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2. Club Shows / Show Dates

- 2.1 (a) As provided by the NZCF Constitution applications for a date or Dates to hold Shows under the Rules of NZCF shall be made on the Show Date Application Form lodged with the Executive Council Secretary, and there shall be no restriction on the number of show rings or days over which a Club may hold its show.
- (b) The fees payable to NZCF for the Show licence and for late Show applications shall be as set from time to time by the NZCF Annual General Meeting or the Executive Council.
- (c) (i) Not later than the 1st December in each year every Club which wishes to hold Show/s in the calendar year, two years ahead, shall apply on the Show Date Application Form, for approval of date/s on which it wishes to hold such Show/s.
- (ii) A non refundable booking fee applies.
- (iii) An Application must be accompanied by the appropriate fee and state clearly the number of rings or judgings, and the date/s for the Show/s. Applications which do not meet the above provisions, may be granted on payment of a 50% extra fee and for any date/s not already granted to Clubs which have met the above provisions.
- (iv) any newly Affiliated Club, in its first year, may be granted a Show Date on application, without a late penalty.
- (v) Other Show Dates, may be granted as Executive Council alone shall decide.
- (d) If the date applied for is on a weekend that is not the same as the last two years, this shall be stated along with the reasons why the change is sought. A copy of the Application and the reasons shall be sent by the applicant to any NZCF Club which may be affected by such a change.
- (e) If two or more Clubs apply for the same Show date, the Executive Council Secretary, or Other Official, shall notify the Clubs concerned. If two or more Clubs have shared the same Show date for at least

two years it will be considered those Clubs' traditional date, and no conflict will be considered to have arisen.

(f) Clubs affected by the provisions of clauses hereof may agree to adjust their respective Show dates, subject to approval. Any agreement shall be notified by the Clubs concerned to the Executive Council Secretary. If Clubs affected are unable to adjust the Show dates by mutual agreement, they may make written submissions to the Executive Council.

(g) (i) Executive Council at its first meeting each year, shall allot the format and dates upon which Clubs may hold their Shows.

(ii) The Executive Council Secretary, or Other Official, shall publish the list of show dates approved and any changes, for the current and following year in Executive Council Minutes as Resolved, in NZCF journals and on the NZCF Website, updated monthly.

(iii) After the list of Show formats and dates has been set, any Club may apply in writing to the Executive Council for an amended date or format. The provisions of this Clause shall apply to all such applications which the Executive Council shall consider and its decision shall be final.

2.2 (a) Applications for approval to hold Displays or Parades of pedigree cats shall be made in writing to the Executive Council Secretary, but Clubs may not hold a display and a parade on the same day.

(b) Exhibitions of domestic cats may be held, with the same vetting requirements as for Championship Shows, and there is no limit on the number of entries at such exhibitions.

2.3 (a) Applications for approval to hold domestic cats only shows shall be made in writing to the Executive Council Secretary at least 28 days before the requested Show date, and approval shall be granted so long as there is no Championship Show scheduled in the same Region on the same day, and upon the applicant Club agreeing to carry out the full vet check procedures for all cats benched at the domestic-only show.

(b) The Executive Council Secretary shall advise the Judges' Registrar of the approved domestic-only show date, and Trainee Judges shall be afforded the opportunity to complete their domestic judging

assignments at the show, with the assignments to be certified by the Show Manager or Show Secretary.

- (c) No show fee shall be payable to NZCF for domestic-only cat shows.

Show Schedules

- 3.1 The Show Secretary shall issue a Show Schedule and at the time of issue shall send a copy to the Executive Council Secretary, the Judges' Registrar and the Honours Registrar. The Show Schedule shall state:
- (a) Open class entry fees on the Schedule.
 - (b) There are no entry fees for Champion, Premier, Grand Champion, Grand Premier, Double Grand Champion and Double Grand Premier, Bronze Double Grand Champion and Bronze Double Grand Premier, Silver Double Grand Champion and Silver Double Grand Premier, Gold Double Grand Champion and Gold Double Grand Premier classes, all of which are subjected to automatic progression once they have attained the accumulated points in each class.
 - (c) The Show Committee may decline to accept any entry or entries to The Show, without giving any reason for such decision, and may elect to accept any entry or entries arriving after the closing date stated in the Show Schedule.
 - (d) The date/s for the closing of entries, the method of vetting, judging (open, closed, ring or cage judging) and handling (owner/agent or Club appointed handlers).
 - (e) When a Club issues a Show Schedule for a multi-ring Show, an exhibit may be entered in more than one Open Class, and compete for more than one Challenge at the Show on the same day. The Club does not require the exhibit to be entered in any Open Class, nor to be judged by more than one Judge, as nominated on the entry form. An exhibitor may elect to enter any exhibit in as many classes listed in the Show Schedule as the exhibit is eligible to enter.
 - (f) Details of the Judges contracted for the Show and their full appointments for the Show and any student Judge doing a practical assignment shall also be listed. Exhibitors may refuse to have their exhibit/s used in such a practical assignment by indication on the entry form.

- (g) As decided by the Club all sections for the Show,
 - (h) Where two or more Judges are contracted for any of entire cats, neuter/spays or kittens, the method for deciding Best in Show, Breeders' Awards of Merit, or any other special classes shall be detailed.
 - (i) The Show Committee may offer prizes as it decides, subject to these Show Bylaws, provided always that classes or prizes shall not be offered for progeny sired by a specific cat, and free service from a stud cat shall not be offered as a prize.
 - (j) Once the Schedule has been issued, classes or prizes shall not be added to, except for sweepstakes; and exhibits may only be entered in the classes for breeds, as published in the official Schedule of Breed Codes.
- 3.2 Clubs may print lists of Breed Codes in the Show Schedule, and if printed, the complete list of Breed Codes must be published. Non-All Breeds Clubs may print details for only those Breeds to be shown at that Show.
- 3.3 Show Schedules for domestic sections in Shows shall include the pictorial guide and use patterns and descriptions for domestic cats at NZCF Shows, as approved by the NZCF at its Annual General Meeting, from time to time.

