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### **1. CONDUCT**

All members and/or exhibitors of Catz Inc shall be deemed to be bound by the Catz Inc Code Of Ethics/Conduct

### **2. APPLICATIONS FOR SHOWS**

- a) Any individual, group of individuals, club or organization can apply for dates to run a Catz Incorporated affiliated show and pay the current fee.
- b) The appropriate fee as set by the Board of Directors of Catz Inc, shall be payable at the end of the show.
- c) ALL applications must conform to the requirements for shows as set down in Section 10 of the Constitution of Catz Inc. with particular regard to:
  - i) Ring Types allowable.
  - ii) Ring Types per Category.
  - iii) Minimum Ring requirements for shows with only Specialty &/or All-Breed Rings.
  - iv) The number of rings over either a one-day or two day show.
- d) ALL Shows licensed under CATZ Incorporated shall comply with the OPEN, OWNER-AGENT HANDLER, MULTIPLE RING SHOW format. The term "RING" is further defined as a separate bay with a minimum of 5 holding cages, where a judge shall remain during judging and the cats shall be brought into the judging ring. Such Judging Rings shall contain no fewer than 5 holding cages, with 10 being the recommended number.

### **3. SHOW SCHEDULES**

- a) The Show Secretary shall issue a Show Schedule and at the time of issue send a copy to the General Secretary of CATZ Inc.
- b) All Show Schedules shall state:
  - i) The pre-approved date/s of the Show.
  - ii) The name of the venue, with address and locality.
  - iii) The time that judging begins and the time that the Show will be open to the public.
  - iv) The number of rings and ring types in accordance with the clauses of Section 10 of the Constitution of CATZ Inc.
  - v) The names of all Judges engaged for the Show and whether they are judging a Breed Specialty, Specialty or All-Breed Ring, or Companion Cats.
  - vi) The fees for exhibitors.
  - vii) The closing date for entries and/or a number LIMIT for entries if applicable.
  - viii) Veterinary Requirements.
  - ix) Whether student judges will be assigned to do "hands-on" training.

Schedules MAY include information on the following:

- x) Sweepstakes or other prize monies where and if applicable.
- xi) Hotel/Motel accommodation and transportation information, including area map.
- xii) Cat Boarding Services and transportation.
- xiii) Forms for special Dinners, functions or seminars.

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- xiv) Formal announcement of Judges Workshops and/or refreshers.
  - xv) Schedules of Breed & Colour Numbers.
  - xvi) Advertising material.
  - xvii) Any other material pertinent to the successful operation of the Show weekend.
- c) Only Catz Incorporated RING JUDGING formats with AISLE BENCHING shall be offered at ALL Catz Inc. licensed shows. Definition: Aisle Benching - Any configuration provided that benching areas are separated from judging. (ie. May not judge the cat where it is benched or in a decorated cage).
- d) If any Judge named in a Show Schedule is changed due to unforeseen circumstances, the Show Committee shall ensure that a Notice is posted near the door of the venue, advising exhibitors of the change. Exhibitors shall retain the right to withdraw cats from this Ring providing that they follow the normal courtesy of advising the Ring Clerk **and are eligible for a refund in these rings on a pro rata basis.**

### **4. ENTRIES**

- a) i) ALL ENTRIES must be made on the OFFICIAL SHOW ENTRY FORM provided with the Show Schedule and must be accompanied by the appropriate fees unless prior arrangement has been made with the entry clerk
- ii) If prior arrangement is made with the entry clerk all fees must be paid before entry into the show hall is permitted. Any entry not paid in full at commence of judging shall be deleted from the Judges Books.
- iii) Any exhibitor owing monies from a previous show is not eligible to enter subsequent shows until all monies owing is paid in full.
- iv) Any exhibitor owing monies to Catz Inc is not eligible to enter a show until all monies owing is paid in full.**
- b) ALL persons entering an exhibit in any Show held under these Catz Inc. Show Rules, shall upon signing the entry form, be deemed to abide by and be subject to these Catz Inc. Show Rules. The decision of any Judge at any such Show shall be final, (except as required under the Judges Training Requirements), and no-one, other than Show Officials querying bona fide errors shall question any such Judge's decision either orally or in writing.
- c) ALL ENTRY FORMS shall include the following statements:  
"I/we consent to be bound by and submit to the Constitution, Registration and Show Rules of Catz Inc as amended from time to time.  
.....(Exhibitor)  
If required, a copy of the Catz Inc Show Rules may be obtained from the General Secretary upon payment of the prescribed fee or viewed on the official web-site at: <http://catzinc.org> A copy will be made available for perusal at the Show."
- d) ALL EXHIBITS details must match their CATZ Inc. CERTIFICATE of REGISTRATION, including the Registered Name, Breed Number, Colour Description, Registration Number, date of birth, Sire and Dam, and name/s of owner/s, along with a contact telephone number and/or email address. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to ensure that all details entered on the form are correct.
- e) Every registered exhibit at a Show held pursuant to these Show Rules shall be entered in the Show in the name of their breeder, or the person or persons to whom they have been transferred or leased as exhibitor, prior to the date of the Show.
- f) If the new owner or lessee of any exhibit is penalized at a Show by the breeder's breach of any of these Show Rules, then the Board of Directors may allow any awards won by the exhibit at that Show, depending upon the circumstances of the case.

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- g) ALL ENTRIES must be signed by or emailed from at least one of the registered owners/lessees.
- h) No valid entry may be refused WITHOUT giving a reason in writing.
- i) ALL EXHIBITS shall be automatically entered in ALL rings where eligible. Exhibitors shall retain the right to withhold a cat from any ring on the day of the show, but MUST inform the Ring Clerk of this decision prior to the judging of the respective section
- j) Upon written application to the show entry clerk, ANY entry may be withdrawn from any show with full refunds prior to the Show Entry closing date. After that date it is at the discretion of the organizer how much of the Entry Fees is forfeited.
- k) It is the responsibility of the exhibitor, upon arrival at the Show and receiving a Show Catalogue, to check that all details of the exhibits entry as printed are correct. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to provide corrections of any information printed in error, to the Master Clerk or designated representative.
- l) Where an exhibit has been transferred to a new owner between the date of the close of entries and the date of the Show, it shall be the responsibility of the new owner to advise the Master Clerk on the day of the Show and provide documentary proof to attach to the "Show Transfer" form.
- m) With the close of the Show, ALL entry forms shall be sent to the Catz Inc National Scorer along with the Official Marked Catalogue.

### **5. ELIGIBILITY**

- a) The Official Show Categories provided at all Catz Inc. All-Breed Championship Shows shall be:
  - a) **Championship & Non-Championship Show Categories:**
    - i) Championship Entire Cats (including Breed Variants)  
(Top 10, Longhair or Shorthair or All-Breed)
    - ii) Entire Kittens (including Breed Variants)  
(Top 10, Longhair or Shorthair or All-Breed)
  - b) **Premiership & Non-Premiership Show Categories:**
    - i) Premiership Desexed Cats (including Breed Variants)  
(Top 10, Longhair or Shorthair or All-Breed)
    - ii) Desexed Kittens (including Breed Variants)  
(With up to Top 10, Longhair or Shorthair or All-Breed)
  - c) **Companionship Show Categories:**
    - i) Household Pet Cats & Kittens  
(with up to Top 10, Longhair or Shorthair or All-Breed)
    - ii) Domestic Cats & Kittens (with up to Top 10, Longhair or Shorthair or All-Breed)
  - d) **Other Show Categories: (Non Titled Cats)**
    - i) **New Breed Show Category (including Breed Variants)  
with up to Top 10, Longhair or Shorthair or All-Breed**
    - ii) **Preliminary New Breed Assessment (including Breed Variant)**

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### b) DEFINITIONS:

#### i) **Championship Cat:**

An Entire Cat, male or female, of a fully recognized CATZ Inc. Championship Breed, at least nine months of age on the first day of the Show. Championship Cats may accrue points towards Competitive Titles and Top 20 National Awards.

