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1. **Definitions.** - Refer to the Glossary at rear.

## **REGISTRATION, SALE & TRANSFER OF PEDIGREE CATS**

### **2. Registers of Pedigree Cats**

- 2.1 Registers of pedigree cats registered with NZCF shall be kept by the appropriate Registrar, and for each cat registered there shall be recorded the cat's name, date of birth, registered number, name of sire, dam, grandsires and granddams, and their breed codes.
- 2.2 There shall be a Provisional Register and a Full Register, and any cat may be registered on either of the registers, but not on both.
- 2.3 Pedigree cats shall be grouped into two Divisions. Longhair Breed Type Division and Shorthair Breed Type Division, and listed as such in the NZCF Schedule of Breed Codes.
- 2.4 Any future breed of cat imported or developed, and registered with NZCF shall be allocated to the appropriate Division according to body conformation, provided always that if the body conformation cannot be clearly defined as belonging to one Division or the other, only then shall coat length be considered the deciding factor.

### **3. Groups and Breed /Types**

- 3.1 The recognised group breeds/ types of NZCF are as detailed in Schedule "A" attached hereto, as amended from time to time.
- 3.2 Colours not listed in Schedule A shall be allocated a Breed Code for Registration purposes only. Breeds not listed in Schedule A shall be listed as Any Other Variety LH or SH (AOV L or AOV S) categories do not constitute a breed type and shall be solely a temporary category until such time as a breed code is granted by the Executive Council of the NZCF.

### **4. Full Register**

- 4.1 The Full Register shall record all NZCF registered cats having at least three generations of immediate ancestry of the same breed/type with no cross matings in those generations.
- 4.2 Any cat whose pedigree conforms to the qualification in Rule 4.1 above shall be entitled to automatic admission to the Full Register upon proper application being made to the appropriate Registrar.

Designated breeds and colours are to be included on entry forms and in Judge's Books for Breeds AOC L or AOV S.

- 4.3 No cat shall be entitled to admission to the Full or Provisional Register if within the two previous generations of its pedigree there is an ancestor which has been sold as Not For Breeding stock before or at the time of mating of that cat, unless the breeder of the ancestor agrees in writing.
- 4.4 The Prefix for each cat shall be used in both the Provisional and Full registers.

## **5. Provisional Register**

- 5.1 The Provisional register is to be used to register progeny from breeding programmes that do not otherwise fit the criteria for registration on the Full Register, in cases where 'test' matings are required, or at the discretion and direction of the Executive Council.

The Provisional Register has been provided principally to allow NZCF Registered breeders to:

- (a) Introduce new colours and varieties into an already recognised and/or established breed of cat;
- (b) Develop new breeds which may not already be recognised by the NZCF;
- (c) Introduce particular traits or characteristics into an existing breed where this is desirable, which may be through mating with other breed/type cats, or through Domestic cats. This may include introducing new genetic material.
- (d) Register progeny of 'Developing Breeds' where the Breeder has used a permitted outcross;

To assist in ensuring the integrity of the breeding programme, and the NZCF at large, the following shall be the procedures required to register progeny on the PR Register.

- 5.2 All progeny from outcross matings, not intended for breeding, may be registered on the Provisional Register without the requirement to submit a breeding plan to the Breed Standard Advisory Council for approval. Progeny registered in this way cannot be used for breeding without the approval of the Executive Council.
- 5.3 All progeny of permitted outcross matings within Developing Breeds may be registered on the Provisional Register without the requirement to submit a breeding plan to the Breed Standards Advisory Council for approval. Progeny registered in this way may be bred from and follow the generation progression outlined under 'Developing Breeds. (5.8.1)
- 5.4 All transfer of registration applications from the Provisional Register to the Full register shall be forwarded to the Provisional Registrar, together with the transfer fee and a full pedigree for the cat. The application and full pedigree shall be checked by the Provisional registrar against these Rules, and if eligible for registration on the Full register, a certified pedigree shall then be sent to the appropriate Registrar.
- 5.5 All applications for registrations on the Provisional Register must be on the Official NZCF Registration form and must be accompanied by the appropriate fee [as for the Full Register], to be forwarded to the Provisional Register [PR] Registrar.
- 5.6 NZCF will not recognise registrations or certified pedigrees for New Zealand and Australian domiciled cats/breeders where the registration has not been made with the appropriate body - NZCF of New Zealand or ACF or CCCA and their affiliates in Australia.

**5.7 Experimental Breeding Programmes - Registrations**

(a) An experimental breeding programme is a planned breed cross mating or a breed/domestic cross mating to achieve a particular stated goal OR an unplanned or accidental mating that has produced progeny which the breeder believes will further a particular stated breeding goal. Approval of a breeding programme does not constitute acceptance of a breed or colour for show purposes - (refer Rule 7 Registration of New Breeds)

These goals may include, but are not limited to:

- Introduction of a new colour/pattern/coat type into an existing breed
- Increasing genetic diversity to avoid problems inherent in small gene pools or to avoid perpetuation of undesirable traits within a breed
- Development of a completely new breed not recognized overseas
- Replication of a breeding programme used to develop a breed already recognized overseas.

(b) Breeders wishing to carry out or join an experimental breeding programme must have held their NZCF prefix for a minimum of three years and have registered at least three litters on the Full Register. This rule may be waived at the sole discretion of the Executive Council. Application is made via the Breed Standard Advisory Council who will make a recommendation to the Executive Council.

(c) Breeders wishing to carry out or join an experimental breeding programme should submit an application for approval of the programme to the Breed Standard Advisory Council, BEFORE carrying out matings, if at all possible. Application forms are available from the Provisional Registrar or may be downloaded from the NZCF website.

(d) Breeds which are descended from a wild species shall not be permitted to be used in breeding programmes which would result in the introduction of their genes into existing domestic cat breeds with no wild species ancestry.

(e) No descendants of cats involved in a BSAC approved experimental programme (Gen 1-3) can be sold, gifted, leased or used as breeding cats in any other breeding programme, unless permission is granted by the Breed Standards Advisory Council dispensation is granted by the Executive Council.

5.7.1 Prior to or at the time of the registration of the first generation of an experimental programme, the breeder shall send the following to the Provisional Registrar for consideration by the Breed Standard Advisory Council:

(a) A completed application form (available from the Provisional Registrar or the NZCF website).

(b) Pedigrees of the pedigree cats that the breeder intends to use in the experimental programme (imported cats must first be registered with the NZCF in the usual way).

(c) Any supporting articles, and/or genetic information (from NZ or overseas) that are available.

(d) Photographs of the parents of the first generation (and other photographs if relevant). Photographs (printed digital photographs are acceptable) are required even if both parents are pedigree breeds recognized by the NZCF.

5.7.2 The PR Registrar will circulate the information submitted to the Breed Standard Advisory Council for discussion and a decision. The PR Registrar will advise the applicant of the outcome, along with any advice or recommendations, and if a programme is declined, will advise of the reasons.

5.7.3 In the case of a dispute arising between the BSAC and/or the breeder as to the appropriate action regarding progeny or any other matter regarding the programme, appeal may be made to the Executive Council, who shall have the final decision.

5.7.4 All Provisional Register Cats shall have a registration number allocated, suffixed by the letters PR and a Generation number which is to be included as part of the registered name.

**5.7.5 Generation Progression**

(for new colours/varieties/traits within an existing breed)

Generation "O" cat/kitten with both parents unregistered with NZCF

- Generation "1"
- i) one parent a full NZCF registered parent
  - ii) Both parents full registered NZCF (but different breeds)
  - iii) One parent generation "O"

**Generation 0 matings**

Gen 0 x Gen 0 = Gen 0

Gen 0 x Gen 1 = Gen 1

Gen 0 x Gen 2 = Gen 1

Gen 0 x Gen 3 = Gen 1

Gen 0 x Full Gen = Gen 1

**Generation 2 Matings**

Gen 2 x Gen 1 = Gen 2

Gen 2 x Gen 2 = Gen 2

Gen 2 x Gen 3 = Gen 3

Gen 2 x Full Reg = Gen 3

**Generation 1 matings**

Gen 1 x Gen 1 = Gen 1

Gen 1 x Gen 2 = Gen 2

Gen 1 x Gen 3 = Gen 2

Gen 1 x Full Gen = Gen 2

**Generation 3 Matings**

Gen 3 x Gen 1 = Gen 2

Gen 3 x Gen 2 = Gen 3

Gen 3 x Gen 3 = Gen 3

Gen 3 x Full Reg = Full Register

Whenever matings take place outside the original programme (to another breed/type than intended), resulting progeny must return to Generation 1 and begin again.

