

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 2-3. Pre-noticed proposals are voted on, and those receiving a vote of greater than 2/3 of the delegates present are sent to the Board for ratification. The Board may later change them, or outright reject them, although it rarely does. Pre-noticed proposals that pass by a majority vote, but short of 2/3 and proposals from the floor that pass by any amount (majority to unanimous) are sent to the Board with a recommendation to pass. They go to the October Board meeting for discussion and vote, but there is no guarantee that any of them will actually be adopted. Those rules that are adopted are normally made effective for the beginning of the following show season, namely 2018-2019. At this year's June Annual Meeting, the delegates voted on and passed three pre-noticed rule amendments by 2/3 that modified four rules. HOWEVER, none of these proposals will need to go the October Board meeting as they were ALL acted upon at the meeting of the newly-elected board on Sunday after the annual meeting, and the effective dates of all three of those amendments were set in the current show year. The Board also passed three other rule changes, all effective during this show season. The only proposal made from the floor was voted down by the delegation.

Those seven rules that were adopted by the board either just before or just after the annual meeting of the delegates will be discussed here. These are not listed in rule text format, rather, they identify what was actually changed with the current rule, i.e., what was removed and what was added, and discussed with their effective dates. These are listed in the numerical order of the rules.

Rule 3.02b will be revised at the August Board meeting to comply with the change made to Judging Program Rule 10.3, and will become effective on September 1, 2017. Specifically, "Invitations from CFA clubs for non-CFA Judges are subject to the approval of the CFA Judging Program Committee and may be considered only by Approved Allbreed, Approval Pending Allbreed or Approved Specialty Judges whose license from an accepted association is on file with the Judging Program Committee and who have been actively judging with their parent association for a minimum of five (5) years. A Judge may only judge the level at which they are licensed. When the club format includes a specialty ring, guest judges will serve as a specialty judge in CFA shows, unless a specialty only CFA judge would be serving as the required specialty judge." The rule change requires guest judges to serve as specialty judges UNLESS a CFA judge is performing that assignment as part of the advancement process in the judging program. Of course, if there is an insufficient

number of specialty rings at the show (two or more guest judges but only one specialty ring), the specialty ring would need to be assigned to only one of those guest judges, with the remaining guest judges able to do an allbreed ring. This was a board rule proposal and not from the delegate meeting.

Rule 4.03b was modified concerning show proximity rule requirements for shows licensed in China, effective September 1, 2017. After that date, shows in China will be required to be at least 400 miles apart on the same weekend. The current requirement is 1,000 kilometers, so this actually REDUCES the distance between clubs as 1,000 kilometers is longer than 400 miles. This was a board rule proposal and not from the delegate meeting.

Rule 6.14 was modified by the delegates by greater than 2/3 vote and subsequently adopted by the Board with a July 1, 2017 effective date. The change specifies three things. First, it caps the entry fee that may be charged for any show at \$ 30.00 per ring. As such, the rule now has a minimum fee of \$ 1.00 per ring up to a maximum fee of \$ 30.00 per ring. Second, it requires the show flyer to specify any available discounts that may be available, e.g. for certain exhibitors (like club members), breeds, etc. Finally the rule clarifies that no club or individual may charge fees for any show that are not specifically stated in the show flyer or otherwise already specified in the show rules.

Rule 6.16 was modified by the Board with an August 1, 2017 effective date. Specifically, the Board overturned and thru out the proposal passed by the delegates by 2/3 at the June 2013 annual meeting to allow cats/kittens from CFA registered sires and dams to obtain a Temporary Registration Number (TRN) by submitting just the registration numbers for the sire and dam. The change re-instates the requirement that had been originally in place for the issuance of TRNs where a certified four-generation (or whatever the rules of registration required if fewer) pedigree from an acceptable registering body, including CFA, must be supplied at the time of TRN issuance to obtain a TRN for a cat/kitten even if it has a CFA registered sire and dam.

Rules 8.03 and 11.32 were modified by the delegates by greater than 2/3 vote and subsequently adopted by the Board with a July 1, 2017 effective date. These rules were changed to clarify that in all cases where Household Pet entries are allowed, the finals for that class will be best through 10th normally. Currently, the rule requires best through 5th and leaves sixth through tenth at the option of the club. That is no longer the case. All finals will either be best through tenth if the entry is under 45, and best through fifteenth if over 45.

Finally, Show Rule Article XXXVI, which was approved by a 2/3 vote of the delegates, was revised with a

retroactive May 1, 2017 effective date to allow for the creation of a top 10 National Award for Household Pets. The final details and minimum point requirements will be voted on at the August board meeting as the pre-noticed resolution left everything other than the total of awards open with a "to be determined" phrase. After the August board meeting, I'll fill everyone in on what rules were finally adopted then.

Any rules proposals requested by the Board before September 15th will also be prepared and presented to the Board at the October meeting for approval. [NOTE: I already have two of those, one to setup requirements

for a single entry clerk for ALL shows licensed in China and associated requirement where entries must be sent, and another to address national-area shopping that would require a certain percentage of rings scored for national awards to be from the national area of record for the cat].

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. Please feel free to forward them to your Show Rules Committee Chair at jouvencebleu1@gmail.com.