

NSW Cat Fanciers' Association Inc.

(Member of the Co-ordinating Cat Council of Australia)

SHOW PROCEDURES

These Show Procedures were adopted by the Management Committee pursuant to Rule 91 of the Constitution and Rules and take effect from 1 January 2008.
(As amended September 2017)

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- Feb 2008 – Section 2.6, 3.9
- July 2008 – Section 2.11.2(c)
- Dec 2008 – Section 6.3
- Jan 2009 – Sections 3.5, 3.9, 5.2
- Aug 2009 – Section 2.11.3
- Oct 2009 – Section 6.2(c), 6.11.5, Attachments B & B1
- Feb 2010 – Section 2.13, Attachment A
- May 2010 – Section 2.2
- Feb 2011 – Section 6.11.5(v)
- March 2013 - Sections 1.7, 2.2a) 2.2 f), 3.3 4.2, 5.16 5.22, 6.8
- December 2013 – Sections 1.7, 2.2a), 2.3h), 5.5, 5.22
- February 2014 – Section 5.22
- July 2014 – Attachment A – Draft Show Schedule
- September 2014 – Sections 2.3b), 3.9, 5.11, 6.3
- December 2014 – Sections 6.8, 6.11.5a), Attachment C
- December 2015 – Sections 5.11, 6.3 c)
- January 2016 – Section 1.7, Attachment A
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SECTION 1. GENERAL

- 1.1 These procedures shall apply to any Show conducted under the auspices of the Association.
- 1.2 In the event of a conflict between these procedures and any conditions of entry to a Show, as stated in the show schedule, these Show Procedures shall prevail.
- 1.3 **DISPUTES**
Any dispute arising from any aspect of the conduct of a Show shall be referred to the Show Committee of the Show prior to the conclusion of the Show. The Show Committee will make such enquiries and investigations as it may consider appropriate and its decision shall be binding subject to a right of appeal to the Management Committee in accordance with clause 1.4.
- 1.4 **APPEALS**
Any appeal from a decision of the Show Committee shall be lodged in writing with the Management Committee not later than ten (10) days after the date of the decision by the Show Committee.

The Management Committee, or a delegated Appeals subcommittee, shall investigate the matter and make such enquiries as it may consider appropriate to determine the matter. The decision of that committee shall be final.

- 1.5 **EXHIBITOR CONDUCT/BEHAVIOUR**
If, in the opinion of the Show Committee or the Show Representative, an exhibitor causes annoyance by loud and/or unseemly comments on a Judge's decision or acts in an unsportsman-like manner whilst in the precincts of the show, the exhibitor may be cautioned by a member of the Show Committee or the Show Representative. If thereafter at the show, the exhibitor further offends, then the exhibitor shall be asked to leave the show forthwith, and may be reported to the Management Committee for misconduct under the Rules.
- 1.6 **JUDGES' DECISIONS**
The decision of the judge is FINAL. Exhibitors are required to maintain a courteous manner at all times. Unseemly or disruptive conduct/comments towards a judge or show official may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the Constitution and Rules.
- 1.7 **EXHIBITOR MEMBERSHIP STATUS**
An exhibitor residing in New South Wales must be a current financial member of the NSW Cat Fanciers' Association. New exhibitors will be permitted to show three times as a non-member provided their exhibits satisfy the requirements of clause 5.3.

An exhibitor not resident in New South Wales must be a current financial member of a recognised Governing Body and the exhibits must satisfy the requirements of clause 5.4.

When an affiliate wishes to conduct an Open Entry Show thus allowing members of Cats NSW and ANCATS to enter the show, the affiliate may do so without seeking the prior approval of the Management Committee. The Show Schedule must clearly state that the show is an Open Entry Show, that members of Cats NSW and ANCATS may enter, and that all exhibits must comply with CCCA Breed Standards. Where necessary affiliates should verify ANCATS pedigrees with the NSW CFA office. ANCATS entries are not eligible for the CCCA Award classes.

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SECTION 2. SHOW ORGANISATION

2.1 COMMITTEE

Each Affiliate intending to conduct a recognised Show shall appoint a Show Committee consisting of Show Manager, Show Secretary and such other persons as the Affiliate deems appropriate. All members of the Show Committee must be financial members of the Association.

2.2 JUDGES AND STEWARDS

a) Definitions

- i) An Interstate Judge means a judge who resides in a State or Territory other than NSW and who is licensed by a CCCA or ACF affiliate, other than Cats New South Wales Inc.
- ii) An Overseas Judge means a judge who resides outside the Commonwealth of Australia and who is licensed by a worldwide cat organisation recognised by CCCA.
- iii) A Steward must be accredited by NSW CFA, or a CCCA or ACF affiliate.

Note – Judges and Stewards licensed by or accredited by ANCATS and Cats NSW Inc are not permitted to officiate at NSW CFA shows.

