

## **Miscellaneous/Provisional Breed Committee Standing Rules**

CFA Breed Committees will be established to serve as advisory bodies on Breed Standards to the CFA Board. The Breed Committees will channel opinions and suggestions from the individual breeder to the Board through the Breed Committee Chair elected by each specific breed.

### **Eligibility Requirements for Individual Breed Committee Membership**

Requirements for the initial year for a New Breed:

1. Have a CFA registered cattery name.
2. Are at least 18 years of age or older.
3. A judge or an officer of another cat registering association is not eligible.
4. Have registered at least one cat of the appropriate breed.

Requirements for the second and subsequent years for a New Breed:

1. Have a CFA registered cattery name.
2. Are at least 18 years of age or older
3. Have bred and registered with CFA at least three litters of the appropriate breed.
4. A judge or an officer of another cat registering association is not eligible.
5. Registered one litter of the appropriate breed within the previous calendar year.
6. Exhibited a cat/kitten of the appropriate breed within the previous calendar year.

A litter which has been reregistered to add an individual or individuals as additional breeders will not be used to qualify the additional breeder or breeders as Breed Committee membership.

### **Membership**

Membership by eligible individuals in any breed may be obtained by submitting to the Central Office a completed membership application form together with the appropriate fee(s). A membership runs from May 1 to April 30. Upon receipt of the membership application and fee(s), the Central Office will place the member's name on the mailing list for the Show Rules and Show Standards. Membership applications for any given year will not be accepted after August 1 of that year.

### **Fees**

The annual registration fee (May 1 to April 30) shall be set by the Executive Board to help defray expenses for the operation of the Breed Committees.

### **Forms**

A Breed Committee Group membership application will be available online in a PDF format. In order to use this form you will need to download a free copy of [Acrobat Reader](#), which is available for use with all major computer platforms. The form is an interactive one, so you can type your information directly on the form and print it as a completed copy to send in to Central Office. A printed form will also be available.

## **Procedure for Submission of Proposals**

Members forward suggestions and opinions to the elected committee chair of the specific breed committee. The breed committee chair will evaluate these proposals and obtain the opinions of other members of the particular breed/division section. The breed committee chair will send requested changes to the breed standard to the CFA Central Office and CFA Breeds and Standards Chair by the published breed change deadline. Miscellaneous and Provisional breed ballots will be sent to Breed Committee members. Ballot results will be presented to the CFA Board for review at the February CFA Board meeting when breed standard revisions are considered.

### **Breed Committee Chair**

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

1. Current CFA membership in specific breed committee.
2. A breed representative may not be a CFA Breed Council Secretary for any other breed.

#### **Initial Breed Committee Chair**

Upon acceptance as Miscellaneous Breed, the President will appoint the initial Breed Committee Chair.

#### **Regular Election (for years subsequent to initial year)**

1. A representative for each breed committee will be elected FROM the membership and BY the membership of that breed committee.
2. Upon the approval of a breed for miscellaneous status, the breed committee chair will be appointed as above and hold this position until the next breed committee election is scheduled.
3. Elections will be held every two years in even numbered years during the month of December.
4. A candidate must declare his/her intention to run for chair of a breed committee of a breed council by submitting his/her declaration in writing to the Central Office by August 1 next prior to the December in which the election is held.
5. Ballots for the election of breed committee chair must be mailed or sent electronically as specified to the Central Office in accordance with voting instructions printed on the ballot.
6. Only those breed committee members who have paid their dues by August 1 preceding the December in which the election is held shall be eligible to vote in the election.
7. In the event of a tie vote between/among the candidates for breed committee chair, the membership that was eligible to vote in the election that resulted in a tie shall be balloted again. The reballoting will be done within 2 weeks of the close of the prior election, allowing the voters 14 days to return the ballots to Central Office. If the vote is again a tie, the winner shall be determined by lot.

#### **Vacancies:**

1. Any vacancy occurring in the office of a breed committee chair shall be filled by appointment by the President of CFA.