

CFA Show Rules Report

From the February 2020 Board Meeting

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At the February Board meeting, several rules were revised, and other changes came about that will affect show rules with the establishment of new divisions and color classes for various breeds. Specifically -

Show Rule 6.11 and the associated National Awards section in **Article XXXVI** was revised concerning those cats which change color or tabby pattern during their show career in one category (kitten, championship, premiership). For example, if a championship cat is shown for a while as a red, but then is changed to a red tabby; or a premiership cat is shown for a while as a brown mackerel tabby, but then is changed to a brown spotted tabby. In the past, all points as a red or brown mackerel tabby were lost, and the cat started over as an open as a red tabby or brown spotted tabby. Effective May 1st, that will no longer be the case. If the cat had already earned its champion title, it will keep that title AND all of the grand/regional points it earned in its prior color or tabby pattern when it moves to its new color or tabby pattern and continue on as if all the points were earned in the new color or tabby pattern. No loss of points or titles for a cat that changes its color or tabby pattern. The cat will still need to be re-registered under the "new" color or tabby pattern, to actually get the associated awards/titles earned.

Show Rule 8.05 and 8.06 were revised to allow individuals and catteries to sponsor ring awards/rosettes. Current show rules prohibit such sponsorships, and those individuals and clubs who are doing them are doing so in violation of show rules. This prohibition has been in the show rules for decades. Both of these rules were changed, effective May 1st, to allow individuals and catteries to sponsor awards/rosettes at rings PROVIDED, there can be no signage in the show hall that would be visible to any judges that would identify those individuals/catteries making such donations. Such sponsorships can be identified in the show catalog, and on signage in the facility that would not normally be visible to any of the judges at the show. There is one exception to the signage requirement. If the individual/cattery has NO cats being exhibited at the show, the signage restriction does not apply.

Show rules 9.04 and 9.08n were revised concerning split ring judging to lower the total entry at a show when such rings are allowed. Currently, judges can share the same ring at a show if the entry is less than 180. Because of time constraints and pressure to move quickly when the entry is close to that number, this entry limit has been lowered to 150, effective May 1st. That means the longhair specialty judge and shorthair specialty judge can share the exact same ring if the total entry at the show is 150 cats or less, but if the entry is 151 or higher, these two judges would have to be provided with separate rings each.

Article XXXVI section on determining counts has been revised to delete the requirement that kittens in China must be registered to be included in the count. The rule now treats kittens everywhere the same. No kitten must be registered to be included in the official show count.

Article XXXVI was also clarified to make two things clear. First, the weekend that determines National Area and Regional assignment is the first full show weekend in January.

Cats/Kittens/Household Pets that attend a show prior to or on that weekend are locked in to the region/National Area of assignment as of that weekend. No changes will be allowed after that date, even if a change of ownership occurs for the cat/kitten/HHP. That being said, the OWNERSHIP listed on the cat/kitten/HHP as of the last weekend of the show season (in April) will be the ownership to which the National/Regional award will be issued, regardless of whether they live in the region/area of final assignment. Let me give an example. Carla Bizzel lives in Region 7 and shows a Chartreux in Region 7 for calendar year 2019, and it does well enough to earn a best of breed Chartreux and 23rd best cat in Region 7. On January 10th she transfers the cat to Adilah Roose, who lives in Malaysia. Adilah continues to show the cat in Malaysia, and earns points at shows in the ID National Area and the Malaysia Divisional area. The first full show weekend in January 2020 was the weekend of January 4-5. At the end of the show season, there have been no other changes in ownership. That cat will STILL earn its best of breed chartreux award in the Regional national area (not ID), and will be 23rd best cat in Region 7 (again, not a ranking in the DW area for Malaysia), but the ownership on both awards will state Adilah Roose, not Carla Bizzell. Adilah will have to travel to the Region 7 awards banquet to pick it up, or have it shipped to her in Malaysia.

Now for the changes that only affect **Article XXX** of the show rules, color class and division additions.

The Bengals have added TWO new color classes for the 2020-2021 show season as follows: Brown (Black) R/S and Marble Tabby xxxx/xxxx and Snow R/S and Marble Tabby xxxx/xxxx in addition to Other Bengal Colors and Patterns 9200/9201.

The **Cornish Rex** have made two minor changes that do not affect current color class numbers, but do add to the wording. Under every Cornish Rex tabby color class, the word ticked has been added, such that acceptable tabbies are classic, mackerel, spotted and ticked. In addition, the blue-cream color class will include lavender-cream and lavender-cream smokes.

The **Exotic** has had a MAJOR change for the upcoming show season. First, and by far the biggest change, is that Exotics will be divided into seven separate divisions for the purpose of awards, just like the Persians. There will be a Solid Division, Silver & Golden Division, Shaded and Smoke Division, Tabby Division, Parti-Color Division, Bi-Color and Calico Division, and Himalayan Division for separate best of breed/division wins, national awards, regional awards, etc. The terms duplicative of calico are being deleted (blue-cream and white, tortie and white, etc.). The other tabby colors and other tabby colors and white will now include chocolate silver and lilac silver.

Ragdolls have added a new color class for Lynx Point and White xxxx/xxxx.

Finally, **Turkish Angoras** have added a color class for solid color smokes in the breed: Smoke Color Class xxxx/xxxx.

As always, if you have any ideas on changing show rules, you can always forward them to me at jouvencebleu1@gmail.com with a good rationale for the change. Similarly, if you want to know what a show rule says or where to find it, contact me as well.