- b) Only Judges and Stewards either licensed/accredited by or recognised by the Association shall be eligible to officiate at a recognised Show.
- c) NSW CFA Probationary Judges are permitted to judge all exhibits of the Group in which their probationary licence has been granted.
- d) All Judges and Probationary Judges are permitted to steward at a Show provided they are not officiating as Judges in the pedigreed section of the show concerned.
- e) Each Judge officiating at a show shall receive a minimum payment of \$30.00
- f) Companion Judging
 - i) A NSW CFA Companion judge shall officiate in at least one Companion Ring at a show conducted by an affiliate in the Greater Sydney Area which includes Wollongong, Richmond/Windsor, Central Coast, and Newcastle.
 - ii) In a multi ring show, for the remaining Companion Ring(s) the judge(s) may be a NSW CFA Companion judge, a fully licensed NSW CFA Judge, an Interstate Judge, or an Overseas Judge.
 - iii) Shows conducted outside the Greater Sydney Area by country affiliates may use licensed pedigree judges for all Companion rings at their show.

2.3 DRAFT SHOW SCHEDULE

- a) Not less than sixty (60) days prior to the Show date, each Affiliate intending to conduct a recognised Show shall submit a draft Show Schedule to the Association's Show Subcommittee for review and approval.
- b) The format and contents of the draft schedule shall comply with the guidelines published from time to time by the Show Subcommittee. (See Attachment A – Jan 2016)
- c) A set of signed Judges' contracts must be submitted with the draft schedule. A list of the Stewards and key show officials is also required.
- d) The Show schedule shall indicate the number of rings and the style of judging (open or closed) to be used at the show.
- e) Judges are to be identified by their controlling body, not by State.
- f) The Show Schedule shall clearly state the entry fee basis for those exhibits which are not entered in all rings. An Affiliate is not required to do so, but may offer a lower entry fee when all rings are not entered. A reduction in entry fee must be allowed when an exhibit is ineligible to be judged in a Ring under clause 2.12.
- g) The maximum number of exhibits to be judged by a judge on a single day shall be 150 at a Closed show, and 100 at an Open show.
- h) The previous minimum percentage requirements of NSW CFA Judges no longer applies to NSW CFA shows.
- i) Details regarding which exhibits shall be eligible for any BEST EXHIBIT and/or SUPREME EXHIBIT judging shall be included in the draft schedule. If these details are not included, then these awards may NOT be made at the show.
- j) All Judges and the Show Representative shall be sent a copy of the approved Show Schedule as soon as it is available.

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2.4 SHOW REPRESENTATIVE

The Management Committee shall appoint one or more persons to be the Show Representative at a recognised Show. The Show Representative may be consulted by the Show Committee and give advice as to the Association's Rules and Show Procedures.

The Show Representative shall forward to the NSW CFA office a written report to the on the general conduct of the Show within 7 days of the close of the Show.

The Show Representative shall ensure that the Top 5 results plus a catalogue will be forwarded to the Cat of the Year Pointscorers within 3 working days of the show.

2.5 SHOW CATALOGUE

The Show Committee shall prepare a Show Catalogue that must contain at least the following information and any such additional information that the schedule approval letter may require.

- a) A statement that the Show is conducted under the Rules and Procedures of the Association.
- b) The name of each exhibitor and the cage numbers of their exhibits.
- c) The full name, date of birth, registered number, exhibitor, names of sire and dam, and breeder of each exhibit.
- d) The names of the Show Representative, Show Officials (Show Manager, Show Secretary, Chief Steward, Card Room Chief, Trophy Chief), and Club Executive Officers.
- e) The names of Judges with their registering governing body, and their assignments.
- f) The names of all Floor Stewards, plus their assignments, where possible.
- g) The names of all Ring Co-ordinators for open style Shows.
- h) Details of all awards intended to be made at the show.
- i) Details of which exhibits are eligible for any BEST EXHIBIT and SUPREME EXHIBIT judging.

2.6 DESEXED EXHIBITS

Desexed exhibits may not compete against entire exhibits, except for Best Exhibit and/or Supreme Exhibit Awards, and in Miscellaneous/Side classes.

Entire and desexed Companion kittens shall be judged together.

2.7 VETERINARY OFFICERS

The Show Committee shall provide at least one qualified Veterinary Officer for each one hundred (100) exhibits entered in the Show.

2.8 JUDGING REQUIREMENTS

- a) Judging sheets shall be prepared for each separate breed and colour section allowing the award of a Challenge or Best in Section.
- b) Judging to Best of Breed and to the Top 5 Male, Female, Desexed Kittens and Male, Female, Neuter, Spay Cats is compulsory.
- c) Judging to Best Cat, Best Desexed Cat, Best Entire Kitten, Best Overall Kitten (includes desexed kittens), Best Exhibit and Supreme Exhibit is optional at the discretion of the Show Committee. The show schedule and catalogue should include details of which award winning exhibits will be eligible for Best Exhibit and Supreme Exhibit judging.
- d) Where an overall Top 5 or Top 10 Exhibits is to be judged, the Show Schedule and the Catalogue shall contain details of exactly how this is to be done.
- e) Either the date of birth (DOB) or the age of each exhibit, in months for every kitten, and in years for every cat MUST be shown on the judging sheets.

For cats the age shall be

9 months to 1 year 6 months	1 year
1 year 6 months to 2 years 6 months	2 years
2 years 6 months to 3 years 6 months	3 years, and so on.

Alternatively, adult cat's ages can be shown in years and months.

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2.9 CHANGE OF JUDGE FROM THAT SHOWN ON THE APPROVED SHOW SCHEDULE

Wherever possible the Judges and their assignments should remain as shown on the approved Show Schedule. However, there are circumstances such as accident, or illness, or unexpected entry numbers which necessitate that the Show Committee replace a Judge, or reallocate a Judge's assignment. Whenever such a change is made the following shall be observed.

Where possible a suitable notice shall be included in the Show Catalogue, preferably on the same page or as near as possible to the page listing the judging assignments. A notice advising exhibitors of the change (or changes) shall be prominently placed at the entrance to the show hall. An announcement should be made to exhibitors prior to the commencement of judging. Should an exhibitor, as a direct result of such changes, decide or be obliged to withdraw an exhibit or exhibits from a judging ring, then the Show Committee must allow the withdrawal and where appropriate refund any relevant entry fee paid. The converse to this situation is also valid.

2.10 JUDGES EXHIBITING AND JUDGING AT THE SAME SHOW

Judges will be allowed to exhibit and judge at the same Show under the following conditions.

- a) A judge who has been contracted to judge at an affiliate Show may exhibit cats and/or kittens registered and/or owned by the Judge at that Show provided that;
 - i) those exhibits are not entered in the Ring the Judge has been contracted to assess; or
 - ii) those exhibits have not been entered in any open class, age class or side class that the Judge has been invited to assess; or
 - iii) if the judge holds an all breeds licence then that exhibitor Judge may not be part of a panel in that Group in which his/her exhibits are entered, or be invited to judge Supreme Exhibit at that show, and
 - iv) an exhibitor Judge may not adjudicate any special awards or classes that involve a combination of breed groups at that show which might include his/her exhibits.
- b) When any licenced Judge, Probationary Judge, Trainee Judge or Companion Judge wishes to exhibit at an affiliate show for which that Judge has been contracted or invited to judge, then the Judge is permitted to bench his/her exhibits (even if the Judge is judging in that Group) provided the Judge leaves the floor of the show hall as soon as the exhibits have been settled in their show cages.

Where a Judge chooses not to bench his/her exhibits then he/she shall make arrangements either with the Show Secretary or another suitable person to have the exhibits benched.

2.11 SHOW JUDGING

2.11.1 TOP 5 JUDGING

a) Judges slips are to be arranged in sex order so that Top 5 judging can be done at the completion of each sex within a Group.

b) Each sex of a section (kittens, entire cats, desexed cats) of a Group shall be allocated to a single Judge. It is recommended that a single Judge be allocated to judge a whole section so that Judges do not have to confer to determine Best Kitten, Best Entire Cat, or Best Desexed Cat.

2.11.2 BEST EXHIBIT AND SUPREME EXHIBIT JUDGING

- a) Definitions
 - i) Supreme Exhibit in Show is the overall best exhibit from all the Groups and Rings of the show.
 - ii) Supreme Exhibit in Ring is the overall best exhibit from the Groups in that Ring.
 - iii) Supreme Exhibit in Group is the overall best exhibit from the Rings in that Group.
 - iv) A judging panel shall comprise 2 or more Judges.
- b) Single Ring Shows
 - i) Best or Supreme Exhibit in Group may be judged by a panel or a single Judge.
 - ii) Supreme Exhibit in Show shall be judged by a panel.

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c) Multi-Ring Shows

i) Supreme Exhibit in Show may be judged by a panel, or by a Judge who has not judged any section of a Group to Top 5 at the show. However this Judge may also judge Miscellaneous classes.

ii) Best or Supreme Exhibit in Group may be judged by a panel, or by a Judge who has not judged any section of that Group.

iii) Supreme Exhibit in Ring of a Show or Best Exhibit in Group of a Ring may be judged by a panel (usually the Judges who have officiated in that Ring), or by a Judge who has judged part or all of that Ring of the show.

iv) A Judge who has judged all eligible exhibits in a Ring of a Group may not on his/her own judge Supreme Exhibit in that Group.

2.11.3 TOP 10 EXHIBITS, OR TOP 10 KITTENS, OR TOP 10 CATS JUDGING, or a number less than 10.

a) May be judged by a panel, or by a single Judge who has not judged any of the eligible exhibits in a section of the show other than a miscellaneous class. For example, a single Judge who has judged only kittens may judge the Top 10 Cats, and vice versa.

b) At a multi-ring show, may be determined by using a points score system. Details of the system are to be included in the draft schedule and, when approved, the same details are to be included in the show catalogue.

2.11.4 A Judge is not permitted to officiate on a panel or alone when it is possible that the Judge's exhibit may become eligible for such judging. See also Show Procedure 2.12.

2.11.5 Details regarding which exhibits are eligible for any Supreme Exhibit or Best Exhibit or Top 10 judging must be included in both the Show Schedule and the Show Catalogue.

2.12 JUDGE SHALL NOT JUDGE OWN EXHIBIT

A judge shall not judge an exhibit which the judge directly or indirectly owns or leases alone or with another person within the 3 months immediately prior to the date of the show at which the judge officiates.

A judge shall not judge an exhibit which the judge has directly or indirectly owned or leased alone or with another person within the 3 months immediately prior to the date of the show at which the judge officiates.