Eligibility of Cats to be Shown

- 4.1 (a) every cat shown at an NZCF Show in the registered divisions must be registered with the NZCF, provided always that for cats imported into New Zealand but still registered overseas, upon written application to the appropriate Registrar, a dispensation may be granted from this registration requirement. This is to be ratified by the Executive Council at its next meeting.
- (b) Such dispensation is not required for cats imported into New Zealand by a non-resident exhibitor, and all such cats may be shown at NZCF Shows under their current overseas registration.
- 4.2 Except for cats registered as 13V (AOV) or 26V (AOV), cats on the Provisional Register may compete as entires or neuters or spays, in their respective classes for Best of Colour/Breed, Best in Show and

Challenge Certificates and shall not be recorded as "Provisional Register" in the Judges' books.

- 4.3 (a) (i) any registered cat exhibited at a Show held pursuant to these Show Bylaws shall be entered in the Show in the name of its breeder or the person or persons to whom it has been transferred or leased, prior to the date of the Show, as exhibitor.
- (ii) This Show Bylaw shall be printed in all Club Show Schedules, or on all Club show Entry Forms.
- (b) If the new owner or lessee of any exhibit is penalised at a Show by the breeder's breach of any of these Show Bylaws, then the Executive Council may allow any awards won by the cat at that Show, depending on the circumstances of the case.
- 4.4 Clubs shall not accept Show entries from any Judge officiating at the Show, or from member or members of the Judge's family or joint prefix holders, for competition in those sections in which the Judge is officiating.
- 4.5 Only those cats listed in the Show Catalogue shall be eligible for judging at the Show, save only any entries omitted due to manifest clerical error.
- 4.6 Vasectomised male cats, and female cats with tubal ligation, must be shown at NZCF Cat Shows as males and females, respectively, in the entire section.

Show Entries

- 5.1 Every exhibitor entering a cat in any Show held under these NZCF Show Bylaws, shall upon signing the entry form be deemed to abide by and be subject to these NZCF Show Bylaws, 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.
- 5.2 All Cat Show Entry Forms shall include the following statements:

"I/we consent to be bound by and submit to the Constitution, Registration Rules and Show Bylaws of the New Zealand Cat Fancy (Inc) and the Show host Club, as amended from time to time.

..... Exhibitor

If required, a copy of the NZCF Show Bylaws may be obtained from the NZCF Stationery Officer upon payment of the prescribed fee. A copy will be available for perusal at the Show."

- 5.3 Each cat entered in any Show shall be clearly identified on a separate Entry Form provided by the Club, including:
- (a) The correct breed code and registered name of the exhibit, and
 - (b) Details of the exhibit's sire and dam, all of which particulars shall be those as detailed on the exhibit's Registration or Transfer Certificate. If the exhibit has more than one owner, then the names of all its owners shall be set out on the Show Entry Form for the exhibit. A contact telephone number shall be provided on each Entry Form for the exhibitor of each exhibit at a Show.
- 5.4 The Club Show Secretary shall retain all Show Entry Forms for thirteen months from the close of the Show, and upon written request from the Executive Council Secretary within the thirteen months, any Show Entry shall be sent to the Executive Council Secretary within seven days of receipt of the request.
- 5.5 If any Judge named in the Show Schedule is changed Clubs shall advise Exhibitors affected by the change by any appropriate means; and thereafter any exhibit may be withdrawn from the group to have been judged by that Judge, with a refund of all show entry and Benching Fees for exhibits so withdrawn. If a Judge is changed less than seven clear days before the Show, then a sign notifying the change of Judge shall be placed at the Show venue door.
- 5.6 Upon written application to the Show Secretary, any exhibit may be withdrawn from any Show with full fee refunds prior to the Show Entry closing date; and after that date with a possible forfeiture of part or all of the Club Entry Fee, and all payment of the Benching Fees due NZCF.
- (a) All kittens entered in the Show, or on exhibition, display, or as a breed promotion, shall be a minimum of four calendar months old on Show Day;

- (b) At the discretion of the Club cats and kittens not entered in the Show, may be displayed, exhibited or promoted at the venue. Any kittens on display shall be three calendar months or older on show day.
 - (c) Cats and kittens as in (b) shall be bound by the Show Bylaws including Veterinary Requirements where appropriate.
 - (d) Queens shall not be exhibited at any Show within two months of the date of kitting.
 - (e) Registered exhibits shall not be shown in any class for domestic cats, and all domestic cats and kittens shown at NZCF Cat Shows shall be desexed.
 - (f) All kittens being exhibited at ALL shows held under the auspices of the NZCF MUST show a current vaccination certificate with the most recent vaccination being dated at least 7 days prior to the show.
 - (g) Check for unregistered pedigree exhibits in the Domestic sections and if found, contact the Show Manager so that these may be transferred to the Companion Cat Section if that section is available. (refer Glossary)
- 5.7 NZCF Benching Fee shall be paid for each ring or judging by each distinct exhibitor, on the first Show Entry Form for each Cat Show. Benching fees are not payable on domestic entries when NZCF Award Scoring does not apply.
- 5.8 Exhibits entered in contravention of these Show Bylaws shall not be allowed to compete and shall forfeit all fees and awards, provided however the Executive Council may remit any or all fees forfeited.
- 5.9 Any adult cat having been registered and/or transferred with NZCF as "PET ONLY" shall not be entered/exhibited as an entire cat at any NZCF Show, except as provided by Registration Rules.
- 5.10 The Registered Tabby pattern of all adult agouti cats, except for pointed cats, shall be stated on Show entry forms and entered in Judges Books.

