PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

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– 1 – Country Faire Cat Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP, Section 4 – Regional Assignment, to shorten the time after a secretary moves from a club’s home region, as follows:

New members of the Association will be assigned to the Region in which is found the mailing address of the Secretary of the new member at the time of application for membership. Any club, for which the secretary(s) has resided outside of the current assigned region for a period of five (5) three (3) years, and/or the activities of the club have been conducted outside of the current assigned region for a period of five (5) three (3) years, shall be reassigned to the Region of the current secretary’s residence. Member clubs that have reorganized outside the current assigned region, have conducted activities outside the current assigned region, and the secretary also resides outside the current assigned region, may petition the board to be assigned to the new region.

RATIONALE: In today’s modern world and increased mobility and shrinking club membership, secretaries tend to move around for a variety of reasons. Three years is a more reasonable time to adjust which region a club resides in – particularly when so many paper clubs are voting for regional directors for areas not directly related to a secretary’s physical location.

– 2 – Phoenix Feline Fanciers.

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, Section 1 – Annual Meetings, last sentence, to permit notice to be sent either electronically or by mail, as follows.

… Written-Electronic or written notice of the time and place of the Annual Meeting shall be made to member clubs by the Central Office not less than forty (40) nor more than fifty (50) days prior to the opening day of the meeting.”

RATIONALE: This is a housekeeping change to allow electronic notification of the Annual Meeting in addition to requiring written notification.

– 3 – CFA Executive Board

Alternative 1:

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, Section 4 – Delegates, second paragraph, to remove the dollar figure for the delegate fee from the constitution, as follows:

No person acting as a delegate and/or proxy shall cast more than two (2) votes. Regardless of the number of votes carried, each delegate or proxy to the Annual Meeting shall pay a registration fee of thirty dollars ($30.00) forty dollars ($40.00) for each vote carried to help member clubs defray the costs of the Annual Meetings.

RATIONALE: The original fee (year unknown) was $6.00 per vote carried. This fee was increased to $10.00 per vote carried in 1986; to $20.00 per vote carried in 2004; and to $30.00 per vote carried in 2012. The costs of producing the annual meetings have risen since the last increase in 2012. The delegate fee paid by each club enables CFA to defray some of the ever-increasing costs incurred by the production of the annual meeting. Since 2016 the cost to CFA to host the Annual Meeting and Awards has risen approximately $78,000. This is largely because a portion of the costs to host the Annual has moved from the Regional Clubs to CFA. If approved, this will be one of many action items being considered to reduce overall expenses while maintaining the quality and integrity of the Annual.

The other change is housekeeping to reflect that CFA, not the Regional clubs, now pays most of the cost of the Annual.

– 4 – CFA Executive Board

Alternative 2 (to be considered if the above proposal fails):

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE IV – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, Section 4 – Delegates, second paragraph, to increase the delegate fee from $30 to $40, as follows:

No person acting as a delegate and/or proxy shall cast more than two (2) votes. Regardless of the number of votes carried, each delegate or proxy to the Annual Meeting shall pay a registration fee of thirty dollars ($30.00) forty dollars ($40.00) for each vote carried to help member clubs defray the costs of the Annual Meetings.

RATIONALE: Same rationale as Resolution 3 but the amount to be set at $40.00 per vote carried. Using the average income from delegate fees over the past three Annuals as a baseline a $10.00 increase would provide an additional $4,600 in income. This is just a start. While this is a nominal increase per club, the fees will go a long way to cover those costs. Any future increases will require another Constitutional Amendment be adopted by the delegation.

– 5 – Turkish Angora Fanciers, International, Marina Allbreed Cat Club, Cat Fanciers of Kuwait and The Bengal Alliance

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 1 – Titles, second paragraph, to return to Board to 7 Directors at Large

The Directors of this Association shall consist of nine (9) Regional Directors, representing the geographical regions herein specified, provided that not more than one person resident in any one of the Regions specified shall be elected a Regional Director, and seven five Directors at Large.

RATIONALE: The Board was reduced by 2 Directors at Large in an attempt to make CFA function more streamlined; however, due to the nature of the other Board members and the groups they are elected to represent, it makes sense to allow for more business-minded individuals – ones not pressured to side with any one geographical region – to serve on our Board and lead our organization into the future.

– 6 – Turkish Angora Fanciers, International, Cat Fanciers of Kuwait and The Bengal Alliance

To be considered only if prior proposal passes:

RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 1 – Titles, second paragraph, to reclassify Regional Directors as advisory liaisons to the Board:

The Directors of this Association shall consist of seven (7) Directors at Large. In addition, nine (9) Regional Directors, representing the geographical regions herein specified, provided that not more than one person resident in any one of the Regions
specified shall be elected a Regional Director, and seven Directors at Large, to serve as liaison to the Board when dealing with issues affecting their region of election.

RATIONAL: The Board is currently made up of a majority of voting members who were elected specifically by one area of the world, to directly represent their interests. As a result, some issues may be falling into the area between two competing global locations, as opposed to being reviewed solely for their business savvy and acumen. While Regional Directors serve admirably and with honor, reducing the number of voting members of the Board, and restricting those voting members to those elected by the entire delegation, is a worthwhile experiment at a time when our organization is at a crossroads.

– 7 – CFA Executive Board
RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 2 – Elections, paragraph e – Eligibility to Vote, to clarify the show season in which an ID club must hold a show to be eligible to vote for officers or Directors at Large, as follows:

b. Eligibility to vote. In order to be eligible to vote, a club must be in good standing as of February 1 of the year in which the election is held. Additionally, only clubs assigned to a particular region shall be eligible to vote for the Regional Director for that region. Although International Division members will not vote for a Regional Director, they are eligible to vote for officers and Directors-at-Large if they hold a licensed CFA show within the previous show season. As used in this paragraph the previous show season shall mean the show season ending immediately preceding the election.

RATIONAL: There has been some confusion as to which show season is the “previous” season with respect to ID clubs voting. Two different interpretations have been suggested. This amendment would clarify that “previous show season” means the one ending immediately before the election. For example, for the June 2019 election the previous show season would mean the one that began on May 1, 2018 and ended April 30, 2019.

– 8 – Phoenix Feline Fanciers.
RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, Section 2 – Elections, paragraph e – