

MORE SHOW RULE CHANGES FOR 2017-2018

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At the annual, clubs bring up proposals to change the show rules. However, normally, none of these actually results in changes to the show rules until the October CFA Board meeting, which this year is the weekend of October 7-8. However, all of the proposals passed at this year's annual meeting were acted upon and approved by the Board at its Sunday meeting after the annual. I discussed those in my last newsletter article. Most of these led to addendum 2 to this year's show rules.

At the October Board meeting, eight rules were passed, and all of them were made immediately effective or retroactively effective. This will lead to addendum 3 to this year's show rules, and that should be available sometime in November. It will be a compilation of the other two addendums plus what was passed in late August and at the October meeting. The new items going into addendum 3 are as follows:

Show Rule 2.19d was revised effective September 2, 2017, to allow the awarding of best, 2nd, and 3rd best of breed wins to cats competing in the Provisional class if a club so desired to provide those awards, i.e., the awards are optional at the club's discretion. This is one set of awards per breed, with kittens, whole adults, and altered adults all competing against each other for the set of awards.

Show Rule 2.19e was revised effective September 2, 2017, to allow for the awarding of best, 2nd, and 3rd best of breed wins to cats competing in the Miscellaneous class if a club so desired to provide those awards, i.e., the awards are optional at the club's discretion. This is one set of awards per breed, with kittens, whole adults, and altered adults all competing against each other for the set of awards. If the club does not opt to provide these awards, then miscellaneous will continue to be a class with no placements of any kind given.

Show Rule 5.01o was added effective September 2, 2017, to require the show flyer for a show to provide a description of the special awards to be given in Miscellaneous or Provisional class if the club opts to hand out such awards, i.e., best, 2nd, and 3rd best of breed.

Show Rule 6.12g was amended effective October 10, 2017 to require cats competing in Household Pet competition to be able to sit or stand. Showing a cat that couldn't do either would result in that cat's disqualification.

Show Rule 6.35 was created and made effective on October 2, 2017, specifying a single entry clerk for all shows held in China. That entry clerk is currently Chrissie Chan. There are several other provisions that

were made part of this process as follows: 1) all entry fees must be paid within TWO days of submitting the entry or the time the show closes, whichever is first, or that entry will be removed from the show; 2) entries will be accepted as soon as the show flyer is posted to the Chinese website, but no later than 30 days before the show, with only one entry per e-mail allowed; 3) all shows will close at 9:00 PM Chinese time on the Tuesday before the show; 4) the entry clerk will publish public breed summaries periodically as entries come in; 5) all entries must include the exhibitor's e-mail address; 6) after the show is closed, all documents (judges books, catalog, master clerk catalog, etc.) will be provided to the sponsoring club before the start of the show.

A new rule was added to be numbered Show Rule 8.04, with the old 8.04 through 8.07 to be renumbered as 8.05 through 8.08, effective September 2, 2017. That rule specifies that clubs can opt to provide awards in all rings to the best, 2nd, and 3rd best cats in Miscellaneous and Provisional, one set of awards per breed, with all cats within a breed (kittens, alters, whole cats) competing for these awards.

Notes 5 and 6 in show rule 11.30 were revised effective September 2, 2017, to allow for the issuance of awards to best, 2nd, and 3rd best of breed cats by breed in Miscellaneous and Provisional competition at the discretion of the club, one set of awards per breed with all cats (kittens, alters, whole cats) competing for the set of awards.

Show Rule 13.09k was revised effective October 2, 2017 to do two things. First, it raised the show surcharge from \$ 2.00 to \$ 3.25 for shows held in China. This was done to pay for the centralized entry clerk. The second change was to impose a fine for any surcharge not received in Central Office within 30 days of receipt of a club's show package. The fine is specified in the CFA's list of fees. The board then set the fine as follows: for surcharges received 31 to 60 days after receipt of the show package - \$ 100.00; for surcharges received 61 to 90 days after receipt of the show package - \$ 500.00; for surcharges received more than 90 days after receipt of the show package, the club is suspended from all CFA services, i.e., it can not put on another show unless reinstated.

Article XXXVI of the show rules dealing with National Awards was revised retroactive to May 1, 2017, to clarify that color awards apply in all three National Areas. No changes were made to any of the point minimums to obtain these awards.

Just a heads up that more rule changes will be coming in December. The Show Rules Committee has been tasked to revise several show rules to address timeliness of judges response to contract requests,

increase the overnight lodging requirement when the trip involves a significantly long distance, allow judges to travel to a show with an exhibitor if the exhibitor's cat is x'd out of that judge's ring at the show, impose a penalty on clubs who unilaterally change a judge's contract without approval of the judge, in emergency judging

change assignments to require executive committee approval if changing the assignment of an advancing judge, and address bay check-in and judging (when there are more cats in a class to be judged than there are cages in a single judging ring).