Show Catalogues

- 6.1 The Show Secretary shall arrange the issue of a catalogue of the Show, which shall include:

- (a) Full particulars of the entry of each exhibit and the names of all owners or all lessees, as provided by the exhibitor on the exhibit's entry form;
 - (b) Details of all classes entered by each exhibit in the Show;
 - (c) The names of all Show Officials, the Club Officials and the name and address of the Club Secretary;
 - (d) The date/s and venue of the Show, and the numbers of rings or judgings at the Show.
 - (e) The names of all Judges officiating at the Show and the rings and sections being judged by each Judge.
- 6.2
- (a) Catalogues may be provided to exhibitors upon benching their exhibits, and may be sold on the morning/s of the Show, provided they are not be available to Judges, Stewards or Handlers whilst judging is in progress.
 - (b) Names and address may be published unless the exhibitor specifically requests otherwise.
- 6.3 Within 21 days of the close of the Show the Show Secretary shall forward:
- (a) A Show Catalogue marked as below or with a results report attached to each of the Executive Council Secretary and the Prefix and Honours Registrar marked to show:
 - (i) Absentees at the Show,
 - (ii) Unable to be Handled or fractious exhibits, and
 - (iii) Vet Rejections and
 - (iv) All awards achieved by all exhibits at the Show.
 - (b) A Show Catalogue to each of the registrars showing absentees at the Show in the appropriate divisions; The catalogue for the Judges Registrar must include the absentees in the Domestic Division and Companion Cat Division.
 - (c) An unmarked Catalogue to the Executive Council Financial Administrator as proof of all entries at the Show, together with payment for the Benching Fees due to the NZCF, including those for absent exhibitors.

(d) A show which has more than one Show Secretary shall send one combined catalogue for each of the Officials above.

6.4 If any Club fails to have its Show Secretary comply with the Bylaws then the NZCF Official who has not received the appropriate Show Catalogue shall promptly advise the Club Secretary of the delinquency which shall be reported to the Executive Council of the NZCF at its next meeting, and the Executive Council may levy a penalty upon the Club for each week that a Show Catalogue is late, provided always that the penalty may be waived by the Executive Council if only one Show Catalogue is late, and a replacement is sent promptly, or the Club can provide a persuasive reason for the late dispatch of the Show Catalogue/s.

6.5 Proof of the dispatch of any of the Show Catalogues, as required by the Bylaws is upon the alleged delinquent Club.

6.6 Catalogues need not be issued for duly authorised Displays or Parades

7. Clubs' Responsibilities to Judges

7.1 Club's invitations to Judges must be made using the NZCF prescribed "Invitation and Agreement to Judge" form, or by email with the full information completed, as required, including the details of any additional duties expected of the Judge like whether cage or ring judging, top ten presentation or a written Judge's report on the top ten in each class.

7.2 Any Club negotiating with a Judge must either include the restrictions in the contract or provide evidence that restrictions have been negotiated/resolved

7.3 (a) Clubs must send the invitation to Judge on the prescribed form or by email to selected Judges;

(b) The Judge must indicate acceptance or otherwise within 21 days of receipt of the invitation;

(c) The Judges Registrar must approve/not approve the invitation and advise the Club;

(d) The Club involved, must receive approval from the Judges Registrar of all invitations to judge before the show schedule is circulated, except in the

case of the replacement of a previously invited Judge.

- 7.4 Should a Judge fail to complete and return the Invitation form to the Club, then twenty-one days should be allowed from the date of dispatch of the Invitation form to the original Judge, before inviting another Judge to take up that Show assignment.
- 7.5 Except when a show is cancelled Judges' contracts, once made and approved by the Judges' Registrar cannot be altered or cancelled without the prior written agreement of both the Club and the Judge, and the subsequent approval of the Judges' Registrar.

7.6 Judges' Expenses

- (a) Clubs shall pay Judges' travel expenses, overnight accommodation costs and meals as appropriate, and if the Judge has paid out any of those expenses, they shall be reimbursed to the Judge by the Club, no later than the opening of the Show.
- (b) Junior Judges Travel Subsidy: is only payable for each Junior Judge once in one show season. Clubs should make application for reimbursement to the Treasurer (GST tax invoice/receipt must be provided).
- (c) The mode of travel for the Judge, the class of travel and the costs shall be reasonable to suit the convenience of the Judge and the interests of the Club.
- (d) Unless otherwise agreed the Judge's accommodation provided by the Club shall be in a hotel or motel or motor inn of a reasonable standard and level of facilities, (three star minimum). The Club shall provide the Judge with accommodation for the night before the Judge's assignment, the nights during and the night after the assignment. Should the Judge's travel to or from the Show be disrupted, then if the air carrier fails to provide for the Judge, the host Club shall provide any extra accommodation, meals or acceptable alternative travel, as required.
- (e) Unless agreed otherwise, meals for the Judge must be available within the accommodation complex, or delivered if supplied from another source. The Club may set an upper limit on the Judge's meal costs, but must state this in the invitation. Clubs are neither responsible nor

liable for payment for Judge's alcoholic beverages or toll call charges incurred at the accommodation.

- (f) Judges may arrange private accommodation for the Show assignment, with the prior written agreement of the Club, and so long as there is no conflict of interest for the Judge before or during the Show.

7.7 Clubs must send a Show Schedule to all contracted Judges at the same time as the Schedules are sent to the intending exhibitors, and for overseas Judges, a copy of the NZCF Standard of Points applicable to those classes in the particular Judge's assignment.

7.8 Within seven days of the close of entries the Club shall provide written advice to Judges with more than 80 entries or less than 10 entries in a section, and by agreement between the Club and the Judge, such sections may be split into smaller ones or combined into a larger one, as required, and the Club shall advise all exhibitors affected by such changes.

7.9 No later than seven days before the Show, the Club shall provide written advice to the Judges of the number and the Breed Codes (colours) in the assignment for each Judge, and full details of the Judge's accommodation arrangements.

7.10 A separate room or area, away from the exhibitors and the public shall be provided by the Club for the Judges, and Judges' Books shall be available for the Judges at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start of judging, or else on the Judge's arrival at the Show.

7.11 Each Judge shall be offered:

(a) At least two assistants, first a Steward for bookwork and secondly a Handler for the exhibits. In the case of Judges from outside New Zealand the steward shall be an NZCF Judge or NZCF Steward if possible.

(b) disinfectant diluted to the correct strength, disposable towels and a disposal bag for the towels, plus washable tables

(c) mid morning refreshments for the Judge and the assistants, so as to let judging continue in an orderly manner, and

(d) lunch at a time suitable to the Judge, so as not to interrupt completion of The Judge's assignment.

7.12 (a) Each Judge shall receive a Show Catalogue after their judging assignment

is completed and after all relevant Judge's Sheets have been received by the Show Secretary.

(b) Certificates to be signed by the Judge must be made available to the Judge during judging, at the latest soon after the lunch break, so as to provide the Judge with time to check these awards before signature.

(c) A First Aid Kit shall be available at the Show Secretary's table in the Show venue throughout the Show.

7.13 Any lapses in the above duties may be reported by the Judge in writing to the Judge's Registrar within twenty one days of the closing of the Show, with a copy of the report to the Club running the Show and the Executive Council Secretary. Upon the advice of the Judge's Registrar the Executive Council may take such steps as are necessary to prevent a recurrence of the lapse at the Club's next Show.

8. Judge's Responsibilities to Clubs and Exhibitors

8.1 (a) The aim of judging cats is to adhere to the NZCF Standard of Points, in such a consistent and objective manner, so as to further the aims and objects of NZCF and improvement of cat breeds.

(b) The current published Standard of Points for the cats being judged shall be carried by the Judge or available whilst judging, and should be referred to if doubt exists as it is the definitive statement of each Breed Number.

8.2 All Judges should:

(a) Know and consistently apply the Standard of Points for each Breed Code and colour variation within a Breed.

(b) be familiar with and adhere to the Show Bylaws and these Judges' Responsibilities in Bylaw 8, with a current copy to be available during judging.

(c) Be objective in judging each exhibit as it appears on the Show Bench on the day, not to its future potential, and make awards only to those exhibits which merit such awards.

(d) Withhold awards if the exhibit/s have insufficient merit or are entered in the incorrect colour category.

(e) Exercise due care and judgment before withholding an award of first in a class and instead awarding second or third as the top award, as such measures should only be used in extreme cases of lack of condition or poor presentation of the exhibit/s.

(f) Make all reasonable attempts to handle and judge all the exhibits in the Judge's assignment and the Judge may bypass an upset exhibit to be left to calm down and be judged later. With the agreement of the Show Manager, a cat adjacent to the exhibits being judged and causing upset to the exhibits may be moved temporarily, during judging.

(g) View all Domestic exhibits before judging, to check they are in the correct colour classes, and any anomalies must be referred to the Entry Clerk or Show Secretary to ensure that changes are made as needed in all classes entered.

(h) Check for unregistered pedigree exhibits in domestic sections and if found, contact the Show Manager so that these may be transferred to the Companion Cat Section if that section is available.

(i) Be prepared to justify the awards and placings, remembering always that the Judge's decision is final except for obvious or bona fide mistakes, and no correspondence will be entered into with exhibitors.

(j) Arrange and programme the flow of judging, so that the Club can keep to its timetable for admission of the public to the Show, and the prize-giving at Show's end.

8.3 NZCF Judges shall at all times

(a) Avoid conduct, actions, language or contact which may or does prejudice an impartial approach to judging or the status of a Judge appointed by NZCF.

(b) Not solicit judging invitations or assignments from any Club in New Zealand or overseas.

(c) Reply to judging invitations within twenty-one days of the date of posting in New Zealand.

(d) When using the NZCF Standard Invitation Form - if offered a second or subsequent invitation in the same section in the same Region, advise that Club of the prior invitation/s by telephone or return post.

8.4 Judges once contracted to judge at a Show shall:

(a) Upon receipt of the Show Schedule, check details of the Show venue, date, start time, section/s, supervision, special events, and confirm the travel and accommodation arrangements with the Club Secretary.

(b) If unable to keep a judging assignment advise the Secretary at the earliest possible time by telephone or facsimile message or email and confirmed by mail.

(c) Any NZCF Judge who has resigned from any panel is required to advise any Club with which the Judge is contracted to officiate at the Club Show.

(d) Not solicit entries nor discuss them with Show officials prior to the Show day, nor with exhibitors until after the judging is complete and the awards made.

(e) In the month before the Show, avoid visiting catteries where possible exhibits in the Show reside.

(f) Immediately before the Show not travel nor stay with exhibitors or their cats being shown.

(g) Not Judge any family member/s, or joint prefix holders cats or kittens.

(h) If from out of town and not met upon arrival, contact the Club Secretary upon arrival, confirm the details for the Show day, including the number of exhibits in the assignment, if not already advised.

(i) On Show day Judges shall not bench their own exhibits and must stay away from the floor prior to judging.

(j) Avoid any contact with exhibits or exhibitors, other than as Show Officials, upon arrival at the Show venue and before judging begins.

8.5 Should a Judge be absent from the Show venue, without advice of the reason for the delay, as at the scheduled time for judging to start, then the Judge may be replaced 30 minutes thereafter.

8.6 On Show morning officiating Judges must:

(a) Arrive at the Show venue at least thirty minutes before the time scheduled for judging to begin.

(b) Be suitably dressed without jewellery or decorations which may catch or distract exhibits during judging. Assistants to the Judge should also be suitably attired.

(c) Use the disinfection facilities between handling each exhibit to minimise any infection risks, and extra care may be required after handling a stud cat or exhibit with fouled fur.

(d) Respond politely to queries from Show Officials, and refer any problems arising during the course of judging either to the Show Manager or the Show Secretary for resolution.

(e) Check that each page of the Judge's Book is complete and correct before signature, and any alterations or corrections on the Judge's Sheets must be initialled by the Judge.

(f) Check for any cross judging between class placings and the awards of Best of Colour/Breed or and Top Ten Awards.

(g) Respond to questions from exhibitors or spectators before those from a Trainee Judge or observer with whom the Judge may discuss matters after a class is judged and the placings made.

(h) Not invite opinions from Stewards or Handlers until after judging is completed and the Top Ten decided, for fear of compromising the position of the Steward or Handler, who may have an exhibit in the Section being judged.

8.7 (a) Check with the Show Secretary that all pages of the Judge's Book have been received, and if necessary arrange for the signing of Challenge Certificates.

(b) Check that the details are correct before signing any Challenge Certificates or Breeder's Award of Merit.

(c) Be readily available to exhibitors for discussion, comment, advice and assistance, all of a constructive nature, remembering the exhibitors' needs for help and encouragement.

(d) If a Supervising Judge, ensure that the reports on the Probationer or Trainee Judge/s are completed on the day of the Show, ready for dispatch to the Judges' Registrar.

(e) Not leave the Show Venue until the Show closes, unless requested to leave earlier by the Show Manager, or with the agreement of the Show Manager.

8.8 After the Judge's duties for the day are complete and the Show has closed, to be available for Club social activities, as invited, unless onward travel interferes.

8.9 Promptly after the Show, the Judge must forward a report on the exhibits in the assignment or the Top Ten in each section, if agreed beforehand with the Club on the NZCF Invitation Form.

(a) Observance of these Judges' responsibilities is obligatory, and any dereliction of these duties, inappropriate language, consumption of alcohol during judging or any other unbecoming conduct by a Judge before or during the Show may be reported in writing by the Club to the Judges' Registrar. Such a report must be despatched within 21 days of the close of the Show, with a copy to be sent to the Judge in question and the Executive Council Secretary.

(b) Any wilful breach of these Judge's responsibilities and duties may incur the discipline of the Executive Council.

9. Veterinary Requirements

9.1 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, or infection 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 immediately, in writing, to the Executive Council Secretary.

9.2 (a) When any feline illness 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, no cat from that cattery or household shall be sold or exhibited, and no one from that cattery or household shall judge, handle, steward, or act as a runner at any Show. Failure to observe any part of this By-Law may involve disqualification for owners or lessees and their cats for such period as the Executive Council shall decide.

(b) For properly diagnosed cases of Feline Infectious Peritonitis the time period shall be 90 days, and for Feline Acquired Immune Disease or Feline Infectious Leukaemia the time shall be until a veterinary clearance certificate is produced for the cats, cattery and household involved.

(c) Exhibitors having a Veterinary Certificate providing clearance from a contagious or infectious illness shall present the original dated certificate to the Show Manager. This certificate must be no older than 14 days.

(d) Any Exhibit presented at an NZCF Show with a veterinary certificate shall be thoroughly examined by the officiating veterinarian.

9.3 (a) Before the start of judging at any show a qualified Veterinarian shall thoroughly examine each exhibit either before it is caged, or after the exhibit is benched, make a cage inspection before judging and thoroughly examine suspect exhibits, or during the Show examine any exhibit objected to for illness or improper preparation.

(b) At all Shows an ultra-violet lamp and a darkened area at the Show Venue shall be available and used at the discretion of the Veterinarian, for the detection of ringworm.

(c) Regardless of the vetting method used, the Club must provide an efficient Steward to accompany and assist the Veterinarian at all times during the veterinary examination and to ensure that adequate hygiene is maintained, the Club shall provide disinfectant correctly diluted, water and disposable towels for the Veterinarian's use.

9.4 (a) If any exhibit is not fit to remain in the Show Hall the Veterinarian shall immediately give a written opinion to the Show Manager, providing the details for the exhibit to be disqualified.

(b) Upon the 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:

- (i) for the exhibitor, detailing the exhibitor's obligations, and
- (ii) to the Executive Council Secretary, and
- (iii) to the Show Secretary for record purposes, and
- (iv) to the examining Veterinarian or person issuing the Rejection Certificate.

(c) A copy of the Veterinary Rejection Certificate shall be sent within 48 hours of the close of the Show by the Show Secretary to the Executive Council Secretary, who shall notify any club holding a Show within the isolation period that such owner or lessee and/or exhibits are not eligible for exhibition and/or attendance at that later Show.

(d) The Show Secretary is to notify any Club holding a Show during the following seven days, of the exhibits and exhibitor rejected from the earlier Show.

9.5 (a) any exhibit rejected or not examined by the Veterinarian shall be taken from the Show Venue immediately and may not be returned to it. Other exhibits and/or the exhibitor may be debarred from the Show, as the Veterinarian directs and that decision shall be final.

(b) In the absence of a Veterinarian during the Show, the Show Manager may remove any exhibit suspected of suffering from a cat illness, from the Show. Efforts should be made to secure the written opinion of a Veterinarian on the exhibit's fitness to remain in the Show.

(c) Details of any exhibit rejected by a Show Manager shall be notified to Clubs holding shows in the following week to allow for specific veterinary examination of the exhibit in forthcoming Shows.

(d) Veterinary certificates may not be submitted for faults which would circumvent withholding provisions as set out in NZCF Standards, viz kinked tails, squint eyes, chest or bone malformation and other not in-Show-condition faults.

(e) The method of Veterinary examination to be used shall be stated in the Show Schedule, and any variation to this shall be notified in the same way as a change of Judge at the Show.

9.6 Clubs shall forward a copy of this Show Bylaw 9 to Veterinarians when inviting them to examine exhibits at Shows and/or Displays.

10. Safety Procedures

(a) It is mandatory for carrying cages to be left under every exhibit's benching cage during Shows, so that all cats could be evacuated speedily in case of an emergency.

(b) Names on the carrying cages should be obscured during judging.

(c) All Clubs should organise an efficient evacuation procedure for their Shows.

11. Benching and Preparation

(a) Exhibits must be brought to Shows in boxes or carry cages of ample size. The claws of each exhibit should be clipped prior to benching.

(b) An exhibit shall not be accepted at any Show Venue unless accompanied by its Owner or Lessee or Agent.

(c)(i) Exhibitors or their Agents, or club-appointed handlers, may present the exhibits either to the Judge, or to the holding cages, and exhibits' cages may be decorated and bedding used according to the directions of the Club in the Show Schedule.