## 5.8 Developing Breeds

- (a) Breeds where the NZCF recognizes that there is a continuing need for outcross in order to develop or maintain a healthy gene pool will be designated as 'Developing Breeds'. These may include established breeds as well as newer breeds that are still building up a gene pool. The Breed Standard Advisory Council will advise the Executive Council regarding which breeds should be so designated, and what the permitted outcrosses for these breeds should be.
- (b) Developing Breeds will have permitted outcrosses (other breed(s) and/or domestic cats) as determined by the Executive Council.
- (c) Developing Breeds and their permitted outcrosses are listed in Schedule 'A' but further breeds may be added during the year. These will be listed, with permitted outcrosses, in the relevant EC minutes and on the NZCF website.
- (d) The progeny of a mating between a Developing Breed and a permitted outcross shall be registered as Generation 1. Subsequent generations shall be registered according to the 'Generation Progression for Developing Breeds.' (5.8.1). each

time a permitted outcross is used, the progeny shall return to Generation 1.

- (e) Generation progression for Developing Breeds does not attempt to reflect the genetic percentage of the Developing Breed in the progeny, but does acknowledge the process of selection that takes place over generations of breeding.
- (f) The Executive Council shall specify the date on which the Developing Breed status of a breed shall be reviewed and this will be listed in 'Schedule A.'

#### 5.8.1 Generation Progression for Developing Breeds

First cross (Developing breed x permitted outcross) = Gen 1

Generation 1 matings

Gen 1 x Gen 1 = Gen 2  
Gen 1 x Gen 2 = Gen 2  
Gen 1 x Gen 3 = Gen 2  
Gen 1 Full Reg = Gen 2

Generation 2 matings

Gen 2 x Gen 1 = Gen 2  
Gen 2 x Gen 2 = Gen 3  
Gen 2 x Gen 3 = Gen 3  
Gen 2 x Full Reg = Gen 3

Generation 3 matings

Gen 3 x Gen 1 = Gen 2  
Gen 3 x Gen 2 = Gen 3  
Gen 3 x Gen 3 = Full Register  
Gen 3 x Full Reg = Full Register

#### 5.9 New Breeds

Whenever a new breed/type is to be developed that is not currently recognized in New Zealand, the following applies:

- 5.9.1 Whenever a recognized 'programme' exists overseas, if possible that programme shall be followed for the development of a new breed.
- 5.9.2 All programmes where a new breed is to be developed will first be submitted to the PR Registrar and the BSAC for advice and

comment. Applications should follow the process for experimental programmes outlined in 5.7

- 5.9.3 The PR Registrar is to forward the application with all supporting material to the BSAC for discussion and a decision. The Portfolio Manager will then forward a summary of BSAC comments, advise, and recommendations, including criteria for the progression of generations to full registration, to the Executive Council for a final decision on the programme.'
- 5.9.4 All stock not for breeding must be registered as neuter or spay and transferred as 'Pet Only.'
- 5.9.5 When a cat already in a PR programme is used in another PR programme outside the original breed, all subsequent progeny revert to generation 1, and a new application for the new PR programme must be made to the BSAC.

## **6 Selected Breeds - Both Longhair and Shorthair**

- 6.1 Except as provided under Rule 6.8 for Abyssinians and Somalis, selected breeds, where there are both Longhair and Shorthair varieties of the same breed/type, shall follow all existing NZCF Registration Rules, but all progeny, whether Longhair or Shorthair, shall be registered only as the selected breed, i.e. cats with differing coat lengths but identical body type may be intermated, and all progeny Shorthair or Longhair registered only as the selected breed as specified in Schedule 'A'.
- 6.2 When a breed is intermated with a basic type cat to improve the type, then all progeny shall be registered as that selected breed regardless of the length of coat, and on the Full Register.
- 6.3 Selected breed registrations already actioned may be updated, by the appropriate Registrar, to their new status with the word "Variant" where applicable at no charge to the owner concerned
- 6.4 Non-Agouti crossed with Non-Agouti: Any red progeny born of non-agouti parents, but with the phenotype of an agouti, may be registered as a Red Tabby, but shall have the Registration Certificate endorsed with the genotype of non-agouti recorded, e.g. PER F/D(na) or SIA F/D(na) or ORI F/D(na)

6.5 Non-Agouti crossed with Agouti and/or Agouti crossed with Agouti:

(a) When cats showing a tabby pattern, may have the genotype of either Red Self or Red Tabby [i.e. where the sire and/or dam is registered as a Tabby], they shall be registered as Red Tabby only. This means they shall be registered as they phenotypically appear.

(b) Should breeders wish to establish that the genotype of these Red cats may possibly be Red Self and not Red Tabby, these Red cats shall be test-mated to non-agouti cats [i.e. non-tabby black or blue] and at least 10 Non-Red progeny shall be examined for agouti or non-agouti and shall be registered in the breed code of their appearance. Torties may be counted as Non-Red progeny for the purpose of these test-matings, provided the Non-Reds are examined for barring.

- (c) The Red progeny produced during these test-matings shall be registered the same as their Red parent/s [i.e. Red Tabby] until the results of the test-matings are verified. Rule 6.6 shall then apply.
- (d) The production of one Non-Red tabby shall be deemed to have proved that the Red cat being test-mated is an agouti cat and therefore is correctly registered. Thereafter, the Red progeny produced shall be registered as red Tabbies until such time as the breeder/owner may wish to test-mate them as per Rule 6.5[b.].
- (e) Should all ten Non-Red progeny be non-agouti, the test-matings shall be deemed to have proved that the cat has the genotype of a Red Self and it shall be reclassified in the NZCF Registers from Red Tabby to Red Self, subject to Registration Rule 6.6.
- (f) Notwithstanding the above, a Red cat having been test-mated and proved to be non-agouti may, should the breeder/owner wish it, remain registered as a Red Tabby but shall have the words "Red Self" and the appropriate breed code in brackets

endorsed on its Registration Certificates, pedigrees and all matters pertaining to its registration.

Progeny from these test-mated cats mated to non-agouti cats shall be registered as Red Selves.

- (g) Where the cats have the phenotype of Red Self [i.e. look like] but are registered as Red Tabbies, a Reclassification Panel may reclassify them to Red Self, notwithstanding Rule 6.5[a.].
- (h) Notwithstanding Rule 6.5[a.], when progeny is born from non-agouti x agouti and/or agouti x agouti parentage and is phenotypically red self, these kittens may be placed on the Register as Red Selves.

6.6 All applications for registration of Red Self/ Red Tabby or the Progeny thereof:

- (a) Shall be forwarded to the appropriate Registrar together with a four-generation pedigree stating the colours of any AOC L OR AOC S/AOV L OR AOV S for checking against these Rules.
- (b) Where there is doubt of correct registration of ancestors, i.e. whether they are correctly registered as Red Self/Red Tabby, the Registrar may request further information from the breeders/owners and may solicit the assistance of the Breeds Standards Council to determine the presence of agouti or non-agouti as per Rules 6.4 and 6.5.
- (c) All verified applications shall be actioned by the appropriate Registrar immediately.
- (d) The registration fees paid at the time of the application shall apply regardless of the cat's age when registration is affected.

6.7 Smoke Shaded or Silver Tabby.

- (a) Any progeny bred from Smoke, Shaded or Silver Tabby parent/s, but with the phenotype of Non-Silver, [i.e. phenotype of Solid, Broken, Pointed or Tabby] shall have the Registration Certificate endorsed ["dual registration"] with the genotype of the Smoke, Shaded or Silver Tabby variety in parentheses. This

shall apply for all Longhair and Shorthair Breed/Type Division Registrations.

- (b) Any non-silver cat which is dual registered for silver may have its registration details changed if:
  - (i) at a later date, the coat changes and becomes clearly identifiable as Smoke, Shaded or Silver Tabby, or
  - (ii) the cat produces clearly identifiable Smoke, Shaded or Silver Tabby progeny, thereby revealing its correct genotype.
- (c) Application for a change of breed code may be made by the current recorded owner of the cat, stating the reason for the change, as in Rule 6.7 [b.]. All such applications for change shall be forwarded to the appropriate Registrar, accompanied by the appropriate fee for change of colour.
- (d) Cats which have their Breed Code changed according to this Rule 6.7 shall be exempt from the requirements of Rule 10.4
- (e) Dual registration will enable cats to be exhibited according to their phenotype, and also enable Smoke/Silver progeny to be registered.
- (f) The dual registration shall apply to all succeeding generations.

NOTE: The inhibitor gene, being dominant, may be passed on only by a parent who is itself Smoke, Shaded or Silver Tabby [i.e. the gene cannot be carried invisibly]. As the inhibitor gene, however, is extremely variable in expression [being polygenic in origin and not easily manipulated by selective breeding] some progeny may have such low-grade expression of the Silver factor that they are indiscernible from Non-Silvers. Nevertheless, upon maturing, such kittens may reveal themselves to have been low-grade Smokes, Shaded or Silver Tabbies all along. Or, though actually Smokes/Silvers, they may nevertheless remain indistinguishable from Non-Silvers with only their silver progeny revealing their true genotype.

In these circumstances, dual registration will enable these cats to be exhibited according to their phenotype, and also enable their

Smoke/Silver progeny to be registered. The dual registration shall apply for all succeeding generations.

