhibit will forfeit any awards received.
 - The Show Manager must disqualify exhibits if exhibits are swapped for another entered exhibit during the course of the show, e.g. exhibit number one (1), is presented as exhibit number two (2), or if exhibit number one (1), is also presented as exhibit number two (2). This will be a result of a complaint received at the show, by a witness of the act and the relevant exhibits will subsequently have to be removed from the show venue immediately. The relevant exhibits will forfeit any awards received.



11.1.2. If a licensed Veterinarian determined that a cat/kitten is unfit to show due to medical reasons, it must be discussed with the Show Manager. Based on the licensed Veterinarian's recommendation, the Show Manager will inform the exhibitor to:

- Remove the relevant exhibit from the show venue immediately.
- Remove all exhibits from the same household from the show venue immediately.
- Remove all exhibits from the same household and leave the show venue immediately.

11.1.3. If it has been reported in writing to CFSA EXCO that a cattery, household and/or specific cat/kitten has been exposed to:

- fungus, fleas, mites, or any infectious or contagious illness;
- feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV), or
- feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV)

within a ninety (90) day period prior to the date of the show. To be eligible for showing after the prescribed period, the owner/breeder will have to submit a Clearance Certificate (for the relevant cattery, household and/or specific cat/kitten), issued by a licensed Veterinarian and not older than fourteen (14) days, to CFSA EXCO.

11.1.4. The officiating judge may decide to withhold or disqualify an exhibit if:

- In the opinion of both the Show Manager and the judge concerned, an exhibit is fractious and therefore run the risk of endangering either itself or a person. The Show Manager must subsequently inform the relevant owner that the cat/kitten must be withdrawn from the show.
- An exhibit has not been bathed at least three (3) to five (5) days prior to a show.
- An exhibit's coat has been dyed, coloured, lightened or darkened.
- An exhibit's coat is oily or greasy.
- An exhibit's coat has been clipped or cut with scissors, including facial shaping.
- An exhibit's coat shows signs of scorching.
- An exhibit's eyes have been artificially treated so that the pupils do not show a normal reaction to light.
- An exhibit is blind in one (1) or both eyes.
- An exhibit has been declawed.
- An exhibit has been evidently administered a tranquilizer.
- An entire male exhibit, over the age of eighteen (18) months has Cryptorchidism and Monorchism.

11.2. DISQUALIFICATION REVERSAL CRITERIA

11.2.1. Exhibitors may appeal against an exhibit's disqualification.

11.2.2. An appeal containing valid reasons must be reported to the Show Manager during the course of the show.

11.2.3. The Show Manager in consultation with the CFSA EXCO appointed Show Representative must deliberate the appeal immediately. If the appeal is deemed valid, the Show Manager will allocate an alternative judge to re-judge the exhibit.

11.3. COMMUNICATION PERTAINING TO DISQUALIFIED EXHIBITS

11.3.1. The Show Manager must forward a list of all disqualified exhibits, exhibits withdrawn due to fractiousness and/or exhibits deemed unfit to show, by a licensed Veterinarian, to the National Cat Show Executive (NCSE), within forty-eight (48) hours of the show.

11.3.2. If a cat/kitten has been disqualified from a show by a judge and reported to the Show Manager, due to fractiousness three (3) times, the relevant cat/kitten will be banned from entering any other CFSA shows for the relevant show season. The National Cat Show Executive (NCSE) will communicate the relevant details to Show Managers and the relevant exhibitors.

12. RULES PERTAINING TO DEBARRED SHOW ATTENDEES

12.1. DEBARRING CRITERIA

Show Attendees refers to exhibitors, owners, breeders, judges, stewards, show officials and/or visitors attending the show.

The Show Manager, in consultation with the appointed Show Representative, is mandated to issue a verbal warning and/or ask a show attendee to leave the show venue if:



- 12.1.1. Fraudulent, discreditable conduct and/or any breach of the CFSA Show Rules incident is reported by a witness to the Show Manager, during the course of the show.
- 12.1.2. An incident of animal cruelty or neglect is reported by a witness to the Show Manager, during the course of the show.
- 12.1.3. No exhibitor shall gift anything to any judge during the duration of the show.
- 12.1.4. No exhibitor shall invite a judge to the benching area to show said judge their exhibit.

12.2. COMMUNICATION PERTAINING TO DEBARRED SHOW ATTENDEES

- 12.2.1. Upon receipt of a complaint against show attendees, the disciplinary procedure in “14. *DISCIPLINARY ACTION*” of the CFSA Constitution will be followed.

12.3. DEBARRING REVERSAL CRITERIA

- 12.3.1. Upon receipt of a request for an appeal the disciplinary procedure in item 14.1.7 of the CFSA Constitution will be followed.

13. ACCEPTANCE OF THE CFSA SHOW RULES

CFSA Exhibitors accept the jurisdiction of CFSA and must abide by the CFSA Show Rules. By signing the CFSA Show Rules the below CFSA Exhibitor acknowledges that he/she is in full agreement with the rules detailed in this document.

Exhibitor Name : _____

Exhibitor ID Number : _____

Exhibitor Signature : _____

Signed at : _____ on this _____ day of _____ 20_____.