(ii) Water bowls are optional with no identifying marks. Plastic or Perspex cage fronts may be attached to the cage door only. A Judge may by-pass any exhibit where the cage front restricts access to the exhibit.

(iii) Exhibits without bedding will not be judged.

(d) Before benching any exhibit, each exhibitor shall obtain from the Tally Clerk a list stating which number is allotted to each exhibit. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to place each exhibit in its correct cage.

(e) No exhibit shall be removed from the Show before the scheduled closing time without the prior permission of the Show Manager or Show Secretary.

(f) At Shows of more than one day's duration, exhibitors shall remove their cats at the end of each day

(g) From the commencement of vetting until the Show closes Aerosol sprays shall not be used in the Show Venue.

(h) The addition to or removal of powder from the coats of exhibits is permitted, provided that it is done in an area specified by the Show Manager which is away from the Show cages.

(i) All entire male exhibits are to be so placed at Shows that, where it is practicable, they are separated by cages containing female exhibits, or empty cages.

12. Disqualification of Exhibits

12.1 An exhibit may be disqualified from competition:

(a) By the Judge, subject to confirmation by another recognised Judge of that breed, and the Show Manager, who shall each examine the exhibit forthwith, or

(b) By the Executive Council, or

(c) By the Show Committee on receipt and consideration of an objection or protest under Bylaw 15.

12.2 The grounds for disqualification of an exhibit are if it is:

(a) Improperly prepared for exhibition. That is, if any 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 exhibit's coat during exhibition. If any of the exhibit's coat has been cut, clipped, singed or rasped down by any substance; if any of the new or fast coat has been removed by pulling or plucking in any way; or if the eyes have been artificially treated so that the pupils do not show a normal reaction to light, or

(b) Registered in the name of and owned or leased by a person suspended or disqualified by the NZCF or the Executive Council, or

(c) Totally blind, abnormal, declawed, devoiced, or if any body part or parts are pierced for the purpose of applying an embellishment, or

(d) Prepared or exhibited in contravention of the Club's regulations or conditions as published in the Show Schedule, and agreed to by signature on the Entry Form, or

(e) Suffering from a contagious or infectious disease, or

(f) Entered not in compliance with NZCF classification, or the Rules of the NZCF, or

(g) Not registered or transferred in the NZCF Registers, or

(h) Unable to be handled and/or is deemed fractious, or

(i) Female cats which are obviously in kitten or entire male cats or kittens without both testicles palpable beyond the stomach wall or declawed cats or kittens shall be disqualified by the Veterinarian, or a Judge and a Veterinary Rejection Certificate shall be completed as in Bylaw 9.4.

- 12.3 The exhibitor of any exhibit disqualified for any of the above reasons shall be liable to forfeiture of all entry fees paid by such exhibit under that Judge. An appeal may be made to the Executive Council, against the forfeiture of any entry fees under this Bylaw.
- 12.4 If a prize winner is disqualified, the exhibit placed next in order of merit shall be moved into the higher places in the prize list, and such placings shall thereupon become the awards. This does not apply to Challenge Certificates without the written consent of the Judge awarding the Challenge Certificate.
- 12.5 When an exhibit has been disqualified from competition at any Show, the owner (or his or her agent) shall receive notification from the Show Secretary. The exhibit's place card shall be marked "Disqualified", by whom and on what grounds, then the place card shall be handed to the owner or agent, but not put out on the exhibits cage.

13. Judging

- 13.1 (a) Each exhibit shall be taken out of its Show cage and handled by the Judge unless the exhibit is UTH, in which event it shall not be considered for any award by that Judge. An exhibit shall be considered "handled" when in the Judge's hands and completely clear of the front of the cage.
- (b) Any exhibit which savages a Judge or Show Official shall forfeit any awards under that Judge and be marked "fractious" on the Judge's Sheets.
- (c) At Shows held under NZCF Rules, exhibitors whose exhibits are unable to be handled shall be informed of this by means of a sealed envelope handed to the exhibitor by the Show Secretary or Show Manager.
- (d) Any exhibit unable to be handled at three Shows during one Show season shall be disqualified for the remainder of that season only.

(e) Any exhibit declared "fractious" at a Show shall be automatically withdrawn from any subsequent judgings at that Show. An exhibit declared "fractious" at 2 shows shall be permanently debarred from showing.

(f) When a Senior Judge has Trainee Judges assigned for Training assignments the appointed Judge must handle and judge each exhibit prior to the Trainee's assessment.

13.2 (a) The Judge may withhold any Challenge Certificate or award if in the Judge's opinion, an exhibit is not of sufficient merit to justify such a Certificate or award.

(b) Exhibits presented in contravention of Show Bylaw 12.2 shall not be considered for any award.

(c) Any Judge who believes an exhibit has been entered under the wrong Breed Code or Colour in a section at a Show, should withhold all awards for that exhibit, as the NZCF does not have provision for "out classing", and refer the matter to the Show Secretary and the exhibitor, who should contact the Registrar and the Judges' Registrar for a Reclassification Panel to be set up. At a Show with ring style judging, any Judge's decision to withhold awards because of incorrect classification of an exhibit shall not be advised to other Judges, until all judging in all rings is completed.

13.3 (a) Provisional Register cats, kittens, neuters and spays, shall compete in their respective classes for Best of Breed and Best in Show and shall not be shown as Provisional Register in the Judge's Book, and Provisional Register exhibits may compete for Challenge Certificates in their classes.

(b) The Judge may bring out any exhibit for Best Cat in Show, or Best of Breed, or for Best Kitten in Show, provided that it has been placed first in its breed class on the day.

(c) The Judge's decision is final unless a bona fide mistake has been made.

13.4 Judges engaged for a Show shall remain at the Show Venue throughout the day until the Show closes, unless permission to leave earlier is given by the Show Manager or Show Secretary or they request the Judge to leave the Show Venue, before the Show closes.

