

## SHOW RULE CHANGES FOR 2018-2019

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At its October 2018 meeting, the CFA Board approved several changes to show rules. Most will take effect at the beginning of the next show season, but some are immediately effective, and one is retroactive to the start of the current show season.

Show Rule 2.19, was modified to more clearly indicate that a Bengal can never be a listed cat. Specifically, listing is the practice of allowing cats to compete in Novice without registration numbers. However, CFA uses the registration process to ensure that a Bengal in the showhall qualifies as a domestic feline. Even Bengals shown as Household Pets require a registration number to identify that they are domestic. Since to be a listed cat means no registration number, there is no way of knowing a Bengal with no number is, in fact, qualified to be present in the show hall.

Show Rule 3.02c was revised to require that clubs requesting approval of the judging committee for the use of a guest judge must submit that request at least 45 days in advance of the show. This will give the Committee time to review the request, and approve/deny the request in time for the club to do something about a refused judge. This rule change was made immediately effective.

Show Rule 4.04 was revised to require that the application for a show license must include the judging program committee approvals for any guest judges requested for the license, and without them, the show would not be licensed. This rule change was made immediately effective.

Show Rule 3.13 was revised to clarify what constitutes a ring judged by a CFA judge in the table of required CFA judges versus guest judges at licensed shows. Specifically, for a ring to count as being judged by a CFA judge, both longhairs and shorthairs must be judged in that ring by a CFA judge. If the ring uses a CFA judge to do one and a guest judge to do the other, that ring does NOT count as a CFA judged ring for the purposes of determining how many rings used CFA judges.

Show Rule 6.09c was clarified to make it clear that in a situation when a judge is unable to judge in a ring for whatever reason and that judge is subsequently replaced by a different judge, cats that otherwise would have been ineligible to be judged in that ring because the original judge was the breeder can now be judged in that ring by the substitute judge.

Show Rule 6.09d was revised to increase the restriction on cats being judged in a ring by a judge. In the past, only cats with the cattery name as prefix/suffix or the cat is owned by a member of the judges immediate family were ineligible to be shown in that judges rings. The rule

was modified to now include cats owned or bred by any member of that judges household as well.

Show Rule 6.16 was revised to allow for the issuance of a temporary registration number to a Bengal with a five generation pedigree. In the past, the only way a Bengal could get a TRN was through the use of the registered parents option. There is one additional caveat. If it turns out that the cat contained an Asian Leopard Cat in that five-generation pedigree, the cat will automatically be referred by Central Office to the Board as a protest for violation of show rule 10.10, bringing a non-domestic animal into the show hall. This rule was made immediately effective.

Show Rule 9.09b was revised to request that clubs make every effort to use a certified licensed ring clerk in those rings where the judge is either an apprentice or a guest judge.

A new show rule, 9.14, was added requiring that all shows be held in a building or secured structure with doors that can be closed to prevent a cat from going outdoors, and that no show may be held outdoors or in an area where there is vehicular traffic, such as a parking garage, courtyard, or covered walkway.

Show Rule 10.10 was modified to allow cats that otherwise would not be considered domestic felines to be present at an in-conjunction show held on the same day as a CFA show. The cat in question would still need to be registerable in the other association putting on its show at the same time as the CFA show in that joint showhall.

Show Rule 20.01a was revised to allow a club to provide a complimentary entry in lieu of payment for a person serving as a ring clerk. This is at the discretion of the club.

Show Rule 28.01c was revised to allow Central Office to only use one means of notification to an exhibitor that they needed to pay for their unclaimed champion/premier title on a cat. Currently, the rule requires both e-mail AND snail mail notification, and CO was finding exhibitors paid when they got the e-mail, and then complained when they got the snail mail days later. Now snail mail will only be used if that exhibitor does not have an e-mail address on file in Central Office. This rule was made immediately effective.

Finally, Show Rule 28.02a was revised to ensure that a cat making a championship/premiership final as an open, champion, or premier, earned some points potentially for that finals placement. Recently, Central Office attempted to score a show where 12 champions made a top 15 final. Technically, the 12th champion should have had 10% of the points of the best champion

SUBTRACTED from its score for that final, with 11th best earning nothing. That makes no sense. The rule was revised to ensure that cats placing 11th through 15th will receive 5%, rounded to the next whole number, of the points the best champion/premier received in that final. This rule was made retroactive to May 1, 2018.

There are a couple of show rules currently on tap for the December board meeting. The first would essentially reverse the process for judging contract approvals. Currently, a signed contract from the judge is sent to the club, which has 15 days to approve it. The rule change will have the signed contract go from the club to the

judge, with again 15 days to approve it and make it binding. The second proposal involve agility at shows that are held over two days. The agility competition will be treated as if it were two competitions, one on each day, in those cases.

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 [jouvenilebleu1@gmail.com](mailto:jouvenilebleu1@gmail.com).