- 6.8 Intermateability between the Abyssinian/**Somali** [ABY/SOM] is permitted. Shorthaired progeny from such matings shall be registered as **ABY (I)**
- 6.9 Longhair progeny from an Exotic mating shall be registered as Persian, and shall carry dual colour/breed codes for Registration purposes for the first generation only e.g. PER (e)
- 6.10 All Agouti cats conforming to one of the four recognised Tabby patterns shall be recorded as such at the date of Registration, and in addition the registered pattern of adult cats shall be stated on entry forms for exhibition, and entered in Judges' books.
- 6.11 When the colour does not conform to any presently recognised breed/colour, AOC L or AOC S/AOV L or AOV S shall be added on all Breed/Type Division Breed Codes, with no challenge status. This shall be for the purposes of registration and showing only.

## **7 Registration of New Breeds**

### **7.1 Applications**

(a) Any member of the NZCF may apply for acceptance of a new breed that is accepted by one or more of the overseas registries recognized by NZCF.

(b) Applications are to be sent in the first instance to the Secretary of the Breeds Standard Advisory Council, and should include information about the breed and its history, a detailed standard from the Country or State of origin, information about which of the NZCF recognized registries already accept the breed, and information about whether the breed is in the process of gaining acceptance with any of the other recognized registries.

(c) The Breeds Standard Advisory Council will consider applications and make recommendations to the Executive Council through the BSAC Portfolio Manager for acceptance or refusal. If recommending acceptance, the BSAC will submit a proposed standard and breed

number. Breeds accepted by at least two NZCF recognized registries will be recommended for acceptance unless there are specific reasons not to do so.

(d) The Executive Council may accept the new breed, accept it with amendments, decline to accept it. Or request further information from the BSAC Portfolio Manager. If accepted, the new breed is granted a breed number, and a Preliminary Standard is approved by the Executive Council, thus awarding Preliminary Status to the breed.

## **7.2 Preliminary Status:**

(a) Preliminary Status cats are not eligible to compete in NZCF Shows.

(b) The applicant will be informed of the outcome of their application by the Breed Standard Advisory Council. Where the breed is accepted for Preliminary Status the BSAC will advise the applicant details of the process for gaining Challenge Status and earning Exposure Points.

(c) When a breed is accepted for Preliminary Status, the Judges Registrar and the Judges Council will be notified by the Breeds Standard Advisory Council who will send them both a copy of the Preliminary Standard together with full information on the breed as submitted as part of the application.

(d) The Breeds Standard Advisory Council may make any amendments, and/or receive any proposed alterations or amendments during the Preliminary Status period. The applicant will be kept advised by the BSC on these proposals.

(e) The Executive Council will be kept advised by the BSAC Portfolio Manager of any proposed alterations or amendments under (d) above, to seek their approval, which if granted, will be circulated to the Judges Registrar and the Judges Council.

## **7.3 Attaining Challenge Status:**

(a) Application may be made through the Breeds Standard Advisory Council for Challenge Status when the breed has gained 100 Exposure Points.

(b) Exposure Points may be gained by providing one or more exhibits of the breed for judge's seminars, exhibition on display at shows, achieving exposure in both the North and South Islands.

(c) When exhibits are displayed at shows, there shall be no benching fees, charged for such exhibits. Exhibits at shows shall be subjected to the same veterinary inspection as all other show exhibits, and the normal provisions will be made available to Judges wishing to examine the new breeds. The provision of a copy of the Preliminary Standard for Judges at shows will be the responsibility of the exhibitor.

(d) Exposure Points values are as follows:

- Exhibition at NZCF Shows, examined by at least 2 Judges qualified in the particular Division 25 points.
- Exhibition at seminars where there are present at least 2 Judges qualified in the particular Division 25 points.
- Exposure at both North and South Island Shows or seminars as above, an additional 25 points.

(e) Exposure Points are to be recorded on an Exposure Points card supplied to the exhibitor by the BSAC, and signed in each case by each of the 2 Judges, and confirmed by either the Show Secretary or Show Manager in the case of a Show, or the Club Secretary in the case of a seminar. No Judges signature is to appear more than once on the card.

(f) Once a minimum of 100 Exposure Points have been gained, then an application for Challenge Status may be made through the Breeds Standard Advisory Council. Such application shall include the Exposure Points card, and is to be made no later than 21 days after the end of the Show Season for the relevant year. The BSAC will process the application within 14 days of its receipt, and make the relevant recommendation through the BSAC Portfolio Manager to the Executive Council for Challenge Status promulgation.

(g) After granting of Challenge Status by Executive Council, the BSAC shall notify the applicant, the Judges Council, the relevant Standards

of Points Officer, all Registrars, and the NZCF Webmaster, forwarding copies of the relevant Standard of Points at the same time.

(h) On the granting of Challenge Status, the standard (which will be the Preliminary Standard together with any amendments or alterations made up until that time) for the new breed and colours included (as accepted in the Country or State of origin), will be the standard used from then onwards for gaining Challenges and other awards/titles.

#### **7.4 New Colours/Varieties within Existing Breeds:**

(a) Colours not accepted for showing within a breed shall be registered under the appropriate breed and colour code for registration purposes only. These colours shall have an asterisk in the colour code to notify that they are not eligible for challenges.

(b) The breeder or owner may apply for challenge status for a new colour, either to the BSAC or to their Breed Section Representative. The BSAC or Breed Section Representative shall initiate a consultation process with the appropriate breed section or sections. On receiving the report of the results of the consultation, the BSAC will make a recommendation for acceptance or non-acceptance to the Executive Council. The recommendation will be supported by a written standard for the new colour.

(c) If accepted by the EC, the Standard of Points Officer shall ensure that the colour standard is uploaded to the NZCF website and circulated to judges at the appropriate time.

## **8 Prefixes**

8.1 (a) To register any cat with NZCF, the owner shall hold a Prefix registered with the NZCF, and such Prefixes shall be issued by the Prefix Registrar and granted at the discretion of the Executive Council. Once registered, any Prefix shall not be altered, except as decided by the Executive Council.

(b) Each Prefix applicant shall:

(i) Be a full financial member of the NZCF, and

(ii) Apply to the Prefix Registrar on the official Prefix Application Form, enclosing the appropriate application fee, and  
(iii) On the form;

- Provide three alternative choices of name for the proposed Prefix, in the order of preference;
- Declare the division of cats which the applicant intends breeding either Longhair or Shorthair, and;
- Name any registered breeding cat already owned or leased by the applicant.

(c) All Prefix Application Forms sent to the Prefix Registrar shall include a declaration signed by 3 current NZCF Registered Prefix holders and the sponsoring Club's Secretary, in the following terms:

"We believe....., the above applicant, to be of good character and a suitable person/s to hold a Prefix registered with NZCF."

(d) The Prefix application Form shall include the declaration:

"I/We hereby consent to be bound by the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Breeders Code of Ethics of the NZCF and rules of the Club, as may be amended from time to time", and upon signature, the Prefix applicant is so bound.

(e) After the circulation to Clubs of a proposed Prefix on the Prefix List by the Prefix Registrar, if no objection to the proposed Prefix has been lodged by a Club on proper grounds within 28 days, then the Prefix is issued by the Prefix Registrar. Should any objections to proposed Prefixes be received, then those Prefix Applications will be considered by the Portfolio Manager who may refer them to the Executive Council at its next available meeting, as the same time as the Executive Council approves other new Prefixes issued by the Prefix Registrar.

(f) Upon the Prefix being issued, a Prefix Certificate signed by the Prefix Registrar will be issued without charge, stating the Prefix name approved, the date of issue of the Certificate, and the name/s of all the holders of the Prefix. The owners of Prefixes granted prior to

January 1992 may apply to the Prefix Registrar for a Prefix Certificate.

(g) To permit the use of the Prefix to register any cat with NZCF, each Prefix holder shall be, and shall remain, a full financial member of the NZCF. All Prefix holders shall also be, and shall continue to be bound by the Constitution, By Laws, Rules, and Breeders Code of Ethics, of NZCF.

(h) A maximum of three people may be jointly registered as the holders of a NZCF Prefix.

(i) A Prefix shall only be granted to persons domiciled and resident in New Zealand, and if such a person wishes to register their overseas Prefix in New Zealand, then application must be made under this Rule 8 and the full procedures followed.

8.2 (a) Prefixes granted shall not be used as affixes. Prefixes only, and not affixes, shall be granted. Affixes already granted by NZCF may continue to be used

(b) Applications for any Prefix name will not be accepted if the name is likely, on reasonable objective considerations, to cause confusion, or if it is identical with, or bears a close resemblance to any Prefix already registered in New Zealand, or is identical to or bears a close resemblance to a well-known overseas Prefix, or if it is a New Zealand place name, the name of a country, is a recognised title or colour, the name of a famous person, or a well-known trade name.

(c) The Prefix shall not exceed 14 letters.

8.3 (a) Each Prefix is granted to the holder/s for his or her lifetime, and cannot be transferred or sold by the holder/s, but the holder/s may share the Prefix with other persons, to no more than three holders per Prefix in total upon,

(i) completion of a Prefix Ownership Change Form including the procedure as outlined in Rule 8.1 [d.] accompanied by the appropriate fee as set from time to time,

(ii) each new owner being a full financial member of NZCF,

(iii) the person/s joining as a joint Prefix holder each purchasing

A copy of the NZCF Constitution, Registration Rules, and Show By Laws from the NZCF.