13.5 (a) There is no limit to the number of assignments that a NZCF Judge can take in any area, except that a club may restrict any NZCF Judge within an

agreed period (before or after) their show date. These restrictions must be made at the time that the contract is struck. Clubs may apply any restrictions to overseas judges at the time the contract is struck.

13.6 (a) Judges shall not be on the Show floor of the Show Venue prior to the commencement of judging.

(b) All Judges at a Show may choose whether or not to wear a coat or smock while judging, and the judge is responsible for any damage that occurs to their clothing during judging. Handlers, and other assistants such as Hygienists, shall wear clean coats or smocks of any colour.

(c) All overseas judging appointments of NZCF registered Judges are to be submitted to the Judges' Registrar for prior approval

14 Awards

14.1 (a) the actions of a Judge in awarding or withholding cups or special prizes for an exhibit of insufficient merit shall be governed by the rules of the club running the Show.

(b) Challenge and Breeders Award of Merit certificates shall be signed by the Judge and the Show Secretary or Club Secretary and awarded on the day of the Show.

(c) Where an exhibit correctly entered in the Show has been either omitted from or incorrectly recorded in the Judge's Book through clerical error, and where that exhibit would have won a Challenge, but for that error, the appropriate challenge shall be withdrawn from the cross-judged or ineligible exhibit and, on the advice of the Honours Registrar, and with the written consent of the Judge, may be re-issued to the correct exhibit, either on or after the day of the Show.

(d) Breeder's Award of Merit Certificates are offered by NZCF to the breeder of the NZCF registered exhibit which in the opinion of the Judge is most worthy of the award. One Breeder's Award of Merit shall be offered to a cat or kitten in each of the separate divisions; one shall be offered to the Entire Cat section, one to the Entire Kitten section, and one shall be offered to either a cat or kitten in the Neuter/Spay section.

(e) Within Seven days of the close of the Show all Breeder's Award of Merit certificates and/or sashes, are to be sent direct to the breeder by the Show Secretary.

(f) Supreme Awards must be judged by a NZCF recognized judge except in the case where a points system is used to determine the winner. This applies to all judging's where pedigree cats (excluding Companions) are involved.

14.2 Challenge Certificates are not offered at NZCF Shows to:

- (a) Breed 13V (Any Other Variety Longhair Breed/Type Division).
- (b) Longhair breeds with colour suffix Z (Any other Colour Longhair).
- (c) Breed 26V (Any Other Variety Shorthair Breed/Type Division).
- (d) Shorthair breeds with a colour suffix Z (Any Other Colour Shorthair).
- (e) Any variants of a breed (denoted by "V" after the breed code).
- (f) Kittens

14.3 (a) All trophies offered and won may be presented and delivered on the day of the Show or not more than two months from the close of the Show. Trophies requiring engraving shall not be engraved until twenty-one clear days have elapsed after the close of the Show. In the case of objections being lodged to any award/s, any trophies involved in the objections shall be returned to the Show Secretary until the objections have been finally disposed of.

(b) At any NZCF Show whether open or closed, prize cards, ribbons and rosettes may be placed on the Show cages at the completion of judging of each breed number

(c) The NZCF promotes its own award scheme with the aggregate of all points gained by each Top Ten exhibit published in Flash Cats. Roll of Honour Awards are to be made to the 10 best Cats, 10 best Kittens, 10 best Neuter/Spay Cats and 10 best Neuter/Spay Kittens in both Longhair Pedigree Breed/Type and Shorthair Pedigree Breed/Type Divisions, and to the 10 best combined Cats and Kittens in the Longhair and Shorthair Domestic Division, and to the 10 best Cats & Kittens combined in the Longhair and the Shorthair Companion Division.

15. Objections at Shows

15.1 (a) an objection or protest against an exhibit, or an award or an exhibitor, may be made by any member of a registered NZCF Club, in writing, and if the objection is based upon any of the grounds in the Bylaws, or that the exhibit is incorrectly entered in the Judge's Book, the objection shall be lodged with the Show Secretary before the close of the Show, together

with a cash deposit of \$10.00 which shall be retained by the Club if the objection turns out to be frivolous.

(b) A copy of the written objection shall be handed as soon as possible by the Show Secretary to the exhibitor of the exhibit concerned, and that exhibit shall not leave the Show Venue, except for acute illness symptoms, until all the evidence relevant to the exhibit's condition has been received by the Show Committee.

15.2 (a) Objections lodged on grounds other than those in the Bylaws shall be Lodged with the Show Secretary, within twenty-one days of the close of the Show.

(b) Within three days of the receipt of an objection, a copy shall be sent to the exhibitor's address, together with a notice to any person/s involved, providing details of the date, time, and place of the meeting of the Show Committee which shall be held to hear the objection. The meeting shall be at least seven days and not more than ten days after the receipt of the objection by the Show Committee.

(c) The exhibitor and the objector shall be entitled to make written submissions or appear before the Show Committee, and

(d) Minutes shall be taken at the Show Committee hearing of reference to evidence or submissions, decisions or resolutions, and if an appeal is lodged against the Show Committee's decision, these Minutes are to be supplied to the Executive Council Secretary when called for.

(e) The decision of the Show Committee shall be notified to all parties concerned within seven clear days of the close of the hearing.

(f) Any person aggrieved by any decision on an objection by the Show Committee given under this Bylaw, is entitled to appeal to the Executive Council against such a decision within fourteen days of written notification of the decision, as provided in Bylaws.

15.3 The Show Committee has the right, pending the hearing of the objection, to withhold presentation of the relevant awards, but not to exclude the exhibit from such competition for which it remains eligible.