For the purposes of this clause an exhibit will be deemed to be the subject of this clause if it is an exhibit which the judge or judge's spouse, partner, children, or parents have or have had a direct or indirect proprietary interest.

A judge or an exhibitor shall not be required to pay an entry fee for the Ring where an exhibit is ineligible for that Ring under this clause.

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It is recommended that a Club provide hotel or motel accommodation for visiting country, interstate or overseas Judges for the days/evenings prior to the show. A visiting Judge is not permitted in the 5 days prior to the show to stay at or visit an exhibitor's place of residence if the Judge is to judge any of that exhibitor's exhibits, unless those exhibits are not entered in any classes (including Supreme Exhibit) which the visiting Judge is to officiate.

2.14 INCLEMENT WEATHER/SPECIAL CONDITIONS

When inclement weather conditions prevail in the show hall e.g. cold and draughty conditions, roof leaks in wet weather, very hot in the show hall, the Show Committee in consultation with the Show Representative may permit towelling or other coverings on exhibits' cages, and such action shall not contravene clause 6.8.

2.15 MARKED CATALOGUE

One copy of the Marked Catalogue shall be lodged with the NSW CFA office not later than 21 days after the conclusion of the show. This is the responsibility of the Show Secretary.

2.16 RETENTION OF SHOW RECORDS

The Show Secretary (or Club Secretary) shall retain all entry forms, and a set of judging slips for a period of not less than 3 months after the date of the show.

2.17 EXHIBITIONS

An affiliate may conduct an exhibition of cats to promote to the public responsible cat ownership, and pedigreed and companion cat showing. The affiliate shall advise the Management Committee of its intention to conduct an exhibition, and shall maintain a record of all club members and exhibitors involved in the exhibition for at least 3 months following the exhibition.

The affiliate may at its own discretion require and arrange for the Veterinary inspection of exhibits prior to being benched. The 5 day rule as per clause 6.1 shall apply.

All exhibits must be benched in show cages, be at least 10 weeks of age, and have been vaccinated as per clause 6.3.

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SECTION 3. TYPES OF SHOWS AND REQUIREMENTS; CHALLENGES; CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

3.1 CLOSED STYLE SHOWS

- a) Exhibits are judged in their cages
- b) Exhibitors are not permitted in the near vicinity of the cages. Exhibitors may observe judging where suitable viewing areas exist and the Show Manager so agrees.
- c) Closed style shows may have up to 4 rings (exhibits judged up to 4 times by 4 different judges).
- d) Miscellaneous (side) Classes.
 - i) One Ring show – unlimited miscellaneous classes
 - ii) Multi-ring shows – a maximum of 3 miscellaneous classes plus pet and members classes.
 - iii) Miscellaneous classes shall be judged once only.
 - iv) Miscellaneous classes should be allocated to a judge who is to judge the Open or Age class section. eg Group 1 Entire Cat Head Type should be allocated to a judge who is to judge Group 1 Entire cats.
- e) At a Closed show an exhibitor may only withdraw his/her cat after judging has commenced with the approval of the Show Manager.

3.2 OPEN STYLE SHOWS

- a) Exhibits are benched in their cages in judging bays, and then brought to a judging table.
- b) Exhibitors may observe the judging of exhibits from outside the judging bay.
- c) Open style shows may have up to 4 rings (exhibits judged up to 4 times by 4 different judges).
- d) For Multi-ring Open shows a maximum of 3 miscellaneous classes plus pet and members classes is permitted. Miscellaneous classes shall be judged once only.
- e) Miscellaneous classes should be allocated to a judge who is to judge the Open or Age class section eg. Group 1 Entire Cat Head Type should be allocated to a judge who is to judge Group 1 Entire cats.
- f) An exhibitor may withdraw his/her cat from a Ring prior to the commencement of judging in that Ring.
- g) A club wishing to conduct a Specialty breed or colour Ring at its show shall obtain the Management Committee's approval prior to the time of submission of the draft schedule.

3.3 COMBINED SHOWS

When 2 or more All Breeds or all Group clubs agree to hold a combined show, the maximum number of rings shall be 3 for each club, either Closed or Open judging rings at the discretion of the conducting clubs, except where the Management Committee has given its written approval to vary this condition.

3.4 CHALLENGE AWARDS

Challenge awards will be awarded to the best male, female, neuter and spay in each recognised colour section of each recognised breed (except AOV, SR or experimental sections where special restrictions apply) if, in the opinion of the Judge, the exhibits reach the required standard. When a Challenge award has been withheld in a Ring, the exhibit is ineligible for any higher award in that Ring, including Best of Breed.

3.5 CHALLENGE POINTS

Challenge points awarded shall be ten (10) points plus one (1) point each for each cat entered and present in the class, to a maximum of twenty (20) points.

UTH exhibits are to be regarded as being present in ALL Rings of a show.

A Best in Show award is automatically a twenty (20) point Challenge, but only when all breeds and colours in a Group are eligible to compete.

3.6 NSW CFA CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS (See also General Operating Procedures, Section 9)

- a) Champion, Grand Champion, Double Grand Champion for each level:
Male Cats 70 challenge points, Female, Neuter and Spay Cats 60 challenge points.
- b) Bronze, Silver and Gold Double Grand Champion for each level: 100 challenge points.
- c) Challenge points in excess of the total for a level may be carried over to the next level.
- d) Challenges awarded by a judge licenced by a non-recognised governing body may not be used for NSW CFA titles.

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- e) Applications for all titles must include a majority of challenge points gained at NSW CFA Affiliate shows or at CCCA National shows.
- f) Challenge points won as an entire cat may be counted for awards as a desexed cat.
- g) After gaining a title, if a cat is desexed (or is subject to a colour change) the cat may retain the title and proceed to a higher award status.
- h) Diamond Double Grand Champion: 10 Best in Show (20 point) challenge certificates.

3.7 CCCA CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

- a) A CCCA Champion award will be made to the best male, female, neuter and spay cat entered in the CCCA Champion Class. It is the Show Secretary's responsibility to make sure the exhibit is correctly entered in the CCCA class. (See clause 5.16)
- b) TEN (10) CCCA awards are required for each level of CCCA Champion, Grand Champion, Double Grand Champion, Triple Grand Champion, Sapphire Triple Grand Champion, Ruby Triple Grand Champion, Emerald Triple Grand Champion and Diamond Triple Grand Champion.

3.8 NSW C.F.A. INC. PEDIGREED KITTENS/CATS OF THE YEAR ELIGIBILITY.

A Kitten/Cat may accumulate points in the CFA Members' Kitten/Cat of the Year Awards, only whilst it is in the ownership of a financial member of NSW C.F.A. Points will be counted from the date the membership is accepted.

3.9 COMPANION KITTENS/CATS

A Companion Cat Group may be included at all shows.

To be eligible for showing, a Companion cat exhibit must be desexed.
Companion kitten exhibits over the age of 6 months must be desexed.

- a) **NSW C.F.A. INC. COMPANION KITTENS/CATS OF THE YEAR ELIGIBILITY.**
A Kitten/Cat may accumulate points in the CFA Members' Kitten/Cat of the Year Awards, only whilst it is in the ownership of a financial member of NSW C.F.A. Points will be counted from the date the membership is accepted.
- b) The Companion Cat Group is broken into Domestic and Household Pet categories, and solid, patterned, and patched coat colour sections in the Domestic category.
- c) Companion Cats are to be registered and classified as a Domestic or a Household Pet. Exhibitors of companion cats are permitted to show for the first time without classification and three times without registration.

A Panel, consisting of three Judges, (including one Companion Judge and one Pedigree Judge) will determine in which category and colour section a companion cat is to be registered.

- d) Awards of Merit will be awarded to the Best Neuter Cat and Best Spay Cat in each colour section of the Domestic category, and to the Best Neuter Cat and Best Spay Cat in the Household category. Exhibits in the two categories will be judged together for the awarding of Top 5 Neuter Cats, Top 5 Spay Cats and Top 5 Kittens.
- e) For Champion, Grand Champion, and Double Gd Champion – 5 Award of Merit certificates.
For Bronze, Silver and Gold Db Gd Champion – 10 Award of Merit certificates.
For Diamond Db Gd Champion – 10 Best in Show (1st Top Five) Award of Merit certificates.
See also General Operating Procedure 9.3 c).

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SECTION 4. DEFINITION OF CLASSES

4.1 GENERAL CLASSES

LITTER	A litter shall comprise all the living progeny under the age of four months of one kitting of a Brood Queen, and be litter registered (see clause 5.12).
BABY KITTEN	At least ten weeks and under four months on the day of the show.
KITTEN	At least ten weeks and under nine months on the day of the show.
CAT	Exhibits nine months and over on the day of the show.
OPEN	OPEN to all cats nine months and over. ALL cats must be entered in this class in at least 1 Ring of a show, unless Management Committee approval is sought and granted for special circumstances such as a Veteran / Golden Oldie class.
NEUTER	Male cat or kitten which has been castrated (desexed).
SPAY	Female cat or kitten which has been castrated (desexed).
VETERAN	Cats seven years and over on the day of the show.
NSW BRED	Cats or kittens bred in the State of New South Wales.
AUSTRALIAN BRED	Cats or kittens bred in the Commonwealth of Australia.
AOC	Any other colour for cats bred from registered stock of the same breed but which do not comply with any of the colours listed in the Standard. A challenge certificate shall not be awarded.
AOV	Any other variety for cats registered with the association and bred under an authorised experimental breeding program. All such cats will be judged together unless three or more of the same type are entered. A challenge certificate shall not be awarded.
BEST IN SHOW	Only Cat Challenge and Kitten Best in Section winners, in recognised colours, will be eligible for BEST IN SHOW awards in each sex.
SUPREME EXHIBIT	Best in Show award winners or Best Entire Cat, Best Kitten, Best Desexed Kitten and Best Desexed Cat may compete together for SUPREME EXHIBIT award in GROUP or SUPREME EXHIBIT in RING.
CCC OF A CLASS	Mandatory for all Titled Male, Female, Neuter and Spay Cats registered with a CCCA member registering body. It is the responsibility of the Club Secretary or Show Secretary to ensure that all eligible cats are entered in this class. There is no entry fee for this class.

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4.2 MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES

Before being eligible for Miscellaneous Classes cats must have been entered in the OPEN class, and kittens in their AGE class.

STUD CAT	Male cats whose kitten progeny have won prizes in General kitten classes at the show and which gains through such awards the highest number of points to be awarded on the basis of 3 points for each first place, 2 points for each second place, and 1 point for each third place won by such progeny.
PET	Judged solely on docility (temperament) and appeal.
BRED BY EXHIBITOR	Cats or kittens owned and bred by the exhibitor.
NOT BRED BY EXHIBITOR	Cats or kittens owned but not bred by the exhibitor.
HEAD TYPE	Judged solely on the conformation of the head to the Standard.
BODY TYPE	Judged solely on the conformation of the body to the Standard.
OVERALL TYPE	Judged solely on the conformation of overall type to the Standard.
EYE COLOUR	Judged solely on the conformation of eye colour to the Standard.
EYE COLOUR, SHAPE & SET	Judged solely on the conformation of eye colour, shape and set to the Standard.
COAT COLOUR	Judged solely on the conformation of the coat colour to the Standard.
COAT, COLOUR & CONDITION	Coat length, colour and texture which most closely conforms to the Show Standard on a cat or kitten in optimum condition.
BRACE	Two cats or kittens of the same breed but not necessarily of the same sex or colour.
TEAM	Three cats or kittens of the same breed but not necessarily of the same sex or colour
MEMBERS	Cats or kittens owned by a financial member of the club conducting the show.
JUNIOR HANDLER	For exhibitors between the age of 6 years and 17 years. Guidelines for this optional miscellaneous class will be issued from time to time by the Management Committee.

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- 5.1 All entries must be in writing and clearly legible, preferably printed, on the prescribed official entry form. A clear legible photocopy of each exhibit's pedigree/registration certificate as issued by a Registering Body recognised by CCCA or ACF must accompany the entry form. All exhibits must be entered in the name of the registered owner.
- 5.2 All Companion exhibits over the age of 6 months must be desexed. For an unregistered companion exhibit, a copy of the exhibit's certificate of sterilisation (desexing) signed by a qualified Veterinary Practitioner must accompany the entry.
- 5.3 Unless prior approval has been granted by the Management Committee for an Open Entry Show, an exhibit owned by an exhibitor residing in New South Wales **MUST** be registered with the Association and the registration number must be quoted on the entry form. The Show Secretary may accept an entry when "Registration Pending" is quoted but the valid registration number must be shown in the Show Catalogue. If this is not done, the exhibit shall be ineligible to be shown. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to obtain a valid registration number.
- An exhibit entered in a show may be sold and transferred by an exhibitor prior to the date of the show and exhibited by the transferee (new owner), provided that the transfer has been registered at the NSW CFA Office prior to the commencement of the show.
- An exhibit which was owned or leased by a Judge or the Judge's family at any time during the period of three months immediately preceding the date of the Show is ineligible to be judged by that Judge. See also clause 2.12.
- 5.4 An Interstate exhibit owned by an exhibitor not resident in New South Wales must be registered with a recognised Governing Body. The application for entry must be accompanied by a copy of the exhibit's pedigree showing four (4) generations with appropriate breeds and colours of all forebears.
- 5.5 A LITTER exhibited as such must be Litter registered **and** the Litter Registration Number or the registration number of one (1) kitten must be shown on the entry form for all litter classes. The number of kittens in the litter must be shown on the entry form. Should less than the declared number of kittens be shown, the litter shall be outclassed as incomplete, unless prior to the commencement of the show the Show Secretary is advised that one or more kittens are deceased.
- 5.6 No entry can be accepted for kittens and litters which are under the age of 10 weeks on the day of the show.
- 5.7 The receipt of any entry by the Show Secretary does not guarantee acceptance. The Show Committee reserves the right to refuse and return any entry which does not meet the entry requirements, or the Rules or Procedures of the Association.
- 5.8 Telephoned entries may be accepted but **MUST** be confirmed in writing. If an exhibit's pedigree/registration certificate is not received by the time the show catalogue is finalised the exhibit shall be ineligible to be shown.
- 5.9 Entries received after the published closing date of the show should not be accepted. Late entries which are not accepted must be returned.
- 5.10 If an acknowledgement of receipt of entry is required, the exhibitor must include a stamped self-addressed envelope with the entry.
- 5.11 Any amendment to the title, sex, and/or colour classification of an exhibit after entry has been lodged **MUST** be submitted in writing accompanied by a copy of the amended Certificate of Registration to the Show Secretary not later than 1 week prior to the show date, unless prior arrangement has been made with the Show Secretary to provide the changes at a later date. No changes will be made to the catalogue or judging slips on the day of the show.