#### ii) **Non-Championship Kitten:**

An Entire Kitten, male or female, of a fully recognized CATZ Inc. Championship Breed, at least 14 calendar weeks on the first day of the Show and under nine months of age on the last day of the show. Non-Championship Kittens are not eligible for competitive titles but may accrue points towards Top 20 National Awards.

#### iii) **Premiership Cat:**

A De-sexed Cat, male or female, of a fully recognized CATZ Inc. Championship Breed, at least nine months of age on the first day of the Show. Premiership Cats may accrue points toward Competitive Titles and Top 20 National Awards.

#### iv) **Non-Premiership Kitten:**

A De-sexed Kitten, male or female, of a fully recognized CATZ Inc. Championship Breed, at least 14 Calendar weeks on the first day of the Show and under nine months of age on the last day of the Show. Non-Premiership Kittens are not eligible for Competitive Titles but may accrue points towards Top 15 National Awards.

#### v) **Companionship "Household Pet" Cats & Kittens: (Division One)**

Either a De-sexed Cat or De-sexed Kitten, of UNKNOWN PEDIGREE, SOME KNOWN PEDIGREE, or PART PEDIGREE parentage, MIXED PEDIGREE, or displaying characteristics or attributes which are clearly, or likely, to be associated with recognized Pedigree Breeds. Household Pet Cats & Kittens may accrue points towards Competitive Titles and Top 10 Companion Cat National Awards.

#### vi) **Companionship "Domestic" Cats & Kittens: (Division Two)**

A De-sexed Cat or De-sexed Kitten, from no known Pedigree parentage, and with phenotype which would indicate a Domestic or Feral origin. Domestic Cats & Kittens may accrue points towards Competitive Titles and Top 10 Companion Cat National Awards.

#### vii) **New Breeds:**

Entire or De-sexed Cats or Kittens, of currently Non-Championship CATZ Inc. recognized breeds or experimental breeds which are provisionally recognized. New Breeds are by definition not eligible for Competitive Titles but may accrue points for National Awards.

#### viii) **Breed Variants:**

Any Cat or Kitten, whether entire or de-sexed, which by definition fulfils the CATZ Inc. Rules for Registration as a Breed Variant, and is REGISTERED on either the Full or Experimental Register, or registered with another body. (see Show Rule 4v). This includes all cats with CATZ Inc. registration numbers which include the letters "VT", for example:

Asian variants. (Burmese or Mandalay look-alikes).

Balinese variants. (Siamese look-alikes).

Javanese variants. (Oriental look-alikes).

La Perm variants. (Non-curly La Perm progeny)

Manx Variants. (Tailed Manx.)

Munchkin Variants. (Long-legged Munchkins).

Devon & Cornish Rex Variants. (Straight-coated Rexes).

Scottish & Highland Fold Variants. (Prick-eared Folds).

Seychellois Variants. (Non Bi-colour Siamese or Balinese look-alikes)

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- viii) **Preliminary New Breed Assessment:**  
Entire or De-sexed Cats or Kittens with a Catz Inc. Preliminary Standard, assessed to standard only. Preliminary New Breeds are by definition not eligible for Competitive Titles. Accrue points toward annual award of Best Preliminary New Breed only.
- The number of National Standings is currently limited to a maximum of 25 in all show categories based on the principle that the number will be defined in blocks of 5, the number being determined by the quantity of qualifying exhibits and the placements equal to the highest number of block of 5 below that quantity.
- c) Cats not registered with Catz Inc, but registered with another Cat Registry, may be entered in Catz Inc Shows.
- d) Wins by Cats registered only with another Registry will NOT count toward CATZ Inc TITLES or National Awards UNLESS the cat is duly registered with CATZ Inc **and the owner is a financial member within 21 days** of the show where such wins were made.
- e) Owners **who have applied for Registration to CATZ Inc**, MAY enter their cats or kittens WITHOUT registration numbers. These exhibits shall be verified with the registry that registration is pending.
- f) All Domestic or Household Pet cats wishing to retain points won towards Companionship Titles and National Awards must be registered with CATZ Inc, within 21 days of the show in which such points were awarded.
- g) ALL persons entering an exhibit/s in any show held under CATZ Inc show rules who wishes to accrue points towards National Wins, or be eligible for titles, must become a FULL, ASSOCIATE, or JUNIOR member of CATZ inc.
- h) (1) The entry clerk may accept entries for any exhibit which is owned or co owned by a judge officiating at the show. However, such cats shall not be eligible for competition in the ring in which the judge is officiating. The exhibits shall be charged on a pro-rata basis for all rings into which they are eligible to be entered.
- (2) **The entry clerk may accept entries for any exhibit which is bred by a Judge officiating at the show. However, such cats shall not be eligible for competition in the ring in which the Judge is officiating. The exhibits shall be charged on a pro-rata basis for all rings into which they are eligible to be entered.**
- (3) The entry clerk may accept entries for any exhibit which belongs to an immediate family member/**close relative** of a Judge officiating at the show. However, such cats shall not be eligible for competition in the ring in which the Judge is officiating. The exhibits shall be charged on a pro-rata basis for all rings into which they are eligible to be entered.
- (4) The entry clerk may accept entries for any exhibit which belongs to a person living in the same household as a Judge officiating at the show. However, such cats shall not be eligible for competition in the ring in which the Judge is officiating. The exhibits shall be charged on a pro-rata basis for all rings into which they are eligible to be entered.
- i) ALL exhibits must be a minimum of 14 weeks of age on the day of the show to be eligible for entry. Kittens must be 12 weeks of age to be on "DISPLAY", "FOR SALE" or "EXHIBITION ONLY".
- j) ALL exhibits must have had a minimum of one triple vaccination for Calicivirus, Rhinotracheitis & Panleukopenia. Such vaccines must have been administered at least 10 days before the Show. Proof of vaccination shall be required for all KITTENS in attendance at the show venue.
- k) ALL "EXHIBITION ONLY" and "FOR SALE" cats and kittens shall be subject to the same entry requirements, and vaccination.

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Only cats or kittens registered with CATZ Inc are to be allowed on DISPLAY ONLY at any CATZ Inc show, except where advance permission has been given by the show committee in writing to a group or society wishing to place vaccinated cats into pet homes.

- l) Only those cats listed in the Show Catalogue shall be eligible for judging at the Show, except where entries were omitted due to clerical error on the part of the Entry Clerk.
- m) Breeds, which are not recognized or eligible for Championship within CATZ Inc or cats which are registered as AOV or AOC may compete ONLY in the "New Breed" class.
- n) Companion Cat/Domestic/Household Pet exhibits MUST BE EITHER NEUTERED or SPAYED. Any exhibit in breach of this rule shall be disqualified and all awards withdrawn.
- o) Domestic Exhibits (Companion Cats Division Two) may NOT be shown in the same competitive class at Household Pet Exhibits (Companion Cats Division One).
- p) Part Pedigree or Some Known Pedigree cats which are not registered, may be registered as Companions/"Household Pets" and shown as "Household Pets", provided that they are NOT registered with ANY other registering body and are from a mating between a pedigree parent and a domestic parent. Cats of Unknown Pedigree parentage or non allowable matings may also be registered as Household Pets.
- q) Queens shall not be exhibited at a Show within 8 Weeks of the date of kitting.
- s) Any adult exhibit registered as, or transferred as, "NEUTER" or "SPAY" or "NOT FOR BREEDING" shall not be entered as an entire CAT at any Catz Inc Show.
- t) The registered tabby pattern of all agouti cats, except for pointed cats, shall be stated on Show Entry forms and entered in Judges Books. Likewise, the registered Mitted, or Bi-colour or Van Patterns shall also be stated on Show Entry forms and entered in the Judges Books.
- u) Where an entry clerk requires verification of Variant or Non-Variant status for any cat which is not registered with Catz Inc, the Entry Clerk shall request a determination from the Central Registry regarding the cat's eligibility to be shown plus proof of ownership
- v) All exhibits entered in the show shall qualify as adults provided that they are at least nine months of age by the first day of any show, and therefore may be eligible for Titles.
- w) Exhibits entered in contravention of these Catz Inc Show rules shall forfeit all fees, prizes, points, and awards.

### **6. SHOW CATALOGUES**

ALL Show Catalogues shall conform to the following directives:

- a) The Cover Page shall indicate the name of the show, the date and venue, a theme if applicable, the number and type of rings, the names and allocation of the officiating judges.
- b) The Show Officials Page is to list the Entry Clerks, Master Clerk, Show Manager and Show Secretary. This page should also list other show Officials.
- c) The following CATZ Inc. PAGES must be placed in the Show Catalogue when applicable:
  - i) Championship Finals
  - ii) Entire Kitten Finals
  - iii) Premiership Cat Finals

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- iv) Premiership Kitten Finals
- v) New Breed Finals
- vi) Companionship Domestic Finals
- vii) Companionship Household Pet Finals
- viii) Titles Claim Form
- ix) How to Score your Cat Form

### Optional pages

The Unofficial Count (either blank or prefilled)  
Longhair Breed/Type Division Awards  
Shorthair Breed/Type Division Awards  
Domestic Division Awards

- d) The FULL details of the entry of each exhibit, including current titles and the names of all lessees, as provided on the exhibit's entry form or as registered with Catz Inc, shall be listed.
- e) The Names/Addresses/Phone numbers of Exhibitors and exhibit numbers may be listed subject to formal agreement pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act.
- f) Catalogues may be provided to exhibitors upon benching their exhibits and may be sold on the morning of the Show, provided that they are NOT made available to Judges while they are still judging.
- g) The Show Secretary shall ensure that the Ring Clerks in each ring are provided with one catalogue to be filled in for the Master Clerk.
- h) It shall be the responsibility of every Ring Clerk to mark the catalogue during judging, with results that reflect the HANGING of the RIBBONS by the judge. Such marking shall also include absentees, transfers from one class/colour/breed/division/section to another and any withholds UTH or Fractious cats. This Catalogue shall be retained by Catz Inc for at least 13 months
- i) Judges may request a Ring Clerk to mark a second catalogue. However this is not a mandatory requirement but should be carried out by the Ring Clerk
- j) The Master Clerk shall prepare the two OFFICIAL MARKED CATALOGUES (one for national scorer one for archives) from the judge's sheets, which have been collected from the Judging Rings. All such judge's sheets must have been signed by the Judge and countersigned by the Ring Clerks after marking the Ring Catalogue.
- k) The Master Clerk's OFFICIAL MARKED CATALOGUES may NOT be left in the Show hall overnight, but shall be retained by the Master Clerk until the completion of the Show.
- l) An unmarked Catalogue noting all absentees and withdrawals to go to Director of Corporate Services and Finance

## **7. BENCHING**

- a) All exhibits must be brought to shows in carry boxes or cages of adequate size to allow for the reasonable comfort of the cat in transit.
- b) Only ONE Benching space shall be provided per entry. Exhibitors may hire an additional space for double caging or grooming for a nominal fee.
- c) BENCHING CAGES must be either, the authorised CATZ Inc. style benching cages as notified. OR Exhibitors may produce their own benching cage made of suitable materials.



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- d) Exhibitors with bona fide handicaps or exhibitors with mobility-assisting devices may request end of row benching on their entry forms when entering an exhibit in a show. Such exhibitors shall be responsible for making their special needs known to the entry clerk.
- e) BENCHING CAGES must be decorated, with curtains, or suitable material to separate each cage from its next-door neighbor. This may include the top and three sides of the cage but the front where the door is, must not be covered, thereby allowing the viewing public an opportunity to see the cat or cats inside. Some overlay from the top is allowable.
- f) Exhibitors may place cattery advertising and business cards or photos on the top of benching cages, or small signs, but NO ITEM shall exceed 500mm in height or pose a hazard to the public or other exhibitors. The Show Manager has discretionary authority to remove or request the removal of any object.
- g) Exhibitors may also display rosettes won previously by the exhibit, whether they be Catz Inc ribbons/rosettes or not, provided that they were bona fide wins by that exhibit and that they do not prevent the public from viewing the exhibit in its benching cage.
- h) Where Catz Inc supplies benching cages, a nominal fee may be charged for hire, on a per cage basis, or for grooming space where a cage/s would normally sit.
- i) All benched entries, with the exception of "for sale" kittens, must remain in the show hall until the advertised closing time. Failure to be present may cause all awards won in that Show by that entry to be voided with the following exceptions:
  - i) Entries absent from rings AFTER the advertised closing time of the final day of the Show shall retain awards previously won but shall not be eligible for any awards made after their removal.
  - ii) Prior arrangement has been made with the Show Manager due to restrictive travel arrangements.
- j) No exhibitor shall leave cats or kittens in the show hall overnight on a two-day show.
- k) Any exhibit transported by an officiating Judge or if the exhibit was transported in conjunction with travel related to the judging assignment such cats shall not be eligible for competition in the ring in which the Judge is officiating.

## **8. VETERINARY REQUIREMENTS & PREPARATION OF EXHIBITS**

- a) ALL exhibits must be accompanied by their owners, or appointed agent.
- b) ALL exhibits MUST have both front and rear claws clipped.
- c) ALL exhibits shall be free of parasites.
- d) No exhibitor shall exhibit a cat which to their knowledge has, at the date of the Show, been exposed to any infectious or contagious illness, disease, infection or contagious or parasitic illness, within a period of 21 clear days prior to the date of the Show and no cat shall be exhibited if the exhibitor has had any such illness in his or her cattery during such period. If in the opinion of the Show Committee or any other person, an exhibitor is in breach of the above; such case shall be reported in writing to the General Secretary within 48 hours. Such complaint must be lodged by either the Club or the individual and follow the procedures as laid down in the Constitution of CATZ Inc, for official complaints.