(b) If the original Prefix holder in a jointly held Prefix later resigns from the Prefix, then unless the joint Prefix holders have jointly held the Prefix for more than five years, the Prefix lapses, and cannot be continued by the remaining holders, who must apply for a new Prefix.

(c) On the death of a joint Prefix holder the Prefix vests automatically in the surviving joint Prefix holders. Should any conflict arise over this, the conflict is to be referred to the Portfolio Manager who in turn may refer it to the Executive Council.

(d) On the death of a sole Prefix holder the Prefix lapses, provided always that for a period of six months thereafter, cats already bred may be registered under the deceased holder/s Prefix, by the new owner of the cats, upon production of suitable documentation to support such registration. Except as provided above, kittens born to cats inherited from the deceased after the death of the Prefix holder must be registered under the new owner's Prefix.

- 8.4 The Executive Council may suspend or cancel a Prefix at their sole discretion either:
- (i) on the written application of the Prefix holder/s,
  - (ii) Under the powers contained in the NZCF Constitution, and NZCF Disciplinary and Disputes Procedures.

## **9 Application For Registration of Pedigree Cats**

- 9.1 (a) on all applications for registration the application shall be signed by the breeder, and certified by the stud owner or agent, as appropriate. On applications for registration the names and breed codes of cats, names of breeder and owner shall be printed in capitals.

(b) The full registered name of any cat shall not exceed 32 characters, including spaces, hyphens, and apostrophes, but excluding titles like Champion, Grand Champion, Double Grand Champion, Bronze Double Grand Champion, Silver Double Grand Champion, Gold double Grand Champion, or Premier, Grand Premier, Double Grand Premier, Bronze Double Grand Premier, Silver Double Grand Premier, Gold Double Grand Premier, their abbreviations, or similar titles, and

generation status [e.g. Gen.1].

(c) Any applications unsigned or with erasures or alterations shall be returned to the breeder.

(d) All breed codes shall be shown on Registration Application Forms.

(e) All cats registered as AOC's and AOV's shall have their actual colour and breed code written on the pedigree, registration and transfer forms for the assistance of breeders.

(f) If a cat is owned by more than one person, the names of all the Owners (with a maximum of six (6)) shall be given on the registration and transfer application forms. The signature of one of the joint Prefix holders is sufficient for registration purposes.

(g) In the case of kittens born of the same parturition but on different dates, the birth date shall be registered as the date on which the first kitten of the litter was born.

(h) Progeny intended for breeding must have this noted on the Application for Registration form and this notation will be printed on all future Transfer certifications. If not specifically notified as herein, all progeny will accordingly be recorded as 'PET ONLY'.

(i) At the time of application to the Registrar, the Prefix used must be active according to the NZCF membership criteria as set from time to time. A Prefix which is inactive may not be used to register cats or kittens. A Prefix may not be used for registration purposes if the holder/s is not a current full financial member of NZCF.

**9.2** (a) If the age, ancestry, or breeder's name is not known, the application is to state "age or breeder unknown" as applicable. Names of unregistered cats shall not be given on registration or transfer forms, but the words "unregistered" or "unknown" shall appear instead. When the parents are unregistered although known, the colour shall be stated, e.g. "Unregistered Black".

(b) All applications for registration shall be in the Registrar's hands at least twenty eight clear days before the first show for which the registration is required.

(c) The signature of the stud owner or lessee or lessee's agent and the date of service by the stud shall be entered on each application for registration. This signature certifies that the mating took place under their personal control and that there is reasonable cause to believe that the progeny listed resulted there from. Where such mating has been verified by an agent, the stud owner or lessee shall countersign the application.

(d) A completed Application for Registration form shall be sent by the Owner of the queen to the owner or lessee of the stud or their agent for certification of the mating, and the application form shall be signed and returned to the owner of the queen within fourteen days thereafter.

(e) The Executive Council at its sole discretion, shall be empowered to register cats which may not be registered through normal channels, e.g. death or incapacitation of the stud owner or lessee or agent where positive evidence or a sworn affidavit of mating shall be submitted. This sub-clause may apply retrospectively at the sole discretion of the Executive Council.

(f) A dead cat shall be registered only by the person owning it at the time of the cat's death, at the sole discretion of the Executive Council.

### 9.3 Leases

(a) A registered cat may be leased only to a Prefix holder.

(b) All leases shall be registered with NZCF on the leasing advice form, and accompanied by the leasing fee as set from time to time, and sent to the appropriate Registrar.

**N.B The fee for a new lease includes a four generation pedigree**  
(amended Feb 2011)

(c) The lease of a cat may be valid for twelve months from the date of the leasing advice form, and may be renewed by mutual agreement of the lessor and lessee upon written advice to the Registrar for a further period of up to twelve months from the expiry of the initial term.

(d) In the absence of the lessor of the cat overseas and if it is intended to extend the lease beyond the initial term, then written notice must be given to the Registrar of this intention at the time the original leasing advice form is registered, otherwise a new leasing advice form must be registered upon expiration of the initial term.

(e) The leasing advice form shall be accompanied by the terms and conditions of the lease, including in particular the period of the lease term, and if the term is not stated or exceeds twelve months, then the lease will not be registered by the Registrar.

(f) Leases may be terminated before the stipulated term has expired by written advice from the lessee to the Registrar.

(g) Cats already on lease shall not in turn be subleased by lessees.

(h) Upon receipt of a leasing advice form, if the details are correct and in order, the Registrar shall issue a certificate of lease, and despatch it to the lessee. The lessor may obtain a copy of the certificate of lease from the Registrar by written application.

(i) Upon the expiration of the lease term the Registrar shall issue a Certificate of transfer back to the lessor.

(j) Lease advice forms for cats registered overseas must be accompanied by a four generation pedigree certified correct by the Governing Body, being a body officially recognised by the NZCF, with which the cat is registered, and a copy of the registration or transfer certificate showing the ownership of the cat.

(k) Where a cat is jointly owned, all owners must sign the lease agreement, and it is recommended that a legally binding agreement be drawn up and signed by the parties.

#### **9.4 Imported Cats**

(a) Application to register an imported cat must be submitted to the appropriate Registrar on an NZCF registration application form, to which must be attached a certificate of export pedigree and transfer

certificate issued by the Governing Body or equivalent in the country or state with which the cat was registered at the time of export to New Zealand. Photocopies of certified export pedigree and transfer shall be acceptable, but breeder's pedigrees shall not be acceptable **N.B.** The Governing Body or equivalent referred to in this sub-clause shall be a body recognised by the NZCF.

(b) Imported cats/kittens may be registered with the NZCF, without the issue of a NZCF certified pedigree. The certified pedigree of the Governing Body or equivalent, in the country or state, recognized by the NZCF, with which the cat/kitten is registered at the time of export, shall be deemed acceptable. Breeder generated pedigrees shall not be acceptable. Registration fee as set by the NZCF from time to time shall apply.

(c) For NZCF registration and transfer purposes, the date of transfer in the Country of origin is deemed to be the date from which the importer/new owner assumed ownership of the cat

(d) The name of an imported cat cannot be changed nor can any words be added to nor deleted from the name by the applicant for New Zealand registration. The name may include overseas titles. The name of an imported cat shall include the notation "Imp." together with the name of the country where the cat was first registered, in abbreviated form, e.g. "Imp Aust", "Imp U.K.". The suffix "Imp U.K. [or wherever] in Dam" is also permitted.

(e) Entire cats born overseas may be registered in New Zealand providing that the breeder's Prefix is registered with the NZCF. The breeder shall complete the NZCF application for registration and forward it to the appropriate Registrar, together with the requisite fee and photocopies of the registration of the sire and dam.

(f) Cats imported from overseas as desexed pets [not for breeding] may be registered by a person/s not holding a current NZCF registered Prefix, providing the required certified approved documentation is provided. Fees shall be paid as set from time to time.

(g) When queens are mated overseas and application made for the progeny subsequently born in New Zealand to be registered by the

NZCF, a certified pedigree and registration certificate of the stud cat, issued by the country or state in which the stud cat was registered at the time of mating, shall be forwarded, together with the application for registration of the progeny, to the appropriate Registrar. Photocopies of certified pedigree and registration certificate will be acceptable and other requirements as for Rule 9.2(c) shall be satisfied.

(h) An imported cat may be granted dispensation for exhibition, pending the arrival of the certified export pedigree and transfer form from the country or state of origin. Upon application to the appropriate Registrar, this dispensation may be granted for a period not exceeding six months from the date of the cat's arrival in New Zealand. This action must be subsequently confirmed by the Executive Council at its next meeting.

(i) Imported cats may not be exhibited in shows until dispensation has been granted as in Rule 9.4(h).

(j) Applications for extension of the period after the initial six months for exhibition as allowed in Rule 9.4(h) must be made through the appropriate Registrar to the Portfolio Manager, for consideration by the Executive Council, when there are extenuating circumstances.

