

SHOW RULE CHANGES FOR 2022 AND BEYOND

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At its October 2021 meeting, the CFA Board approved several changes to show rules. These rules will all take effect at the beginning of the next show season.

This article discusses the show rule changes that were passed, all of which go in effect at the beginning of the 2022-2023 show season. Normally, that would be May first, but since the weekend of April 30-May 1 is a split weekend, it is actually in the 2022-2023 show season. The last show weekend of the 2021-2022 show season is the weekend of April 23-24, 2022. With that, here are the changes that will apply to all show seasons starting the weekend of April 30-May 1, 2022.

Show Rules 2.20f, 2.25, 7.07, 7.09d, 10.23a, 10.23c, 12.19, 13.09m, 13.10, 14.01, and Article XXXVI were all revised to clarify that Central Office no longer issues recording numbers for household pets. Instead, Household Pets are actually given registration numbers as "Companion Cats" and described as such. These show rule revisions all are housekeeping to reference Companion Cat registration numbers instead of household pet recording numbers throughout the show rules.

Show Rule 4.06 was revised to reduce the required number of specialty rings needed to license a show or to license a 6X6 pair of shows. For the latter case, each show is required to have one longhair and shorthair specialty ring for each day (not the current two), regardless of where the show is licensed. For all other type of shows, it matters where the show is licensed. For shows in China or regions 1-7 with five to eight rings, the show is required to also have one longhair and shorthair specialty ring. For shows in these areas with nine or ten rings, the show is required to have two longhair and shorthair specialty rings. For most shows licensed anywhere else in the world, except Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait, or Thailand, if the show has ten rings, it must have two longhair and shorthair specialty rings, and with more than 6 but less than 10, it must have one longhair and shorthair specialty ring. There are no specialty ring requirements for shows licensed in Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait, or Thailand.

Show Rules 27.03a and 28.01 were both revised to make the current exception dealing with qualifying rings and obtaining the grand titles permanent. This was passed at the annual by greater than 2/3 as proposal 17, and allows a cat to obtain the champion or premier title with only two judges necessary to give the cat the requisite number of qualifying rings. Also, cats can become grands with less than the requisite number of qualifying rings if they have the required number of grand points to earn the title in their area of residence.

Show Rule 28.02a was revised to let a cat earn the highest number of points available in an allbreed final based not only on its allbreed placement as a champion, but also on its individual specialty placement as a champion. This was passed at the annual by greater than 2/3 as proposal 18.

Show Rule 28.03 was revised to allow a champion or premier that obtains the brown or orange ribbon to score points for its grand title counting not only the champions/premiers/opens defeated, but also the grands defeated within its breed/division. This was passed by a majority at the annual as proposal 19.

Show Rule 28.04b was revised to clarify the point requirements for the grand title based on where a cat lived. Currently, that rule describes the point requirements with a lot of text that can be confusing. This revision replaces the text with a simple table.

Show Rules 28.08 and 29.04 were both revised to clarify that the current reduced ring requirements for the grand of distinction title that were put in place for the 2020-2021 season would also apply to the 2021-2022 show season.

That's it for show rules that were approved for all show seasons going forward from 2022-2023 onward. As always, if you have any questions on show rules, please feel free to forward them to your Show Rules Committee Chair at jouvencebleu1@gmail.com and I will get back to you with an answer as soon as I can.