

CFA Show Rule Changes From the Annual Meeting, July 2019

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Show rules are changed two ways, and this past month saw both of those ways occur. Either the Board can change them at one of its meetings, or the delegates to an annual meeting can change them by a 2/3 vote on a pre-noticed proposal. Here are the rules that were changed, and which way it occurred:

At its board meeting on Thursday, June 27th, the board revised show rule 6.12, retroactive to May 1, 2019, and amended Article XXXVI on counts, effective July 1, 2019 (that's right, both are already in effect, but they only relate to Chinese shows/exhibitors). Show rule 6.12 was revised to include the new two-letter designators for the three divisions of China - East, West, and North. They are EC, WC, and NC. The old rule only had the one designator, which needed to be changed when Article XXXVI was amended effective May 1, 2019 to split China into three divisions. Article XXXVI, Official Show Counts, Item 2 was amended to require that for shows in China, a kitten was required to have either a permanent or temporary registration number to be included in the official show count. Again, this only applies to shows in China, not the rest of the International Division or any of the regions. This change was made effective July 1, 2019, so it is now in effect.

At the Friday meeting of the delegates, 11 show rule proposals were passed by greater than 2/3 vote of the delegates, and will go into effect on May 1, 2020. For those in attendance, they were proposals 12, 14, 18, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, and 32. In addition, several other pre-noticed, and some floor resolutions were also passed, but I'm not going to discuss those here as they will go to the Board's October meeting for discussion and a vote. If they then pass, I will discuss those in my October newsletter input. Now for the ones that passed by the delegates and will be ratified in October:

Proposal 12 amended show rule 2.04 to require that all clubs provide space assigned in the benching area for all entered cats. Hard to believe that's not currently required, but it isn't. This proposal also required those cats to be properly benched in a show cage or shelter, and not in carriers either above or below the benching tables (except for setup, teardown, etc.).

Proposal 14 was fairly complicated, and resulted in amendments to show rules 2.04, 2.07c, 2.08, 2.23b, 6.11, 7.02, 7.10, 7.15e, 10.23c, 12.17, 12.19, 27.05c, a new 27.06, and 28.04f. In a nutshell, this proposal created a three-tiered champion or premier title dependent on grand points earned. It also included additional confirmation fees. Now for those changes:

Show Rule 2.04 was amended to state that for benching purposes champions or premiers are those cats with any title (bronze, silver, or gold) champion or premier, e.g., a bronze champion would be a champion for benching purposes just as a silver champion would.

Show Rule 2.07c was amended to state that the champion class also included champions of any CH title (bronze, silver, or gold) who compete in the champion class and count as champions.

Show Rule 2.08 was amended to expand the definition of champion for competitive purposes to not only include opens, but also include cats with any of the champion titles, bronze, silver, or gold. Similarly, the definition of premier for competitive purposes was expanded to not only include opens, but also include cats with any of the premier titles, bronze, silver, or gold.

Show Rule 2.23b was amended to state that the premier class also included premiers of any PR title (bronze, silver, or gold) who compete in the premier class and count as premiers.

Show Rule 6.11 was amended to expand the list of champions and premiers to include those carrying the bronze, silver, or gold titles.

Show Rule 7.02 was amended to state that those cats with bronze, silver, or gold champion titles should be listed in the judges books as just champions, and those with bronze, silver, or gold premier titles should be listed in the catalog as just premiers.

Show Rule 7.10 was amended to indicate that no catalog correction changes were required for transfers within the tiered champion or premier titles (i.e., bronze to silver, etc.).

Show Rule 7.15e was amended to indicate that the code CH applied to all champions including the bronze, silver, and gold champions and the code PR applied to all premiers including the bronze, silver, and gold premiers.

Show Rule 10.23c was amended to indicate that for catalog corrections, changes to titles within the bronze, silver, gold tiers of champions or premiers were not required.

Show Rule 12.17 was amended to indicate that in doing the counts, champions included not only opens, but also bronze, silver, and gold champions. Similarly, premiers included not only opens, but also bronze, silver, and gold premiers.

Show Rule 12.19 was amended to indicate that catalog correction slips were not required for transfers between tiers of the bronze, silver, and gold champions or premiers.

Show Rule 27.05c was added to indicate that the bronze, silver, or gold champion/premier claim could be made via an online confirmation on the CFA website, with a notice to see the current price list for the applicable fee.

Show Rule 27.06 was added to indicate that cats were competing for not only the grand champion title, but also the new bronze, silver, and gold champion/premier titles concurrently. Points could be earned in any type of ring, specialty, allbreed, or breed specialty. The points were defined for each title. For any of the champion/premier tiered titles (bronze, silver, or gold) the cat had to have at least one win of best champion/premier, second best champion/premier, third best champion, or a final award in a specialty or allbreed final. The bronze champion title required the cat to also have earned 50 grand champion points. The silver champion title required the cat to also have 100 grand champion points. The gold champion title required the cat to also have 150 grand champion points. Similarly, the bronze premier title required the cat to also have earned 20 grand premier points. The silver premier title required the cat to also have 40 grand premier points. The gold premier title required the cat to also have 60 grand premier points. There are no point adjustments for these titles depending on the area where the show is held, so just as many points are required for these tiered titles if you are showing in North America as if you are showing in Hawaii or Kuwait, for example.

Finally, **Show Rule 28.04** was amended to indicate that an open had to complete the requirements for the champion/premier title before it could qualify for the titles of bronze, silver, or gold champion/premier.

Proposal 18 amended show rule 7.01 to indicate that special "spectator amusement activities" requiring some form of judging, such as cat costume contests, could be judged by individuals authorized to judge a competitive category at the show before that judge had completed all judging of the competitive categories for which they were contracted so long as the judge was not required to make a decision based on the quality of the cat itself. Also, spectator amusement activities could be judged by non-officiating judges, e.g., local celebrities.

Proposal 21 amended show rules 8.03 and 8.07c to allow not only fabric, but also paper ribbons to be used where only fabric had been specified in the past. That is, a club could use a paper ribbon to be handed out instead of fabric for the blue, red, yellow, brown, orange, white, or black ribbons where flats are often used.

Proposal 25 amended show rules 11.28 and 11.29 to reduce the number of kittens required to have a top 15 final from the current value of 100 to 75. This proposal was presented to be effective immediately, so it is now in effect.

Proposal 26 amended show rules 11.28 and 11.29 to reduce the number of premiership cats required to have a top 15 final from the current value of 60 to 50. This proposal was presented to be effective immediately, so it is now in effect.

Proposal 27 amended show rule 11.32 to reduce the number of household pets required to have a top 15 final from the current value of 45 to 30. This proposal was presented to be effective immediately, so it is now in effect.

Proposal 28 amended show rule 12.13a to not require the master clerk to include the entry for any catalog correction where the entry had been submitted electronically using the official online entry form provided by CFA.

Proposal 30 amended show rule 28.08 to lower the requirements for a grand of distinction (GCD or GPD) in Hawaii to 10 finals instead of the currently required 30 per show season, with 9 of those finals required to be allbreed finals.

Proposal 31 amended show rule 29.02 to lower the requirements for a Household Pet grand title (GH) in Hawaii from 100 points to 35.

Proposal 32 amended show rule 29.04 to lower the requirements for a Grand Household Pet of Distinction (GHD) in Hawaii to 10 finals instead of the currently required 30 per show season.

That's it for the show rule changes enacted. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me either by e-mail at jouvencebleu1@gmail.com or by phone to 630-936-7161.