(k) Applications to the appropriate Registrar for dispensation for exhibition of imported cats must include the following details:  
Cat's name, breed, colour, date of birth, registration number in country or state of origin, a copy of four generation pedigree (breeder's will suffice) and the name and address of both breeder and importer/new owner.

(l) The Registrar shall notify the importer/ new owner if the application is in order and whether dispensation is granted.

(m) When application is subsequently made to register the imported cat as in Rule 9.4(a.) above, any discrepancies from the original application for dispensation for exhibition shall be notified to the Portfolio Manager and the Executive Council shall have the power to cancel or alter any awards won during the period of dispensation.

## **10 Registration of Pedigree Cats & Kittens**

- 10.1** An application for registration of a cat, as bred by the owner, shall only be accepted if prior to the birth of the cat its dam was listed in the NZCF register as being owned or leased by the applicant, subject always to dispensation by the Executive Council, in its sole discretion, upon proper application being made to it by the applicant through the Portfolio Manager.
- 10.2** The application for registration shall be accompanied by the current registration fee if the litter is registered within four months from the date of birth. Registrations after the fourth month from birth shall incur a higher charge as set from time to time.
- 10.3** That all pedigree kittens born under any NZCF prefix that reach the age of 8 weeks must be registered with the NZCF.
- (a) When transferred to the new owner/s all such transfers must be recorded on the NZCF register of cats.
- 10.4** (a) the first word in the registered name of any cat shall be the breeder's Prefix. Names of living people or celebrities, trade names, brands or numbers in numerals, shall not be accepted for registration.
- (b) Registered names of cats may comprise any number of words, so long as the letters in the name, including the Prefix, spaces, apostrophes and hyphens do not exceed thirty two [32] characters, excluding titles.
- (c) The elements of the cats registered name following the Prefix may contain words previously used by that breeder and Prefix holder for the registered names of other cats, providing that in the Registrar's opinion the whole name is sufficiently distinguishable from any other whole name used by that breeder for another registered cat.
- (d) The name of any cat once registered shall not be changed, except with the approval of the Executive Council, upon proper application being made. Any name once registered shall not be used again with the same Prefix.
- (e) If a registered cat dies before the age of four months, and before

it has been exhibited or transferred, the owner may apply to the Registrar for cancellation of the registered name, and the name shall be deemed to have never been registered, and the registration fee shall not be refunded.

(f) NZCF is not responsible for errors on certificates of registration or transfer and the registrar will correct errors on the face of such certificates, upon written notice within fourteen days of the date of issue of the certificate, without further charge.

(g) Where the breeder discovers that a cat has been incorrectly registered as to its colour and/or sex, and there is no conflict or doubt about the error, then upon written application to the Registrar, supported by appropriate evidence, the Registrar shall alter the registration accordingly, and issue a new certificate to the breeder. A change of registered name shall be permitted upon registration of a change of sex.

(h) If there has been difficulty deciding the correct breed code for a cat, then upon resolution of that difficulty and upon written application by the owner to the Registrar, supported by appropriate evidence, the Registrar shall change the breed code of the cat and shall issue a new certificate recording the correct breed code.

(i) A charge as set from time to time shall be made by the Registrar for each alteration under Rules 10.3[g.] and [h.], and where dispensation is granted by the Executive Council for special registration of a litter, an additional charge of \$35.00 shall be paid together with the usual registration and transfer fees.

(j) The Executive Council is entitled to refuse registration, or the amended registration of any cat, in its absolute discretion, without giving any reason for its refusal.

**10.5** (a) Once any cat has won more than one Challenge Certificate in its originally registered colour, then the colour and breed code registered for that cat shall only be changed upon completion of the process outlined in 10.6.

(b) Cats dual registered for Silver under rule 6.7, or requiring re-registration because of the presence of the dilute modifier ('caramel') gene are exempt from these requirements.

#### **10.6 The Reclassification Procedure to be followed is:**

(a) On application, the Judges' Registrar shall appoint a Reclassification Panel of three Judges [with a maximum of two Junior Judges if sufficient Seniors are not available], with a Senior Judge to act as convenor of the Panel, to sit at a date, time and place mutually suitable to the cat's owner and the Panel, to examine the cat.

(b) The owner shall provide a correct four generation pedigree together with the registration or transfer certificate for the cat, plus any relevant data from the Registrar or the Breeds Standards Council to the convenor.

(c) The Judges' Registrar shall advise the appropriate Registrar and the Breeds Standard Advisory Council of the reason, date, time and place of the meeting of the Reclassification Panel so that the BSAC may prepare data for the hearing, and so that a local member of the BSAC may be present to advise where necessary.

(d) The Reclassification Panel shall examine the cat in natural daylight where possible, each Judge must handle the cat in full, and if the examination takes place at a show venue then it shall be away from spectators.

(e) The Reclassification Panel Convenor shall conduct and supervise the examination of the cat, and shall complete and dispatch the reclassification forms signed by all three Judges to the appropriate Registrar, the Judges' Registrar, and the Portfolio Manager for the Breeds Standard Advisory Council within 48 hours of completion of the cat's examination.

(f) If the Reclassification Panel's decision is unanimous and an alteration to the breed registration or colour is approved the cat's registration certificate or transfer certificate shall be sent, with the completed reclassification form to the Registrar for recording in the Register. The cat may not be shown under the revised breed code or colour until the amended registration certificate has been received

by the cat's owner.

(g) When a cat has been reclassified to another breed code or colour, previous challenges awarded to the cat shall be cancelled. This includes dual registered reds and creams. However when a cat has been reclassified because of the presence of silver or the dilute modifier ('caramel'), previous challenges awarded to the cats shall not be cancelled provided there is no change to the basic colour or pattern.

(h) If the Reclassification Panel cannot reach a unanimous decision, then this shall be noted on the reclassification form/s, the cat shall be listed as AOC/AOV and exhibited as such, and the Judges' Registrar shall appoint a fresh Reclassification Panel upon request to view the cat. The Convenor of the new Panel shall be sent a copy of the previous reclassification forms by the Judges' Registrar.

(i) Rule 10.5 shall be printed on the reverse of the reclassification form, and an appeal against any decisions made under this Rule can be made to the Executive Council.

## **11 Verification of Records**

11.1 The appropriate Registrar shall upon written application and receipt of the correct fee, provide written verification of the pedigree, or verification of the registration, of a cat to be exported.

11.2 The Honours Registrar will upon written application and payment of the appropriate fee provide verification of a cat's show wins.

11.3 (a) Persons seeking certificates for Champion, Premier, or Premier Pedigree Companion Cat titles must apply in writing to the Honours Registrar, enclosing the correct fee, and listing the shows, the show dates, and the officiating Judges when the three qualifying Challenge Certificates were awarded for each NZCF registered cat.

(b) Champion, Premier, or Premier Pedigree Companion Cats earning higher titles, from Grand Champion, Grand Premier, and Grand Premier Pedigree Companion Cats and higher as awarded under the conditions described within Schedule "B" to these Rules will, without application,

have their respective titles certificates automatically forwarded by the Honours Registrar at no charge.

## **12 Sale and Transfer of Registered Cats & Kittens**

12.1 (a) On all applications for transfer of NZCF registered cats, the application shall be signed by the owner or duly authorised agent, and shall have the names and breed codes of cats, names of breeder and owner printed in capitals.

(b) Any applications unsigned or with erasures or alterations shall be returned to the transfer applicant.

(c) Where the seller of a cat/kitten is already in possession of a certified pedigree issued by the NZCF or another NZCF recognised registry, a copy of this may be provided with the transfer application and there will be no requirement for a new NZCF certified pedigree to be supplied. The usual transfer fee as set by the NZCF from time to time. (amended Dec 2011)

(d) All transfers of cats or kittens for breeding shall be accompanied by a four generation pedigree created by the appropriate Registrar from the NZCF database on payment of the applicable fee by the breeder.

(e) All transfers of pedigree cats or kittens registered under any NZCF prefix sold or gifted as pets must receive a breeder generated pedigree when the new owner takes possession of the cat or kitten.

12.2.1 on the date of delivery of a kitten bred by the holder of a Prefix registered with NZCF, to its new owner/s, the kitten:

(a) shall have received at least one vaccination against Panleukopenia, Rhinotracheitis and Calicivirus, and the Vet's vaccination certificate shall be provided by the breeder at the time of delivery of the kitten, and

(b) shall be at least 10 weeks old, although NZCF recommends a minimum age of 12 weeks, and

(c) shall not be showing signs of illness which may be considered

Infectious or contagious; and any breeder holding a Prefix registered with the NZCF found, upon a proper case having been proved, to have broken any of Rule 12.2 [a.] [b.] or [c.] may have the Prefix suspended or withdrawn by the Executive Council, or other appropriate penalty imposed.

