

# SHOW RULE CHANGES FOR 2018-2019

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At its February 2018 meeting, the CFA Board approved several changes that will impact show rules. This is normally the meeting at which breeds are discussed, but there were a few holdover issues from last year's October meeting that were also addressed at this meeting. Most interesting among those was adoption of the methodology for conducting "bay" check-in for color-classes of breeds with large entries in China. Several of the rules I'm going to discuss relate to that process. A few other rules relate to judges and the requirements for clubs when contracting and hiring judges. Finally, color-class changes in breeds, acceptance of new breeds, and advancement of Bengals, also have an impact on several of the show rule changes I'm going to discuss. I'll try to do them in rule order. ALSO, unlike before, all of these rules take effect at the beginning of the new show season, May 1, 2018, and not immediately.

New **Show Rule 2.03** defines the bay check-in process for shows in China. Specifically, whenever a color class has more entries in all categories combined (kittens, championship, and premiership) than there are cages in the smallest ring at the show, bay check-in will be utilized. For example, if color class 2500/01 in British Shorthairs has 9 kittens, 7 championship, and 1 premiership and the smallest ring has 16 cages, bay check-in would be required because the total entry in that color class is 17, which exceeds the number of cages in one ring. I'll discuss how that is done when we get to the actual rule that implements the process.

**Show Rules 2.03 through 2.36** are all renumbered to be rules 2.04 through 2.37. This was done to keep Article II in alphabetical order with the definitions. This will also impact the index, which will be completely revised to update the new definition numbers.

**Show Rule 3.04** was revised two ways. First, judges will need to reply to a club's request within 15 days of that request no matter where the request is from (currently, it's 15 days for regions 1-8, and 30 days for region 9 and the International Division). Second, the reply will either be a no, or a signed contract to the club. The rule also reminds clubs that a judging assignment is not actually in effect unless the club and judge have a contract signed by both.

**Show Rule 3.08** was revised to clarify the importance of sticking with a judging contract as agreed to by the parties. It reminds clubs and individuals that making changes to a contract without the permission of the judge will result in fine or suspension from CFA.

**Show Rules 10.20 and 10.21** are the first rules revised to address the bay check-in process. The revisions only apply to those cats subject to bay check-in, but they require that those cats **MUST** be present for the bay

check-in process or be marked absent for the entire duration of the show. No late arrivals, no Sunday only showing for those cats/kittens subject to bay check-in. If the cat/kitten is not present for bay check-in on the first day of the show, it will be marked a special way to indicate that it is to be considered absent in every ring throughout the show, no matter when that ring actually judges that cat/kitten's class. If it arrives late, it may stay in the show hall, but it will never be allowed into a ring for judging. Yes, this does discriminate between color classes with large entries and the other color classes. If a cat/kitten is not subject to bay check-in, it can still arrive late and be shown, or attend only the second day of a two-day show. However, if you **ARE** subject to the bay check-in requirement, and you should be able to tell if your breed has more entries than cages at the show, it is best you plan well ahead and be at the show hall well before the end of check-in, when the bay process will be implemented.

**Show Rule 10.22** was revised to actually describe how bay check-in is to be conducted. A new sub-part was added to address the process. Specifically, when a color class qualifies for bay check-in (more entered total in all categories combined than there are cages in the smallest ring at the show), all of the cats will be called up to the judging rings starting with ring 1 and working thru the rest of the rings until all are in the judging cages. The order is the first through last kitten, then first through last in championship, and then first through last in premiership. One of the show judges, to be selected by the appropriate International Division Chairman (who is to be notified by the Entry Clerk of the color classes warranting bay check-in at any show), will then go through the rings and mark the absentee/transfer list with a special code (MAb) for those cats/kittens not present in the rings. From that point on, those cats/kittens are considered absent for the duration of the show and will not be allowed up into any of the rings to be judged at that show.

**Show Rule 10.27** was revised to identify the special category for those cats marked absent during the bay check-in process. Specifically, MAb for Mandatorily Absent will be used.

**Show Rule 11.07** was revised to make it clear that if a cat was marked mandatorily absent (MAb) on the absentee and transfer list, it is ineligible for late arrival and will be considered absent for that ring whenever the time comes to judge that class.

**Show Rule 16.05** was revised to notify the appropriate International Division Chairman if a show in the International Division is cancelled. It is already required to notify the appropriate Regional Director, so this makes it uniform worldwide.

**Show Rule 20.05** was revised to require clubs that bring judges in from long distances (greater than 2800 miles) to pay for an extra night's lodging before the show. There are no cases where this would apply to any show held in the United States with judges contracted from the United States, as the distance from Seattle to Miami is less than 2800 miles. However, if contracting a judge from France to do a show in Los Angeles, it would apply. Of course, the judge always has the option to decline the extra night if they so choose.

**Show Rule 21.01** was revised to allow for a judge to travel to a show with an exhibitor PROVIDED that none of that exhibitor's cats/kittens can be shown in that judges ring at that show. There is an exception on traveling from the airport to the hotel/show hall as long as that exhibitor's cats/kittens are in the back of the vehicle, away from the judge, and covered so as to be out of sight. The exception has always been in place. The change now allows judges to travel to a show with an exhibitor whose cats then cannot be judged by that judge.

**Show Rule 21.12** was revised to indicate that the rule on bay check-in (10.22) is now a referenced rule as a responsibility of the judge.

**Show Rule 30.01** was revised to clarify that male cats can not be shown in the regular classes if they are the result of a genetic anomaly (they can be shown as AOVs if the breed allows AOVs) in colors that would only pertain to female genetics. For example, patched tabbies can only be female, as they require both an X and Y chromosome. For the cat to be male, it would have to carry two Xs and a Y chromosome, a genetic anomaly. Rather than include a specific list identifying

every possibility, the rule now just references the genetics and gives potential examples.

**Article XXX** revised the wording slightly of the Devon Rex Tabby to allow for Mink and Sepia tabbies to be shown in this class. The Bengal Breed was moved to Article XXX, allowing all registered Bengals to now compete in the championship, kitten, and premiership classes and earn titles and awards. The Scottish Fold breed completely re-did their color class descriptions allowing several new colors, and adding a new color class for pointed Scottish Folds in both longhair and shorthair divisions.

**Article XXXI** was revised to allow for a Bengal AOV class.

Finally, **Article XXXIII** was revised to remove the Bengal from Miscellaneous, and add two new shorthair specialty breeds. The Lykoi, also known as the werewolf cat; and the Khao Manee, a pure white cat from Thailand. Both of these new breeds can begin showing in the Miscellaneous class at shows starting on May 1, 2018.

In addition to specific changes, the board also voted to send a proposal to the delegates to revise **Show Rule 11.24c** to reduce the number of bites from three to two before a cat would be ineligible to be entered at any show.

Any assistance is always greatly appreciated, so if you can think of a rule that you would like to see revised, please let me know which rule, what you think it should say, and WHY. Without a why, nothing will happen. Please feel free to forward them to your Show Rules Committee Chair at [jouvencebleu1@gmail.com](mailto:jouvencebleu1@gmail.com).