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- 5.12 No cat obviously in kitten is allowed to be exhibited at a show.
No cat obviously nursing a litter is allowed to be exhibited without her litter also being exhibited.
The exhibitor must state on the entry form any specific requests regarding benching of the mother and her litter – e.g. mother with litter; or in separate cage next to litter; or in separate cage away from litter.
- 5.13 Entry fees must be paid with the entry. Fees are not refunded for exhibits which are not shown. Entry fees are only refundable when an exhibit is withdrawn in writing prior to the advertised closing date of the show. A judge or an exhibitor shall not be required to pay an entry fee for a ring where an exhibit is ineligible under clause 2.12.
- 5.14 If a cheque for entry fees is returned unpaid, then a money order, bank cheque or cash will be immediately required to ensure acceptance of the entry. Any costs or charges incurred by the club conducting the show as a result of a returned cheque shall be paid by the exhibitor.
- 5.15 The Show Secretary should take all reasonable steps to verify the bona fides of a telephoned withdrawal.
- 5.16 The Championship status of each exhibit must be shown on the entry form. It is the Show Secretary's responsibility to make sure an exhibit is correctly entered in the CCCA class. For exhibits with titles not awarded by NSW CFA - the exhibitor must state the Governing Body where the exhibit is currently registered to ensure eligibility for the CCCA class. ANCATS exhibits are NOT eligible for the CCCA class.
- 5.17 The Show Secretary has the right to transfer or reject exhibits not correctly entered.
- 5.18 If in the opinion of the Judge an exhibit has not been correctly entered, that exhibit may be outclassed.
- 5.19 Double cages are provided by the Show Committee at an extra cost to the exhibitor. Double cages are normally provided free for litters. The Show Committee may restrict the availability of double cages to adult exhibits only (plus litters), but must state so in its Show Schedule.
- 5.20 All experimental exhibits must be from an experimental program registered with the Association. The type of cat and the generation reached for each experimental program exhibit must be stated on the entry form.
- 5.21 Exhibitors when entering their exhibits in a multi-Ring show, may elect to not enter an exhibit in one or more of the rings. An exhibit must be entered in its appropriate Open or Age class in at least 1 Ring of the show, unless special permission has been granted by the Management Committee to vary this requirement – e.g. for special Veteran / Golden Oldie classes.
- 5.22 The use of exhibitor own cages may be permitted at the discretion of the club conducting the show. The exhibitor must provide the dimensions of these cages with their entry – width, depth, height. The maximum allowable dimensions for an exhibitor own cage shall be 76cm wide, 53cm deep and 61cm high – 30" x 21" x 24". Exhibitor owned cages must be all metal wire construction fitted with suitable solid barriers on both sides and back such as coreflute or other solid material (not transparent) to prevent direct contact between bench cats

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An exhibit shall not be exhibited at a show until at least five (5) clear days have passed since the last day of the preceding show at which it was exhibited.

6.2 VETERINARY INSPECTION

a) Each exhibit must be inspected by and pass the Veterinary Officer's inspection before being allowed to be benched in the show. The decision of the Veterinary Officer is final. Veterinary inspections shall be carried out in accordance with the Show Veterinary Inspection Procedures issued from time to time by the Management Committee of the Association. (See Attachment B)

b) Exhibitors shall ensure that their vetting slip has been endorsed by the Veterinary Officer or Vet Steward as evidence that their exhibits have been passed veterinary inspection. The Show Representative or Show Committee may request an exhibitor to produce such evidence during the currency of a show.

c) One Out All Out Veterinary Rejection

i) A one out all out rejection by the Veterinary Officer shall mean that ALL the exhibits of the owner together with ALL the exhibits of any owner domiciled at the same address as the owner whose exhibits were rejected, are also to be rejected and may not be exhibited at that show, or at any show conducted within the following 15 days. This 15 day penalty shall apply even when an owner domiciled at the same address did not enter or show any exhibits at the show where the vetting rejection occurred. The subsequent vet out penalties of Attachment B clause 4 c) shall only apply to the owner whose exhibits are rejected.

ii) A one out all out rejection by the Veterinary Officer shall NOT mean that the exhibits of any owner who travelled to the show in the same vehicle as the owner vetted out are also vetted out.

iii) When an exhibit is rejected for a one out all out condition then ALL that owner's exhibits MUST be rejected irrespective of the Veterinary Officer's opinion as to the health of the owner's other exhibits.

6.3 VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

a) It is strongly recommended that all exhibits have at least one Feline 3 vaccination which has been administered not more than 18 months prior to the date of the show.

b) All kitten exhibits must have had at least one Feline 3 vaccination not less than 14 days prior to the date of the show. As from 1 January 2017, at least one Feline 3 vaccination must have been administered by a qualified veterinary practitioner.

c) An exhibitor must produce to the Veterinary Officer, documentary proof of vaccination (valid vaccination certificate) for all kitten exhibits owned by the exhibitor. A photocopy is acceptable providing it identifies the kitten in question and is a copy of the complete certificate. Failure to do so by a NSWCFCA member exhibitor may result in rejection of the exhibit(s) for that show, and if not rejected the exhibitor is required to email a copy of the certificate to the NSWCFCA office within 2 working days of the show. Failure by a non NSWCFCA member to provide a valid vaccination certificate will result in the rejection of the exhibits.

6.4 CAT CARRY BOXES

All exhibits must be brought in to the show hall securely contained in a cat carry box or cage.

6.5 CLAWS TO BE CLIPPED

All exhibits must have had their front and back claws clipped prior to arrival at the show. During judging, any exhibit which is found to not have the claws clipped on both front and hind paws may be disqualified.