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- e) When any feline infectious or contagious illness or disease occurs within a cattery or household, then for 21 clear days after no further outbreaks occur, or until a Veterinarian certifies in writing that such illness is no longer contagious and/or that no cats from that household are either infected or show any clinical signs of the illness or disease, no cat from that cattery or household shall be sold or exhibited and no-one from that household shall judge, handle or clerk at any Show. Failure to observe any part of this rule may involve disqualification for owners or lessees and their cats for such period as the Board of Directors shall decide.
- f) Exhibitors having a Veterinary Certificate providing clearance from a contagious or infectious illness shall present the original dated certificate to the Show Manager and provide a copy for Catz Inc records.
- g) Any exhibit presented at a Catz Inc Show with a Veterinary Certificate shall be thoroughly examined by the officiating Veterinarian.
- h) All vetting at Catz Inc Shows shall be "in-cage" after benching, but the officiating veterinarian has full discretion to thoroughly examine any exhibit before judging and examine any exhibit objected to for illness or improper preparation.
- i) It is recommended that at all Shows an ultra-violet lamp and a darkened area shall be available and used at the discretion of the Veterinarian for the detection of ringworm.
- j) There must be an efficient steward to accompany the officiating Veterinarian at all times during the veterinary examination and to ensure that adequate hygiene is maintained, correctly diluted disinfectant, water and disposable towels provided for the Veterinarians use. The steward shall refrain from either directing or draw the Veterinarians attention to a specific exhibit or pass comment or judgment during the procedure of vetting. The stewards roll is to assist and ensure that all cats have been vetted and that any paperwork associated with possible rejections has been properly dealt with.
- k) Where, in the opinion of the officiating Veterinarian an exhibit should be removed, either for its own health's sake or for the benefit and safety of other exhibits, the Veterinarian may request the exhibit be removed voluntarily, where this is refused or for serious illness the Veterinarian will immediately provide a written opinion to the Show Manager, which specifies the details of why the exhibit is to be disqualified.
- l) Upon the written rejection of any exhibit at any Show, the Show Secretary or Show Manager and the Veterinarian shall complete the prescribed Veterinary Rejection Certificate and copies shall be provided to:
  - i) The exhibitor, detailing the exhibitor's obligations.
  - ii) The General Secretary.
  - iii) The Show Secretary, which must be retained for record purposes.
  - iv) The Veterinarian.
- m) Where an exhibit has been rejected by the officiating Veterinarian and a Rejection Certificate completed and forwarded to the General Secretary, it shall be mandatory upon the General Secretary to notify any one holding a show within the specified isolation period that such owner or lessee and/or their exhibits are not eligible for exhibition and/or attendance at that later Show.
- n) Any exhibit that has been rejected by the officiating Veterinarian, AND any exhibit which has not been passed by the officiating Veterinarian, shall immediately be taken from the Show venue and may not be returned to it. Other exhibits owned by exhibitor may be debarred from the Show, as the Veterinarian directs and that decision shall be final.
- o) In the absence of a Veterinarian during the day and:

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- i) Where the Show Manager suspects that an exhibit is suffering from a feline illness, the Show Manager may remove the exhibit or ask the exhibitor to remove the exhibit forthwith. Efforts should be made to secure a written veterinary opinion on the exhibits fitness to remain in the Show.
- ii) Where another exhibitor lodges a written complaint against an exhibit on grounds of health, the Show Manager may require the owner of the exhibit which is the subject of the complaint, to take the exhibit to the nearest Veterinarian for a written opinion. If such opinion does not confirm any contagious or infectious illness or disease, or the presence of parasites, the cost of the examination shall be borne by the complainant.
- p) NO exhibit shall have any identifying tag or attachment. However an exhibit MAY have a security tattoo, provided that it is in an area not obvious to the onlooker. Exhibits may also be micro-chipped and judges shall make allowance for this.
- q) Aerosol sprays shall not be used in the show hall.
- r) Exhibitors who require an area for grooming are expected to arrange for Grooming Space next to their benching cage/s when completing their entry forms. The removal of powder from an exhibits coat shall be restricted to this specified grooming space.

### **9. DISQUALIFICATION**

- a) An exhibit may be disqualified from competition under the following circumstances:
  - i) By the Judge, subject to confirmation by another recognized Judge of that breed and the Show Manager, who shall examine the exhibit forthwith, or
  - ii) By the Show Committee on receipt of and in consideration of an objection or protest under Show rule 3 and/or Show rule 4.
  - iii) By the Board of Directors of CATZ Inc.
- b) Exhibits may be disqualified if the Judge considers there are grounds for suspecting that the exhibit is:
  - i) Improperly prepared for exhibition in that the coat has evidence of dye, colouring or whitening or darkening substance or powder; any oils or greasy preparation; or any foreign matter of any description has been used and remains in the coat.
  - ii) Drugged, or improperly prepared for exhibition in that the eyes have been artificially treated so that the pupils do not show a normal reaction to light.
  - iii) Blind, abnormal, de-clawed, de-voiced, or if any body part or parts are pierced for the purpose of applying an embellishment.
  - iv) Prepared in contravention of the regulations or conditions as published in the Show Schedule and agreed to by signature on the Entry Form.
  - vii) Suffering from any contagious or infectious disease.
  - vi) A female cat which is obviously in kitten, or an entire male cat or kitten without both testicles palpable beyond the stomach wall.
- c) In the event that an exhibit is disqualified from a show for non compliance to the show rules has been a prize-winner, or placed in a final in any ring prior to being disqualified, the exhibit placed

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next in order of merit shall be advanced to replace the disqualified exhibit across all completed rings for the purpose of Titles and National scoring. Where an exhibit is disqualified, but would still normally have rings in which to compete, the Show Secretary shall advise the Ring Clerks in the remaining rings, that the entry has been disqualified and will not be appearing.

- d) Prior to the show starting the show committee or Catz Inc Board of Directors may allow an exhibit to be withdrawn if it would be disqualified during the show. Once the show has started the owner/lessee of any exhibit disqualified for any reason shall forfeit all entry fees paid for that exhibit, for that show. An appeal may be made to the Board of Directors, against the forfeiture of any entry fees under this rule.

### **10. THE JUDGING RING**

- a) The Judging ring shall conform to the following Catz Inc. minimum requirements:
  - i) Only the official Catz Inc. approved holding cages may be used.
  - ii) Enough tables to hold at least 5 holding cages, but preferably 10, shall be provided.
  - iii) A separate table shall be supplied for the Judging of exhibits.
  - iv) Chairs shall be supplied for the Judge, the Ring Clerk and the Cage Steward.
  - v) Catz Inc. official ring dividers shall be used, or a suitable alternative ONLY if and when the official dividers are NOT available.
  - vi) Catz Inc. logos and the RING NUMBER shall be displayed in every ring.
  - vii) Suitable disinfectant supplied in a spray bottle, an adequate supply of paper towels and a rubbish box or bag.
  - viii) Lighting shall be provided where deemed necessary.
  - ix) Only the official Catz Inc. plastic flats shall be used to indicate the Judge's placements.
  - x) Numbered Cards for every entry in the show and blocks to hold the same on every judging cage.