16. Discipline and Appeals

- 16.1 Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Show Committee given in the Bylaws, may appeal against the decision, to the Executive Council, and pending the hearing of the appeal, any penalty imposed upon an exhibit or an exhibitor by the Show Committee shall be suspended.
- 16.2 The Notice of Appeal shall be in writing, addressed to the Executive Council Secretary, and shall bear a postmark dated within fourteen days of the receipt or deemed receipt by the appellant of the decision of the Show Committee. The Executive Council appointed panel shall sit at such time and place to hear the Appeal as the Executive council shall decide and notice of the time and place of the hearing shall be given in writing by the Executive Council Secretary to the parties to the Appeal, not less than fourteen days before the date of the Appeal Hearing.
- 16.3 (a) On the Hearing of the Appeal, the Panel may, in its absolute discretion:
- (i) Re-hear the protest or objection, or
 - (ii) Decide the Appeal on the evidence and other material as placed before the Show Committee, or
 - (iii) Call or permit further evidence to be called,
- (b) At the Appeal Hearing the Panel may regulate its own procedure, and the parties may appear in person or be represented by Counsel, or any other suitable person. The Panel may in its discretion accept any evidence it thinks fit, notwithstanding that such evidence may not be admissible in a Court of Law. Any member of the Show Committee whose decision is the subject of the Appeal and who is also a member of the Panel shall not be permitted to sit on and hear the Appeal.
- (c) After hearing the Appeal, the Disputes Panel may:
- (i) Allow the Appeal in full or in part, or
 - (ii) Alter or modify the penalty imposed; or in the case of an Appeal against the dismissal of a complaint, impose the penalty which could have been imposed by the Show Committee on the original objection or protest, or
 - (iii) Impose a fine not exceeding \$50.00, or

(iv) Dismiss the Appeal.

(d) The Executive Council shall notify the parties to the Appeal in writing of the decision of the Panel which shall be final and binding on all parties, and persons upon whom a fine has been imposed shall not take part in any of the NZCF activities or exhibit at any Show while such a fine remains unpaid.

(e) Any award of costs of such an Appeal shall be determined and awarded by the Executive Council.

16.4 (a) The Show Committee or any other person shall immediately report any case of fraudulent or discreditable conduct at, or in connection with, a Show which may come under their notice and at the same time forward to the Executive Council Secretary all documents or information in connection therewith which shall be in their possession.

(b) In addition to and apart from appeals against Show Committee decisions as specified in the Bylaws, the Executive Council may, after consideration of all material placed before it in writing and/or in person and a hearing following the procedures in the Bylaws, as appropriate,

(i) Censure or warn the persons offending, or.

(ii) Impose a fine not exceeding \$250.00 on any exhibitor or Club member, and/or

(iii) Suspend such persons from taking part in or exhibiting or having any connection with a Show for such period as the Executive Council may think fit.

(c) The decision of the Executive Council shall be final and shall be notified in writing to all parties concerned within seven days of the close of the Hearing, and anyone who has a fine imposed shall not take part in any NZCF activities, nor exhibit in any Show whilst the fine remains unpaid.

17. NZCF National Cat Show ("The National") Policy

17.1 The National shall be hosted by the Executive Council, which is responsible for all dealings concerning the show. The Executive Council may allocate responsibilities to one or more clubs of NZCF or may set up such sub-committees for the organisation of the National as the Executive Council decides.

17.2 (a) The National should rotate through each of the three NZCF geographic regions sequentially each year, and shall be held when practical on the Saturday and/or Sunday of Queens Birthday Weekend each year.

(b) When the host Club bid has been accepted at an AGM (in conjunction with Constitutional Clause 11.2.2.7 there shall be a completed signed contract presented to the December Executive Council Meeting after that AGM for ratification.

17.3 The Executive Council shall:

(a) ensure that the Show venue is ample enough to ensure the safety and comfort of the exhibits and the public, and affords optimum public participation.

(b) advertise the National in the first issues of flash Cats each year,

(c) use the Official Show Schedule, but may delete classes, and ensure that both registered pedigree and domestic exhibits are able to compete at the National.

(d) allow at least six weeks between posting the Show Schedules and the closing date for entries.

(e) The Portfolio Manager-Shows shall forward nominations for judging appointments at the National, to the Executive Council Secretary for approval by the Executive Council. The Executive Council Secretary shall send the official invitations, on behalf of NZCF and the Host, to all judges proposed to be engaged for the National, and the Host shall thereafter attend to contracting the judges and making all other usual arrangements. An overseas judge who is judging at the National shall not be permitted to judge in the same division at another Show during that calendar year, without the prior written approval of the Executive Council.

(f) ensure that sufficient judges are contracted for the National, to complete the classes scheduled within a reasonable time, to meet the programme set, and senior judges or judges emeritus must be appointed to judge the domestic exhibits at the National.

(g) ensure that all judges of registered cats or kittens at the National have copies of an up to date Standard of Points booklet for the

relevant section which the Judge is judging, and the cost of any booklets provided by to any Judge at the National shall be paid for by the NZCF

- (h) Ensure the Portfolio Manager-Shows or a representative nominated by The NZCF Executive Council is invited to all National Show Committee meetings, and copies of the minutes of all such National Show Committee meetings shall be sent to the Executive Council Secretary and the Portfolio Manager (Shows) promptly after each meeting.

17.4 The following are the approved Special Awards for NZCF Medallions:

BIS LH Entire Cat	BIS SH Entire Cat
BIS LH Entire Kitten	BIS SH Entire Kitten
BIS LH N/S Cat	BIS SH N/S Cat
BIS LH N/S Kitten	BIS SH N/S Kitten
BIS LH Domestic Cat/Kitten	BIS SH Domestic Cat/Kitten
BIS LH Companion Cat/Kitten	BIS SH Companion Cat/Kitten

The costs of providing medallions and sashes for the National Special Awards are paid by NZCF.

17.5 Finances for the National - The control and financial responsibilities and organisation of the National rests with the NZCF Executive Council.

17.6 At the discretion of the Executive Council and the Club(s) a Supreme award may be offered in the Pedigree and Companion/Domestic sections which shall be known as "Supreme Champion".

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 - A cat 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 - 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 XLH (AOV) and XSH (AOV), all Longhair and Shorthair breeds with the colour suffix "Z" (AOC), all variants of a breed denoted by "V" after the breed number, 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"
(d.) 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.
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>

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