6.6 OTHER ANIMALS EXCLUDED

Other than an entered exhibit, no animal (except Guide Dogs) shall be allowed within the show hall during the conduct of a show. The Show Manager at his/her sole discretion may vary this rule in special circumstances, and the Show Representative MUST be informed of the decision and circumstances.

6.7 FOODSTUFFS No foodstuffs are allowed in cages during judging. It is recommended that exhibits NOT be fed prior to judging.

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- 6.8 **SHOW CURTAINS AND BASE, LITTER TRAYS, AND WATER BOWLS**
White or coloured fabric curtains and a base are permitted.
Curtains with lace or gauze frills are not permitted during judging.
Igloo type bases are not permitted during judging. Donut type bases are permitted.
Pillow slip base covers shall be sealed at the ends so that a cat cannot get inside the cover.
Any coloured plastic litter tray is permitted in cages during judging.
Any colour plastic or stainless steel clip-on water bowls attached to the front or door of the cage are permitted.
- 6.9 **PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES**
Methylated spirits, bleach, atomisers, and aerosol sprays are not permitted in the show hall.
Dettol and similar coal tar derivatives are not to be used as disinfectants.
Talcum powder or any similar substance may not be applied to or brushed from an exhibit while in vicinity of the cages in the show hall.
- 6.10 **AT COMMENCEMENT OF JUDGING**
All exhibits must be in their appropriate show cages when judges are called to the floor, and all persons other than show officials shall vacate the vicinity of the cages.
- 6.11 **UTH AND UTJ.**
- 6.11.1 **DEFINITIONS**
- a) **UTH - Unable to be handled**
A cat or kitten exhibit shall be marked UTH if it displays aggression towards people; e.g. it aggressively strikes out with a paw or paws and scratches a person; it aggressively strikes and bites a person
- b) **UTJ - Unable to be judged**
A cat or kitten exhibit shall be marked UTJ if it cannot be safely removed from its cage for assessment or judging.
- 6.11.2 An exhibit can be marked UTH during vetting and judging.
An exhibit may be marked UTJ during judging.
An exhibit which displays UTH aggression between vetting and judging should be voluntarily withdrawn by the exhibitor but will not be marked UTH.
- 6.11.3 a) At vetting an exhibit may be marked UTH by a Veterinary Officer or an Accredited Steward (assisting the Veterinary Officer) in consultation with the Show Representative.
b) During judging an exhibit can only be marked UTH by a Judge who directly witnesses aggression.
c) During judging an exhibit may be marked UTJ by a Judge
- 6.11.4 **PENALTIES:**
- a) **UTH - An exhibit marked UTH is disqualified and takes no further part in that show. The exhibit retains all awards gained prior to being marked UTH. A UTH card shall be placed on the exhibit's cage.**
- b) **UTJ - An exhibit marked UTJ takes no further part in that ring of the show. The exhibit may be judged in subsequent rings. A UTJ card with Ring number shall be placed on the exhibit's cage to appropriately warn judges and stewards in subsequent rings.**

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6.11.5 SUBSEQUENT PENALTIES:

a) **UTH**

As from the 1st January 2015, the CCCA UTH minimum penalties shall apply.

- i) **1st** UTH. The exhibit is ineligible to be shown for 3 months.
- ii) **2nd** UTH. The exhibit is disqualified for life from being shown.

b) **UTJ** – There are no subsequent penalties

6.11.6 Reporting of UTH or UTJ.

The Show Representative shall ensure that the incident giving rise to marking an exhibit UTH or UTJ is appropriately documented on the NSWCFA UTH/UTJ Incident Report Form and forwarded promptly to the NSWCFA office. The report form is shown in Attachment C

6.12 AILING, DISTRESSED, OR SEDATED EXHIBITS

If during the course of a show, an exhibit is found to be ailing or distressed through any cause, its condition shall be reported to the Show Manager. The Show Manager may then request that the exhibit be removed from the Show Hall.

Any exhibit which, in the opinion of the Judge, is under sedation shall be marked NSC.

6.13 NOT IN SHOW CONDITION

If, in the opinion of the Judge, an exhibit is not in show condition, the Judge shall make no awards in respect of that exhibit, and mark the judging sheet NSC.

6.14 EARLY DEPARTURE

Prior to the conclusion of a show an exhibit may only leave the show hall with the approval of the Show Manager. A steward or other show official should accompany any exhibit so approved to the door.

6.15 DYES AND OTHER AGENTS

No dyes, colouring agents, or whitening or darkening agents, or similar substances may be used in the preparation of an exhibit. Where, in the opinion of the Judge, the effect of such agent or substance is clearly evident, the Judge may disqualify the exhibit, or make no awards.

6.16 JUDGES' DECISIONS

The decision of the judge is FINAL. Exhibitors are required to maintain a courteous manner at all times. Unseemly or disruptive conduct/comments towards a judge or show official may result in disciplinary action being taken against the exhibitor in accordance with the Constitution and Rules.

6.17 AWARD CARDS AND RIBBONS

No award cards or ribbons other than those won at the show may be displayed on the cage of an exhibit.