### **11. JUDGING OF THE EXHIBIT**

- a) It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to advise both the Master Clerk and all Ring Clerks their cat/s or kitten/s is/are absent BEFORE judging begins.
- b) Ring Clerks shall put up the exhibit numbers in the cage blocks and indicate to the announcer that the ring is ready to receive the exhibits.
- c) It is the responsibility of the owner/exhibitor or their appointed agent to ensure that the CORRECT exhibit is brought into the judging ring in a TIMELY MANNER. Judges, or their Ring Clerks, will arrange for a second call, after which the judge has full discretion to mark an exhibit as ABSENT.
- d) Exhibits that arrive at the Show venue late, may not be allowed onto the floor due to no vet check but if the show committee or Catz Inc board allows them into the show then they shall forfeit those rings in which their numbers have been called prior to their acceptance into the show, but shall be eligible to be judged in all remaining rings, provided that the exhibitor notifies both the Master Clerk and Ring Clerks of the exhibits arrival.
- e) It shall be the responsibility of the Ring Clerk to place cage numbers on top of the holding cages to prevent entire male cats or neutered adult males to be placed side by side where possible within the judging ring.
- f) Only judges may handle the exhibits once they are brought into the Judging Ring. However, the following may also apply:

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- i) A judge may give permission, or request an owner/agent, to handle an exhibit between the holding cage and the judges table if the Judge has reason to believe that the exhibit may be difficult to remove from the holding cage without risk.
- ii) Any exhibit which is brought to the judging table by its owner/agent at the request of the Judge shall not be considered as "handled" by the Judge unless all four feet have touched the judging table and the Judge's hands have palpated the exhibit.
- iii) Any exhibit that is marked UTH, (unable to handle) shall not be considered for any award by that Judge. If the exhibit is marked as UTH by Judges in any TWO rings, within a single show season, it shall be automatically disqualified from showing for the remainder of that show season.
- iv) Any exhibit which attacks a Judge may be marked as "fractious" at the discretion of the Judge and shall forfeit any awards under that Judge and be automatically withdrawn from competition and any subsequent judging at that show. If the exhibit is marked as "fractious" in a second Show OR Ring, it shall be permanently barred from showing.
- g) Judges shall disinfect their hands between the handling of ALL exhibits.
- h) Where a Judge has a Student Judge assigned to their ring for assessment, the appointed Judge must handle and judge each exhibit prior to the Student Judge's assessment. Awards shall not be hung on the cages, but the Judge shall mark his or her judge's books accordingly.
- i)
  - i) Judges officiating at a show, MAY NOT judge any exhibit which they own, either jointly or severally. However an exhibit they own or co own may compete in all other rings.
  - ii) Judges officiating at a show MAY NOT judge any exhibit they have bred. However these exhibits may compete in all other rings.
  - iii) Judges officiating at a show MAY NOT judge any exhibit belonging to an immediate family member/close relative.
  - iv) Judges officiating at a show MAY NOT judge any exhibit belonging to persons living in the same household.
- j) Officiating Judges are NOT permitted to leave the ring for the purpose of exhibiting and MUST arrange for an agent to exhibit any cat in which they have a vested interest, in other rings. Once escorted into his/her judging ring, a Judge should not venture into the "benching area" of the show hall or other judging rings unless unavoidable. Any queries must be made through the Ring Clerk who will contact the person required.
- k) Before the commencement of judging each day, the Judge shall ensure that all changes to the Judge's book have been made in accordance with the Absentee and Transfer List supplied by the Master Clerk.
- l) Judges and/or ring clerks shall hang the official ribbons or plastic flats in accordance with their assessments.
- m) The Ring Clerk shall record in his RING CATALOGUE, all the placements awarded by the judge in accordance with THE HANGING OF THE RIBBONS or PLASTIC FLATS.
- n) The Judge shall mark his/her placements in the Judges Book, sign the sheet and pass it to the Ring Clerk for verification. It is the duty of the Ring Clerk to compare the placements as marked on the JUDGES SHEET with those in the RING CATALOGUE in accordance with the hanging of the award ribbons and to bring any discrepancies to the attention of the Judge.
- o) Exhibits shall have awards with-held by the judge for:
  - i) Entered in Wrong Colour Class.(or Pattern) - marked as "WCC"

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Where an exhibit is, in the opinion of the judge, entered incorrectly, or is not the colour or pattern listed in the judge's book, the judge **may request permission of the owner/agent** to transfer the exhibit to the appropriate class. If Permission is granted; the judge may transfer the exhibit and judge it accordingly. If permission is not given, then the judge shall **withhold all awards and mark on the judge's book what he/she considers the exhibit to be.** However, where the exhibit IS transferred, it shall be the responsibility of the owner/exhibitor to complete a **Transfer Request Form** obtained from the Master Clerk and to advise the ring clerks in all remaining rings of the transfer.

- ii) Entered in Wrong Show Category – marked as "WSC"

(Particularly in reference to Companion Cats), where the exhibit must be classified as either a Domestic (of no known pedigree) or a Household Pet, (of some known, or part-pedigree). NOTE: That only CATZ Inc. licensed Approved or Accredited Judges shall be qualified to classify whether a questionable exhibit should be in Division One (Household Pet) or Division Two (Domestic) show category. Only Longhair Specialty or All-Breed Judges shall decide upon the classification of cats purported to be from Longhair Breed/Types, and only Shorthair Specialty Judges or All-Breed Judges shall decide upon classification of cats purported to be from Shorthair Breed/Types.

- iii) Insufficient Merit. – marked as "IM"

The judge may with-hold for insufficient merit on any cat where in the Judge's opinion a "first" place is not justifiable. Exhibits marked as having insufficient merit, shall NOT receive POINT allocations in that Judging Ring.

- iv) Lack of Condition. – marked as "COND"

The Judge may with-hold on any exhibit which in the opinion of the Judge is lacking in Show condition. This may apply to either body or coat condition or both.

- v) Being Unable to handle. - marked as "UTH"

The Judge shall with-hold awards on any exhibit which is marked as UTH, which shall be any exhibit which in the opinion of the Judge, cannot safely be removed from the holding cage without risk. The Judge may however request that the owner/agent remove the cat from the holding cage and place it on the judging table in an attempt to placate the cat and facilitate judging.

- vi) Fractious. – marked as "FRAC"

The Judge may mark any exhibit which attacks the Judge as fractious and shall with-hold its awards.

- p) Where corrections are made to a Judge's Sheet, every alteration must be initialed separately by the Judge.

- q) Where a Judge has completed a breed or section within a breed, he or she may indicate that the exhibits be released. The Ring Clerk or the Judge may turn down the exhibits number from the card-holder, indicating that the owner/agent may now remove their exhibit from the ring.