- 12.2.2 The post-dating of a Bill of Sale, or the creation of any other false document where the kitten is actually delivered under the age of 10 weeks shall be considered to aggravate the breach committed by the breeder.
- 12.2.3 Any cat or kitten with an obvious defect or deformity which could affect its future health, or could transmit such health problem, defect or deformity to its progeny, shall not be sold or transferred in any other way disposed of for breeding.
- 12.3 (a) If a cat is registered in the names of more than one person, the names of all the registered owners (with a maximum of six (6) shall be detailed on the Transfer Application Form, and the signature of any one of the registered owners on the form shall be sufficient to enable registration of the transfer with NZCF.
- (b) Cats/kittens registered in joint prefixes, may be changed to the ownership of other members of the prefix, without the issuing of a NZCF certified pedigree. Transfer fee as set by the NZCF from time to time shall apply. (Amended Dec 2011)
- (c) On the transfer in favour of one or more of the present owners of a cat registered with NZCF, the outgoing owner/s must each sign the Transfer Application Form, for the transfer to be effective.
- (d) All cats sold for breeding shall have the transfer lodged by the vendor with the appropriate Registrar, within 14 days of receipt of the full purchase price and delivery of the cat by the vendor. Breeders may retain the right to withhold transfers of cats sold as pets, until proof of desexing is received from the purchaser, but once the proof of desexing is received, the transfer must be lodged by the Breeder, with the appropriate Registrar, within 14 days thereafter.
- 12.4 (a) Where the breeder and the purchaser agree by noting on the Transfer Application Form, whether with or without a formal desexing

contract, that the kitten is sold "Pet Only" then whilst the kitten is under nine months of age it may be shown in the Entire Kitten section of shows.

(b) Once such a kitten reaches nine months of age, as a cat it shall not be accepted for entry as an entire exhibit at any NZCF show, unless the breeder completes a declaration agreeing to remove the "Pet Only" condition and the declaration and a fresh Transfer Application Form is lodged with the appropriate Registrar.

(c) If a cat registered as "Pet Only" is exhibited and judged in the entire section of a NZCF show, then all awards won by the cat at that show shall be automatically withdrawn by the Executive Council, upon proper proof of the matter.

## **12.5 Export of Cats and Kittens**

(a) On the date of export from New Zealand of any kitten bred by a NZCF registered Prefix holder, the kitten:

(i) shall have received at least two vaccinations against Panleukopenia, Rhinotracheitis and Calicivirus, and the Vet's certificate shall be provided at the time of delivery of the kitten, and

(ii) shall be at least four months old, and

(iii) shall not be exported while showing signs of any illness which may be considered infectious or contagious, and

(iv) if being a kitten or cat which is being exported for breeding and/or showing purposes, shall be accompanied by a Certified Export Pedigree verified by the appropriate Registrar, on payment of the current fee.

(b) Where litter mates are being exported at the same time to the same overseas purchaser, the breeder or exporter shall pay the current fee to the Registrar for the first Certified Export Pedigree, and the other Pedigrees shall be charged at 50% of the current fee.

(c) Cats previously imported into New Zealand which are being

exported to their original owner or breeder need not comply with Rule 12.3 [a.] [iv.] above, unless a Certified Export Pedigree is required by the Governing Fancy or Council in the country or state of the cats ultimate destination.

(d) Breeders moving overseas to take up residence may, on application To the Executive Council through the Portfolio Manager responsible for Registrations, be exempted from the requirements of Rule 12.3[a.] [iv], and Rule 12.3 [b.], unless a Certified Pedigree is required by the Governing Fancy or Council in the country or state of new residency.

## **SCHEDULE 'A'**

### **LONGHAIR BREED / TYPE DIVISION REGISTRATION GROUPS**

#### **Persian Group**

- i. Persian
- ii. Exotic

Cats in the Persian Group may be freely intermated with each other, and the progeny registered as either Persian or Exotic, depending on Phenotype (appearance).

All Persian progeny from Exotic parent/s, however, shall have dual Breed Numbers for the first generation only (see Rule 6.9)

#### **Other Longhair Group**

- i. Birman
- ii. Turkish Van
- iii. Turkish Angora
- iv. Ragdoll
- v. Maine Coon
- vi. Norwegian Forest Cat
- vii. Siberian
- viii. Any Other Variety

Cats in the Other Longhair Group CANNOT be freely intermated.

## SHORTHAIR BREED / TYPE DIVISION REGISTRATION GROUPS

### Siamese & Oriental Group

- i. Siamese
- ii. Oriental
- iii. Balinese
- iv. Javanese

Cats in Siamese and Oriental Group may be freely intermated, and the progeny registered as Sia, Bal, Ori or Jav according to phenotype (appearance). All Sia or Ori progeny from a Bal or Jav parent shall carry (l) a small 'l' in brackets. This registration shall apply into perpetuity unless the cat is proven by DNA testing not to carry the longhair gene.

### British Shorthair, Scottish Group, Manx Group

- i. British Shorthair
- ii. Scottish Group
- iii. Scottish Fold Shorthair
- iv. Scottish Fold Longhair
- v. Scottish Shorthair
- vi. Scottish Longhair

Cats in the Scottish group are fully intermateable with British Shorthair and with each other and all progeny shall be registered as one of the Scottish Group breeds, depending on phenotype (appearance).

N.B. All Shorthair progeny with a Longhair parent to carry the suffix (L).

**Fold to Fold matings are not permitted.**

### Manx Group

- i. Manx
- ii. Isle of Man Shorthair
- iii. Cymric
- iv. Isle of Man Longhair
- v. Tasman Manx )
- vi. Tasman Cymric ) Rexed Cat
- vii. Tasman Isle of Man SH )
- viii. Tasman Isle of Man LH )

Cats in the Manx Group are fully intermateable with British Shorthair and with each other, and all progeny shall be registered as one of the Manx Group breeds, depending on phenotype (appearance)

**Matings between Scottish Group and Manx Group are NOT Permitted.**

**Manx Group cats also have permitted outcross to Domestic.**

### **Abyssinian Group**

- i. Abyssinian
- ii. Somali

Cats in the Abyssinian Group may be freely intermated and the progeny registered as Abyssinian or Somali according to phenotype (appearance). All Abyssinian progeny from a Somali parent shall carry (I) a small 'I' in brackets. This registration shall apply into perpetuity unless the cat is proven by DNA testing not to carry the longhair gene.

### **Burmese Group**

- i. Burmese
- ii. Mandalay
- iii. Tiffany

1. Cats in the Burmese Group may be freely intermated and the progeny of Burmese x Mandalay matings shall be registered as either Burmese or Mandalay depending on phenotype (appearance). All progeny from Tiffany x Burmese or Tiffany x Mandalay matings shall be registered as Tiffany.

Note: Tiffany also have permitted outcross to Burmilla and Burmilla Longhair under Developing Breeds rules (progeny registered as gen 1).

Note: American Bombays DO NOT have permitted outcross to Burmese group cats nor to Australian Bombays. (Matings of American Bombay with any other breed are not permitted.)

### **Ocicat Group**

- i. Ocicat
- ii. Classicat

1. Cats in the Ocicat Group may be freely intermated with the progeny registered according to coat pattern.
2. Permitted outcross to Abyssinians with resulting progeny reverting back to Generation 1 and subsequent generations shall be registered according to the generation progression.

**Other Shorthair Group (excludes Developing Breeds)**

- i. Cornish Rex
- ii. Korat
- iii. Russian
- iv. Bengal
- v. Japanese Bobtail Longhair & Shorthair
- vi. Egyptian Mau
- vii. Singapura
- viii. German Rex

Breeds in this group CANNOT be freely intermated, with the exception of Japanese Bobtail Longhair and Shorthair which are fully intermateable with each other and progeny shall be registered according to phenotype (appearance).

**Developing Breeds (shorthair)**

Each developing breed has its own permitted outcrosses, as listed below. Whenever a permitted outcross is used, all progeny shall be registered as the Developing Breed and shall be Gen 1. Subsequent generations shall be registered according to the generation progression for Developing Breeds (see 5.8.1)

1. Devon Rex - Permitted outcrosses are Burmese, Mandalay, Tonkinese, domestic.
2. Sphynx - Permitted outcross is domestic.

3. Selkirk Rex - Permitted outcrosses are Persians, Exotics and British.
4. Tonkinese - Permitted outcrosses are Siamese, Burmese.
5. La Perm - Permitted outcross is domestic
6. Bombay - mating of American Bombay's to any other breed are not permitted, this includes Australian Bombay and Burmese Group Breeds.
7. Tasman Manx (Rex) Group - allowable outcrosses same as the other Manx Group Cats (Review Annually)
8. Burmilla - permitted outcrosses are first cross is Burmese and Either Chinchilla or Shaded Silver Persian subsequently Burmese, Mandalay, Tiffany, Chinchilla & Shaded Silver Persian. (Review 2012)
9. Tiffany - permitted outcrosses are Burmilla and Burmilla Longhair (Review 2010). \*\*Note: Owners of cats currently registered as Tiffany but having a Burmilla parent are permitted to re-register them as Burmilla Longhair at no charge, should they wish to do so.
10. Australian Bombay - permitted outcross to Burmese, Mandalay, Exotic (Review 2010)

## **SCHEDULE B**

### **Points Titles System For NZCF Registered Cats:**

Once cats have attained the title of Champion or Premier, they may be awarded higher titles of Grand Champion, Double Grand Champion, Bronze Double Grand Champion, Silver Double Grand Champion, or Gold Double Grand Champion; Grand Premier, Double Grand Premier, Bronze Double Grand Premier, Silver Double Grand Premier, or Gold Double Grand Premier under the conditions of this Schedule B.