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- r) A Judge may hold back any number of exhibits for comparison, in order to complete a large class.
- s) Where a conflict occurs in a judging schedule and an exhibit is required in more than one ring at the same time, CLASS or BREED JUDGING shall always take precedence over FINALS. If an exhibit needs to be released for a final, the owner/agent should indicate this to the RING CLERK who shall liaise with the Judge for the release of the exhibit in a timely manner.
- t) With the completion of class and breed judging in any show category, the Judge shall prepare a list of the top ten exhibits and/or special award winners, cross-checking the exhibit numbers against the breed/division awards sheet. The Ring Clerk shall then be given the opportunity to check these results against the results recorded in the marked catalogue before collating the cage numbers in preparation for calling for a Final.
- u) The Judge may bring out any exhibit for Best in Show provided that it has been placed FIRST in its division class on the day.
- v) The Ring Clerk, when instructed to do so by the Judge, may put up the exhibit numbers for a final and indicate to the announcer that a Final is about to take place.
- w) Exhibitors shall NOT challenge a judge's decision, nor solicit the opinion of non-officiating Judges at any show. Unbecoming conduct, or poor sportsmanship, should be reported to the Show Manager, who may elect to report such incidences to the Catz Inc Board of Directors in writing.
- x) Judges may present their finals in any format they so choose and may announce their awards in any order.
- y) The Judge's decision is final unless a bona fide mistake has been made

## **12. RESPONSIBILITIES TO JUDGES**

- a) Invitations to Judges shall be on the official Catz Inc. Judge's Contract.
- b) Where a Judge fails to return a contract within 28 days, the organizer may cancel the original contract and issue a new contract to an alternative judge.
- c) The following minimum expenses must be offered to the Judge:
  - i) Return travel from the Judge's home to the show venue.
  - ii) Accommodation offered for a minimum of two nights if the Judge has had to travel inter-city.
  - iii) All meals.
  - iv) Payment of the Standard Judging Fee.
- d) The mode of travel for the Judge, the class of travel and the cost shall be reasonable to suit the convenience of the Judge and the interests of the organizer.
- e) Commercial Hotel/Motel accommodation to a 3 star minimum is recommended. A minimum of two nights accommodation is to be offered, based upon one night before and one night after the completion of judging. Some Judges may not need or elect to take up accommodation for a second night.
- f) Judges may arrange private accommodation for the show assignment with the prior agreement, providing that there is no conflict of interest for the Judge before or during the show.

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- g) Reasonable meals must be provided for the Judge which may be provided within the accommodation complex, delivered/supplied from another source or taking the Judge out.
- h) Payments covered under (c) above must be arranged with the Judge before the show.
- i) Once a Judge has been contracted, the following information is to be provided to the Judge in a timely manner:
  - i) **Show Schedule, when issued.**
  - ii) **Upon close of entries, a listing of Breed Names, Colours within breeds and the total number of entries to be judged in Cats, Kitten, De-sexed, Household Pet, New Breed Show Categories and Preliminary New Breed**
  - iii) **In the case of Judges not licensed by CATZ Inc., provide a copy of the CATZ Inc. "Standards of Excellence".**
  - iv) **Visiting Judges shall be made aware of all relevant rules in the Judges Manual & Show rules.**
- j) The following services are to be provided for the Judge on show day:
  - i) Transport to and from the show for out of town Judges.
  - ii) A designated area, separate from the exhibits and Judging Rings, where Judges can wait prior to their assignments.
  - iii) Escort the Judge to his/her show ring, provide and introduce the Judge to his/her Ring Cage Stewards.
  - iv) Pass the Judge's Book to the judge.
  - v) Ensure adequate supplies of show materials, including judge's table, disinfectants, disposable towels/bags, chair, pens, show ribbons, awards, "Breeder's Award of Excellence", "Merit Award" certificates and clerking supplies as well as a fully formatted show ring.
  - vi) Adequate meal breaks with meals provided either at the judge's table or in an area set apart for judges' meals.
  - vii) Provide a Show Catalogue to the Judge AFTER the completion of ALL sections to be judged.
  - viii) Access to a fully supplied FIRST AID KIT.

Any lapse in fulfilling the above responsibilities to Judges, should be reported to the Director of Judges.

### **13. JUDGES' RESPONSIBILITIES TO ORGANIZER**

#### **Before the Show:**

- a) Judges may accept assignments only by completing the official Catz Inc. Judging Contract.
- b) All Judges, who receive Judging Contracts from Catz Inc. shows, must respond to these invitations within a 28 days period. Any Judge who fails to meet this requirement shall forfeit the contract.
- c) Judges may accept any appointment for which they hold a current license. However, a copy of the signed contract MUST be forwarded to the Director of Judges at the same time as the completed contract is returned to the organizer.



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- d) Judges may book their own travel at an agreed price and be paid as agreed OR accept prepaid tickets.
- e) Judges may arrange private accommodation for the show assignment with the prior agreement, providing that there is no conflict of interest for the judge, before or during the show.
- f) Any Judge who finds that he/she is unable to fulfil a previously contracted judging assignment due to unforeseen circumstances, shall advise the organizer at the earliest possible convenience. This advice should be made by telephone and/or email and/or facsimile message but must be followed up in writing.
- g) Any Judge who resigns from the judging panel after contracting to Judge at shows is required to immediately advise any organizer affected by this decision and provide full refund to the organizer for any expenses already paid for.
- h) Upon receipt of the Show Schedule, the Judge should check details of the Show venue, date, start time, sections to be judged and confirm the travel and accommodation arrangements with the Show Secretary.
- i) Upon receiving from the list of breeds/colours and numbers within sections to be judged, the Judge shall undertake to check and be totally familiar with the current Catz Inc. "Standards of Excellence" for each breed and colour listed.

### **On Show Day:**

- j) Judges should arrive at the show venue at least 30 minutes before the time scheduled for judging to commence. They will be escorted to a separate designated waiting area. Judges may not enter the Judging area prior to the commencement of their assignment. Judges exhibiting and officiating on the day shall be escorted to their benching area and may bench their exhibits. When the Vet has checked their exhibits then the Judge shall be escorted to the designed waiting area.
- k) All Judges must ensure that they have in their possession during judging, a current copy of the Catz Inc. "Standards of Excellence".
- l)
  - i) Once escorted into his/her judging ring, a Judge should not venture into the "benching area" of the show hall or other judging rings unless unavoidable.
  - ii) Judges are free to converse with exhibitors within the confines of their judging ring. Judges may also make appropriate comfort stops or breaks as required.
- m) It is the responsibility of Judges to familiarise themselves with ring personnel and to agree to a workflow that is conducive to good ring management.
- n) Judges are required to follow the Schedule of Judging as prescribed. Any Judge wishing to change the order of judging shall seek the permission of the Show Manager. Judges should plan and execute their assignments in a timely fashion, ensuring accuracy in mechanics, while avoiding any distractions, which may inhibit the assignment being completed in a professional manner within the allotted time.
- o) Judges shall be familiar with all current Show Rules & Bylaws.
- p) Where an exhibit is required in more than one ring at the same time, class judging shall take precedence over finals. When asked to release exhibits, the Judge shall endeavour to assess and release these exhibits in as timely and conveniently a manner as possible.

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- q) Judges shall refer any problems that arise to the Show Manager who will arrange the correct person to provide a resolution.
- r) Judges maybe required to sign award certificates at the end of the judging of each show category before commencing to judge the next show category.
- s) When about to present finals, the Judge should take the opportunity to exercise discretionary etiquette by thanking ring staff and exhibitors for the opportunity to judge the respective show category.
- t) The Judge may present finals in ANY order, but should comment on each finalist, drawing attention to their good qualities, while creating a positive and exciting atmosphere for the owners of the winning exhibits.
- u) No Judge shall be given permission to leave the Show venue until the Master Clerk has signed off on that Judges finals sheets. All results and finals must first be checked by the Master Clerk before the Judge's finals sheets are certified by the Master Clerk, signalling completion of the Judging assignment. Judges may leave the venue once they have received back their copy of the finals sheets.

### **14. COMPETITIVE TITLES & AWARDS**

- a) The following competitive titles shall be available to Entire Pedigree male and female cats at Catz Inc. shows, upon fulfillment of the requirements of the current Catz Inc. POINTS SYSTEM and any additional qualifying criteria.
  - i) CHAMPION
  - ii) GRAND CHAMPION
  - iii) DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION
  - iv) BRONZE KORU DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION
  - v) SILVER KORU DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION
  - vi) GOLD KORU DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION
  - vii) SUPREME DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION
- b) The following competitive titles shall be available to Desexed Pedigree male and female cats at Catz Inc. shows, upon fulfillment of the requirements of the current Catz Inc. POINTS SYSTEM and any additional qualifying criteria.
  - i) PREMIER
  - ii) GRAND PREMIER
  - iii) DOUBLE GRAND PREMIER
  - iv) BRONZE KORU DOUBLE GRAND PREMIER
  - v) SILVER KORU DOUBLE GRAND PREMIER
  - vi) GOLD KORU DOUBLE GRAND PREMIER
  - viii) SUPREME DOUBLE GRAND PREMIER
- c) The following competitive titles shall be available to Desexed male and female companion cats at Catz Inc. shows, upon fulfillment of the requirements of the current Catz Inc. POINTS SYSTEM and any additional qualifying criteria.
  - i) COMPANION
  - ii) GRAND COMPANION
  - iii) DOUBLE GRAND COMPANION
  - iv) BRONZE KORU DOUBLE GRAND COMPANION
  - v) SILVER KORU DOUBLE GRAND COMPANION
  - vi) GOLD KORU DOUBLE GRAND COMPANION

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- vii) SUPREME DOUBLE GRAND COMPANION
- d) COMPETITIVE NATIONAL TITLES:  
The follow national titles will be award as specified –
- National Winner (NW)** – This is a National permanent title which is applied under the following criteria:
- Top 1 exhibit where there are 1-5 qualifying exhibits
  - Top 2 exhibits where there are 6-10 qualifying exhibits
  - Top 3 exhibits where there are 11-15 qualifying exhibits
  - Top 4 exhibits where there are 16-20 qualifying exhibits
  - Top 5 exhibits where there are 21-25 qualifying exhibits
- Maximum number of NW titles in any Show Category to be Five, regardless of the number of National qualifying exhibits over 25 in number.
- Breed Winner (BW)** – This permanent title applies to the highest scoring exhibit within a breed for that show year regardless of show category.  
It does not apply to preliminary or non championship breeds
- Karnak Winner (KW)** – This permanent title applies to the winning exhibit in each Karnak National Festival of the Cat Breed Groups
- Supreme Karnak Winner (SKW)** – This permanent title applies to the overall winning exhibit at Karnak National Festival of the Cat show
- Southern Cross National Winner (SCNW)** - This permanent title applies to the exhibit with the highest score in the National Standing at the end of each show year over all show categories
- Breeds qualifying for Championship status are automatically qualified for the corresponding points and titles and status in Premiership
- f) ALL wins by an exhibit at a Catz Inc.Show, prior to midnight on the day before the show, shall be counted toward that exhibits points entitlement for competitive titles, provided that the cat is registered with Catz Inc. Exhibitors are reminded that all points gained at a Show are subject to confirmation by the National Scorer in the Central Registry.
- g) Any exhibitor who considers that their exhibit qualifies for a title, should lodge an official Catz Inc. "Titles Claim Form" with the appropriate fee, with the Master Clerk at either the Show at which they are currently competing OR by sending one by regular mail or e-mail, to the National Scorer, along with the prescribed fee. A sample form shall be printed in ALL Show Catalogues and spare forms made available to exhibitors at the Master Clerks desk on the day of the Show.
- h) Where an exhibit gains Champion, Premier or Companion qualifying points on the first day of a two-day show and then accrues qualifying points for Grand or Supreme Grand on the same or second day, the exhibitor must complete a Titles Claim form obtainable from the Master Clerk, for each qualifying title. Such form must be accompanied by the appropriate fee. Claim forms completed at the Show shall be sent by the Master Clerk, with the Marked Catalogue to the National Scorer, which may then confirm the titles **in consecutive order**. An exhibit cannot be entered into a successive show with a title, WITHOUT having had such title confirmation from the Central Registry.
- i) A Catz Inc. "Breeders Award of Excellence" may be awarded at the discretion of the officiating judge in each of the following categories to the Breeder of an exhibit which in the opinion of the officiating judge, is deemed most worthy of the award.
- i) Championship Cats
  - ii) Non-Championship Kittens
  - iii) Premiership Desexed Cats
  - iv) Non-Premiership Desexed Kittens
  - v) **New Breed**

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**NOTE: Specialty Rings** (1 in each show category for LH Breed/Types and 1 in each show category for SH Breed/Types). **All-Breed Rings** (up to 2 in each category, ONE in each category for LH Breed/Type and ONE in each category for SH Breed/Types)

- j) A Catz Inc. "Merit Award", **MAY** be awarded at the discretion of the officiating judge in the Companion Cats/Kittens Show Category, ONE each to a LH and a SH exhibit in each of the Domestic and Household Pet Divisions.
- k) All Catz Inc. "Breeders Awards of Excellence" and "Merit Awards" shall be recorded by the judge on the day, and Ribbons or Rosettes may be handed to exhibitors during judging. But Catz Inc. Certificates may only be posted by the National Scorer to the BREEDERS (in the case of Awards of Merit) or OWNERS (in the case of Merit Awards) after verification of the Official Marked Catalogue.
- l) ALL Competitive Titles are based upon either an accrual of points OR a combination of points accrued and finals placements.
- m) An exhibit retains only the score relating to its single HIGHEST placement in each ring, plus one point for every exhibit it defeats, thereby dropping all points for wins below its highest placing.
- n) An exhibit does not score unless it is at least BEST of SEX within a COLOUR.
- o) The following shall be the points score allocated to winners of the listed placements:

<b>AWARD</b>	<b>POINTS</b>	<b>RIBBON</b>
BEST of SEX in a COLOUR (Male or Female)	10 points	RED Plastic Flat
BEST of COLOUR	20 points	BLACK Plastic Flat
2 <sup>nd</sup> BEST OF COLOUR	15 points	WHITE Plastic Flat
BEST of BREED	40 points	GOLD Plastic Flat
2 <sup>nd</sup> BEST of BREED	30 points	SILVER Plastic Flat
3 <sup>rd</sup> BEST of BREED	25 points	BRONZE Plastic Flat

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#### **Top Ten Specialty Ring:**

Best	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
150	140	130	120	110	100	90	80	70	60

#### **Top Ten All-Breed Ring:**

Best	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
200	190	180	170	160	150	140	130	120	110