(i) Title points are cumulative and will be carried over from year to year.

(ii) Titles gained to date will remain.

(iii) Cats part way through to a higher title when this Schedule begins to apply, will be credited points towards their next title in accord with the table below, and as shown in [vii] and [viii.] hereunder.

(a) A cat with one Grand Challenge Certificate will be awarded one third of the points required towards the Grand Challenge award.

(b) A cat with two Grand Challenge Certificates will be awarded two thirds of the points required towards the Grand Challenge award.

(c) Cats with Grand Challenge titles, Double Grand Certificates, Bronze Double Grand Certificates, Silver Double Grand Certificates, or Gold Double Grand Certificates will be awarded points towards the next award as in (a) and (b) above, additional to the points already attained for the titles held.

(iv) When a cat is awarded a higher title than the one which it has attained, The Honours Registrar will notify the owner of the cat, sending an Honours Certificate to the owner without application or fee being required.

(v) All Champion or higher qualified cats placed in the Top 10 at NZCF shows Will automatically be awarded points depending on their position in the Top 10, towards their next higher title, being 10 points for Best in Show, 9 points For Reserve, 8 points for third, 7 points for fourth, 6 points for fifth, five points for sixth, four points for seventh, three points for eighth, two points for ninth, and one points for tenth place. Additional to these placing points, further points will be awarded depending on the number of cats beaten.

E.G. If fifteen cats are entered, the top cat will earn 10 points for being first, plus 14 for the number of cats beaten [total of 24 points], the tenth cat will earn 1 point, plus 5 for the number of cats beaten [total of 7 points].

(vi) The number of points required for each award will be as set from time to time by the Executive Council. Initially these are as follows:

- To qualify for Grand Champion or Grand Premier, 120 points.

- To qualify for Double Grand Champion or Double Grand Premier, 180 points.
- To qualify for Bronze Double Grand Champion or Bronze Double Grand Premier, 280 points.
- To qualify for Silver Double Grand Champion or Silver Double Grand Premier, 450 points.
- To qualify for Gold Double Grand Champion, or Gold Double Grand Premier, 750 points.

(vii) Cats already holding 1 Challenge Certificate towards the next award, will be awarded

40 points towards Grand,  
140 points towards Double Grand,  
215 points towards Bronze Double Grand,  
340 points towards Silver Double Grand,  
550 points towards Gold double Grand,

(viii) Cats already holding 2 Challenge certificates towards the next award, will be awarded

80 points towards Grand,  
160 points towards Double Grand,  
245 points towards Bronze Double Grand,  
395 points towards Silver Double Grand, or  
650 points towards Gold Double Grand.

(ix) When a cat is de-sexed, and moves from the Entire to the Neuter/ Spay division, it will not carry its points with it, and will have to start over again to earn its initial three Challenge Certificates to move into this Points Award System as a Neuter/Spay.

## **GLOSSARY**

The Terms used in this Glossary apply to the **Constitution of The New Zealand Cat Fancy Inc, The New Zealand Cat Fancy Inc. Show By-Laws, & Registration Rules**. They are included for the avoidance of doubt, and do not form part of the document to which they are appended.

**1.1 The following Definitions apply to the NZCF Constitution, Registration Rules and Show Bylaws.**

**All Breeds Club** - caters for all breeds of cats

**Agent** - a person acting for the breeder or owner of a cat for purposes specified herein.

**Associate Member** - is as defined under Associate Member of the NZCF Constitution.

**Benching Cages** - the cages in the Show Venue in which the exhibitor or agent places the Exhibit/s at the start of the Show.

**Breeder** - Owner or lessee of a cat at the time kittens are born.

**Breed/Type** - a separate, distinct category of cat recognised.

**Cage Judging** - is where the Judge moves along the benching cages, examines each Exhibit, then returns the exhibit to its benching cage.

**Cat** - A domesticated feline of either gender includes kittens.

**Championship Show** - A show licensed and approved by the Executive Council at which cats may compete for NZCF award certificates.

**Closed Show** - a Show at which spectators, both exhibitors and the paying public, are excluded until the completion of judging, or the scheduled time for admission, whichever is earlier, but this does not exclude exhibitors who are working as officials at the Show.

**Club** - is an Incorporated Society, registered as a member of the NZCF pursuant to the NZCF Constitution.

**Companion Cat/kitten** - A cat/kitten registered with the NZCF, it is a cat with some known pedigree or has a phenotype or appearance of a pedigree cat. All Exhibits must be desexed

**Complaint** - is as defined in Disputes & Discipline of the NZCF Constitution.

**Constitution** - means the Constitution of the NZCF.

**Display** - An exhibition approved by the Executive Council, of any number of exhibits without competition or awards, which any registered Club may organise for fund raising or to create interest or instruction

**Division** - Longhair Breed/Type Division, Shorthair Breed/Type Division Companion Division and Domestic Division at a Show. Separate Best in Show awards and NZCF Awards Scoring shall be provided for each Division.

**Domestic Cat/Kitten** - A cat not registered with the NZCF, and not conforming to a Standard of Points for any recognised breed. All exhibits must be desexed.

**Executive Council** - The Executive Council of the NZCF

**Exhibit** - At a Show, any cat or kitten, entire, neutered or spayed.

**Exhibitor** - The owner or lessee of an exhibit at a Show.

**Fractious Cat** - is one that is vicious or savage, and attacks or injures any person who is authorised to handle the cat during a Show.

**Full Member** - Is as defined under Full Member of the NZCF Constitution.

**Handler** - A Judge's assistant who is not required to perform bookwork but is required to assist with taking cats to and from judging tables and cages.

**Honorary Member** - a Club member appointed by the Club, who doesn't pay dues, but has no voting rights.

**Honours Registrar** - The NZCF Official who records details of award points and awards won at NZCF Shows.

**Judges Registrar** - The NZCF Official, who administers all matters pertaining to the approval of Judging Assignments, Judging requirements and the appointment of reclassification panels.

**Kitten** - A cat less than 9 months old.

**Lessee** - The person/s listed in the NZCF Registers as leasing the cat from its owner/s, with such listing to have effect from the receipt of a Certificate of Lease by the Registrar, until the lease term has expired or

written notice that the lease has been earlier terminated in writing is received by the Registrar.

**Lessor** - The owner/s listed in the NZCF Registers as leasing a cat to Lessee/s.

**Life Member** - a Club member elected for life and who doesn't pay dues, but has voting rights.

**Month** - A calendar month.

**Non-Championship Show** - A Show licensed and approved by the Executive Council, at which exhibits may compete for prizes or awards, but shall not compete for Challenge or Grand Challenge or Double Grand Challenge or Bronze Double Grand Challenge or Silver Double Grand Challenge or Gold Double Grand Challenge points.

**NZCF** - The New Zealand Cat Fancy Incorporated.

**Open Show** - A Show at which exhibitors or their agents or Club-appointed handlers may present the exhibits either to the Judge or to the judging holding cages. The Show Schedule must state whether owner-handlers or Club-appointed handlers are to be used at the Show.

**Owner** - The person or persons listed in the NZCF Registers as owning the cat.

**Parade** - A competition approved by the Executive Council, for any number of exhibits, with awards restricted to trophies, prize cards and ribbons only. Charges for the entry of exhibits or spectators are optional

**Pedigree Cat** - A cat qualifying to be registered on either the NZCF Full or Provisional Register.

**Region** - A geographic area as defined by NZCF from time to time.

**Registered Cat** - A cat for which an NZCF Registration Certificate has been issued by a NZCF Registrar, or for which approval for Registration has been given by the Executive Council.

**Ring Judging** - is where the Judge officiates from one place in the Show Venue, with the exhibits being brought to and from the judging cages or judging tables.

**Runner** - A person who collects judging slips from Judges and delivers them to the Show Office or Scribes.

**Scribe** - A person in the Show Office assisting with the preparation of prize cards from the judging sheets.

**Section** - is part of a Division. It shall be decided by individual Clubs and stated in the Show Schedule, which sections within a Division shall be available for entry at that Club's Show.

**Schedule of Breed Codes** - a list of breed codes and colours detailing the challenge status of each breed code, as published by NZCF, from time to time.

**Show** - Includes a Championship Show, a Show, a Display or a Parade, licensed or approved by the Executive Council of the NZCF.

**Show Ring** - an area in the Show Venue for ring judging, with judging cages or tables set up, where the exhibits are brought by the exhibitors or agents or Club appointed handlers, for judging. Spectators are to be separated from the judging cages or tables, and should be provided with seating.