#### **Top Five Specialty Ring:**

Best	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
100	90	80	70	60

#### **Top Five All-Breed Ring:**

Best	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
150	140	130	120	110

#### **Less than Five Specialty Ring:**

Best	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
80	70	60

#### **Less than Five All-Breed Ring:**

Best	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
130	120	110

#### **One Exhibit Specialty Ring:**

Best
60

#### **One Exhibit All-Breed Ring:**

Best
110

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- p) Points required for Championship/Premiership/Companionship shall be 500 points.
- q) Points required for Grand Championship/Premiership/Companionship shall be 1500 points, including a minimum of 6 finals, of which at least 3 finals must be in the Top 5 Specialty or Top Ten All-Breed
- r) Points required for Double Grand Championship/Premiership/Companionship shall be 1500 points, including a minimum of 12 finals, of which at least 6 finals must be in the Top 5 Specialty or Top Ten All-Breed
- s) Points required for Bronze Koru Double Grand Championship/Premiership/Companionship shall be 2000 points, including a minimum of 12 finals, of which One must be a Best in Show
- t) Points required for Silver Koru Double Grand Championship/Premiership/Companionship shall be 2000 points, including a minimum of 12 finals, of which Three must be Best in Show
- u) Points required for Gold Koru Double Grand Championship/Premiership/Companionship shall be 2000 points, including a minimum of 12 finals, of which Five must be Best in Show
- v) Points required for Supreme Double Grand Championship/Premiership/Companionship shall be 5000 points, including Six Best in Shows with One Best In Show All-Breed or Twelve Best in Show Specialty
- w) Titles of Honor:  
Catz Inc. honors Sires and Dams of honorable mention with the distinction of a permanent title suffix SE (Sire of Excellence) or DE ( Dam of Excellence). Qualifying Sires must have sired a minimum 5 Grand Champions or Grand Premier progeny. Qualifying Dams must be the Dam of no less than 3 Grand Champions or Grand Premiers progeny. Such titles may be claimed and verified by the National Scorer and may then be used on pedigrees and registrations.
- x) The "Unofficial Count" shall be calculated by the Master Clerk on the day of the Show and shall reflect the number of exhibits present and competing in each Show Category.
- y) An exhibit appearing in ONE ring shall count for ALL rings for the purpose of calculating cats defeated for FINALS and for NATIONAL wins. However, in Colour and Breed wins, the number of points allotted for cats defeated shall reflect the ACTUAL number of cats defeated in that ONE ring.
- z) The "Unofficial Count" is so named, as the OFFICIAL COUNT MAY VARY from the "Unofficial Count" when all results have been verified by the National Scorer and disqualifications or clerical errors taken into account and corrected.
- aa) The Official Count will be published along with the names of the highest scoring cats in the Official Publication of Catz Inc. and/or the Catz Inc. web-site.

### **15. CLERKS & REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

- a) The Show Secretary shall be responsible for engaging the services of suitably qualified Ring Clerks and a Master Clerk.
- b) One Ring Clerk shall be provided for every ring. The services of a single Ring Clerk may work either on one or both days of a two day show. ALL Judges shall be provided with a Ring Clerk and preferably a Cage Cleaner Steward for the duration of their judging assignment.
- c) A qualified RELIEF Ring Clerk should be available in order to give the appointed Clerk a break.
- d) If for any reason a Master Clerk cannot be engaged, this duty shall fall to the Show Secretary to perform.

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- e) Sufficient quantities of Transfer Request Forms and Titles Claims Forms should be available for exhibitors to complete and file at the Master Clerks desk.
- f) The Official Marked Catalogues, shall be completed by the Master Clerk, from the copies of the Judges sheets brought from each ring. Before entering/marking the Official Catalogue, the Master Clerk shall check all placements for mechanical error and check that each and every sheet has been signed by both the judge and the Ring Clerk.
- g) The Official Marked catalogue shall show:
  - i) Absentees in all rings and Transfers to alternative colour or breed classes or categories in all rings.
  - ii) All placements/awards in colour & breed classes in all rings.
  - iii) Registration numbers for all exhibits which shall then be scored for CATZ Inc. Titles or National Wins.
  - iv) All Breed/Division Awards in all rings.
  - v) All top ten, top 5 or top three placements in all rings.
- h) In the afternoon of a ONE day Show, or within 3 hours of the start of the second day at a two day show, the Master Clerk may announce the "UNOFFICIAL COUNT" for exhibitors to note down in their Show Catalogues if applicable..
- i) It shall be the responsibility of the Master Clerk to collate all National Scorer copies of the Judges Sheets, in numerical order by page and by ring, and to staple thereto, the appropriate Breed/Division sheet and Finals sheet from each Judge.
- j) It shall also be the responsibility of the Master Clerk to include in the completed Show Packet, the OFFICIAL MARKED CATALOGUES, the National Scorer copy of ALL JUDGES SHEETS in ring order, along with their Breed/Colour Division Sheet and Finals Sheet, the Absentee and Transfer Lists used at the Show, and both the Transfer Request Forms and Titles Claim Forms along with the payments attached thereto.
- k) Where a show is not directly run by Catz Inc. it is the responsibility of the Show Secretary to collect the OFFICIAL MARKED CATALOGUE and other relevant show papers from the Master Clerk and to deliver to the Catz Inc. National Scorer. Any Organizer failing to have its Show Secretary comply with this rule, shall be liable to a penalty charge for each day that the Marked Catalogue is late, provided always that the penalty may be waived by the Board of Directors if adequate persuasive reason for non-compliance is given.
- l) The organizer shall pay all Standard Fees to Ring Clerks & Master Clerks at the close of the Show.

### **16. VENDORS**

- a) Vendor booth space at a show and/or advertise for vendors should be accepted upon application and payment of an agreed fee. Preference should be given to products being offered that are related to and/or for the benefit of cats and/or cat breeding, showing, housing, husbandry.
- c) Exhibitor's should not sell goods at a show, unless they have been allocated a Vending Booth, specifically for this purpose. However, ALL exhibitors are entitled to sell cats or kittens at the Show provided that all stock offered for sale conforms to the requirements for age and vaccination AND are entered into the Show Catalogue as "For Sale".

### **17. OBJECTIONS AT SHOWS**

## **CATZ INC. Show Rules 2015**

- a) An objection or protest against any exhibit or an exhibitor, may be made by any member of a Catz Inc. in writing, with regard to any of the provisions of Show Rule 8. In such cases the Show Manager is to request the assistance of two judges to determine whether such exhibit should be disqualified.
- b) An objection or protest against any exhibit or an exhibitor, may also be made by any member of Catz Inc. in writing, with regard to any of the provisions of Show Rule 3 and/or Show Rule 4, and such shall be decided upon by the Show Committee. Where a disqualification occurs as a result of such complaint, the Show Secretary shall be required to make a written report, relating the circumstances surrounding the disqualification and to include such report in the Show packet which is sent to the Central Registry, along with any relevant documentation in support of the decision.
- c) All complaints on grounds other than those in Show Rule 3, 4 or 8 above, must be laid in accordance with the provisions of CATZ Inc. Constitutional Clause 13.

### **18. SAFETY PROCEDURES**

- a) It shall be mandatory that carrying cages be left under every exhibits benching cage during Shows so that in the event of an emergency, all cats may be evacuated speedily.
- b) At the very least, ONE fully equipped FIRST AID KIT shall be available at each show on the Master Clerk's table and the availability and where about must be drawn to the attention of all exhibitors and show personal.

### **18. STANDARD FEES**

- a) The following Standard Fees shall apply:
  - i) Licensed Pedigree Judges shall receive
    - \$25.00 for long hair specialty
    - \$25.00 for short hair specialty
    - \$50.00 for Double Specialty
    - \$60.00 for Double Specialty/All Breed
  - ii) The following Standard Fees shall apply:
    - Licensed Domestic Judges shall receive
      - \$5.00 for long hair specialty
      - \$5.00 for short hair specialty
      - \$10.00 for Double Specialty
      - \$12.00 for Double Specialty/All Breed
  - iii) Any payments set by the Catz Inc Board.