**Specialist Club** - catering for stated breeds or stated colours.

**Standard of Points** - The breed standard of points approved by the NZCF from time to time.

**Steward** - A Judge's assistant who may be required to perform bookwork or other duties as required by the Judge.

**The Act** - means the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 or any amending or other legislation passed in substitution for the Act.

**Unable To be Handled (UTH) Cat** - a cat that is unable to be handled due to being nervous or angry, and demonstrates its disapproval at being exhibited by noise and a menacing attitude, without attacking or savaging any person.

## **1.2 The following class definitions shall apply at all NZCF Shows**

**Kitten Open** - in which all kittens four months and over but less than nine months on the first day of the Show may compete.

**Kitten 4 - 6 months** - in which kittens three months or over but less than six months on the first day of the show may compete.

**Kitten 6 - 9 months** - in which kittens six months or over but less than nine months on the first day of the Show may compete.

**Cat Open** - in which all cats nine months and over may compete, without restriction or qualification and Champions, Grand Champions, Double Grand Champions, Bronze Double Grand Champions, Silver Double Grand Champions, Gold Double Grand Champions, Premiers, Grand Premiers and Double Grand Premiers, Bronze Double Grand Premiers, Silver Double Grand Premiers, Gold Double Grand Premiers are eligible to enter.

**Junior** - for cats nine months or over but less than two years on the first day of the Show.

**Intermediate** - for cats two years or over but less than five years on the first day of the Show.

**Senior** - for cats five years or over but less than seven years on the first day of the Show.

**Veteran** - for cats seven years or over on the first day of the Show.

**Limit** - for exhibits that have won fewer than four first prizes at a Show, but wins as a kitten do not count when entering the Limit class as a cat.

**Novice** - Exhibits that have not won a first prize in any class at a Show, but wins as a kitten do not count when entering the Novice class as a cat.

**Novice Exhibitor** - An exhibitor whose exhibits have not won a first prize at a Show.

**New Zealand Bred** - exhibits born in New Zealand.

**Stud Cat and Progeny** - is for males that are proven sires, judged together with two progeny from separate litters, including cats/kittens neuter/spays and/or exhibits from another owner, at the same Show.

**Brood Queen and Progeny** - is for females that are proven dams, judged together with two progeny from separate litters, including cats/kittens neuter/spays and/or exhibits from another owner, at the same Show.

**Pair** - Two cats or kittens of the same variety and colour (not necessarily of the same gender) belonging to the same exhibitor, who are judged on their similarity.

**Brace** - Two cats or kittens (not necessarily of the same sex, variety or colour) belonging to the same exhibitor, each judged on their individual merit.

**Team** - Three cats or kittens, not necessarily of the same sex, variety or colour belonging to the same exhibitors, and each judged on their individual merit.

### **1.3 The following award definitions shall apply at all NZCF Shows**

**Challenge** - A certificate awarded by the NZCF to a cat winning first place in the Open Class at a Show, (classes - 1/21/41/61) if the judge considers the cat is of sufficient merit. Challenges are not awarded to kittens, or to cats of Breeds AOV L or AOV S, all Longhair and Shorthair breeds with the colour suffix AOC L or AOC S, all variants of a breed denoted by "V" after

the breed code, nor are they awarded where the breed has not achieved Challenge status

**Grand Challenge** - A certificate awarded by the NZCF to the Champion/Premier cat

When the cat has attained the accumulated points required for this certificate.

**Double Grand Challenge** - A certificate awarded by the NZCF to the Grand Champion/Grand Premier cat when the cat has attained the accumulated points required for this certificate.

**Bronze Double Grand Challenge** - A certificate awarded by the NZCF to the Double Grand Champion/Double Grand Premier cat when the cat has attained the accumulated points required for this certificate.

**Silver Double Grand Challenge** - A certificate awarded by the NZCF to the Bronze Double Grand Champion/Bronze Double Grand Premier cat when the cat has attained the accumulated points required for this certificate.

**Gold Double Grand Challenge** - A certificate awarded by the NZCF to the Silver Double Grand Champion/Silver Double Grand Premier cat when the cat has attained the accumulated points required for this certificate.

**Champion** - A male or female cat that has won three Challenge certificates from three different Judges. \*

**Grand Champion** \*

**Double Grand Champion** \*

**Bronze Double Grand Champion** \*

**Silver Double Grand Champion** \*

**Gold Double Grand Champion** \*

**International Champion** - A male or female cat that has achieved Champion status in two or more countries.

**Premier** - A neuter or spay cat that has won three Challenge Certificates from three different Judges. \* A desexed Champion must win three Challenge Certificates from three different judges in neuter or spay classes to become a Premier.

**Grand Premier \***

**Double Grand Premier \***

**Bronze Double Grand Premier \***

**Silver Double Grand Premier \***

**Gold Double Grand Premier \***

**International Premier** - a neuter or spay cat that has achieved Premiership status in two or more countries.

\* The Certificates to qualify for Grand Champion, Double Grand Champion, Bronze Double Grand Champion, Silver Double Grand Champion, Gold Double Grand Champion, Premier, Grand Premier, Double Grand Premier, Bronze Double Grand Premier, Silver Double Grand Premier and Gold Double Grand Premier will be awarded when the cat has attained the accumulated points required for these certificates.

#### **1.4 REGISTERED COMPANION CATS**

1. A Registered Companion Cat Section may be included in NZCF sanctioned Shows. The section may be judged by judges already contracted to judge another section at the same Show, including Domestic Judges.
2. All exhibits competing in the Companion Cat Section shall be de-sexed.
3. There will be two Divisions, Longhair Cats and Shorthair Cats. There will not be a separate Division for Kittens, but should Kittens be entered, they shall be de-sexed, and will compete on equal standing with Cats, in the same Division. [i.e. there will be no separate Kitten section.]

4. The Registered Companion Cat Section will compete for titles, and cats having the necessary number of challenges will be known as Premier Companions, right up to Gold Double Grand Premier status.
5. Every cat placed in the Top 10 will be eligible for challenges, and 3 challenges from 3 different Judges are required before Premier Companion status is awarded (challenge certificates will be awarded only to cats in the top 10).
6. (a.) As this Division is intended as a Division to enable pedigree, part pedigree, or pedigree phenotype cats to be shown specifically separate from unregistered Domestic exhibits, no cat without prior dispensation from the Executive Council which has been awarded Grand Champion or higher in either Entire or Neuter /Spay Divisions will be permitted to be shown as Registered Companion Cats.  
(b.) A cat which has been awarded challenges or other awards, and transfers into the Registered Companion Cat section, cannot retain any awards or titles when so transferring.  
(c.) Exhibitors entering in the Registered Companion Cat section are required to sign the following declaration:  
"I/we confirm that the exhibit entered above meets the criteria of Rule 6(a.) Of the NZCF Registered Companion Cats section. ....signed"
7. All cats entered in the Registered Companion Cat Section shall be entered under their pet name. The Show Catalogue must state the approximate age in years and months, and the Companion Cat registration number of the exhibit (when known).  
An unregistered cat when shown in the Companion Cat Division may be registered as a Companion Cat by its owner using its pet name.
8. A cat entered in the Domestic Section of a Show, which has some known pedigree, or when benched, has a phenotype or appearance of any pedigree cat, will be transferred from the Domestic Section to the Registered Companion Cat Section of that Show by the Show Secretary and/or the Show Manager in consultation with the exhibitor/ owner, or agent, with the registration number shown in the marked catalogue as "pending".

9. Should a cat entered in the Domestic Section of a Show be noticed on Show Day to have the phenotype of a pedigree to the satisfaction of the Show Manager, then the terms of Clause 8 will apply
10. On receipt of the marked catalogue, the Honours Registrar will initiate a registration number for any exhibit which has not previously had such granted, and will notify the new registration number to the owner of the exhibit. Registered Companion Cats registration numbers will have the prefix of CC, plus indication as to Longhair or Shorthair (CCL or CCS).
11. There will be no additional fees payable for registration of Registered Companion Cats, which may be initiated by the owner, the Show Secretary, or the Honours Registrar.
12. The Approved Standard for Registered Companion Cats is as follows:

[a.] **General Physical Condition:** The cat should be in excellent health, with good coat condition. Battle scars are permissible provided they are clean.

[b.] **Grooming and Cleanliness:** A high standard of grooming is a requirement with no sign of any dirt or other foreign matter. Eyes and ears must be clean.

[c.] **Coat:** The coat colour and markings should be visually appealing, healthy and glossy, indicating good condition, with colour and markings melding to give an overall pleasing appearance.

[d.] **Temperament:** No specific type, coat or breed standard is applicable. Excellent temperament is a major requirement.

[e.] **Appearance:** The cat should be bright-eyed with an alert facial expression, with eye colour complementing the coat and pattern and colour. Overall, the cat should be visually appealing to the eye.

13. **SCALE OF POINTS FOR REGISTERED COMPANION CATS**

General Physical Condition	20
Grooming and Cleanliness	20
Coat	20
Temperament	20
Appearance	<u>20</u>
Total	<u>100</u>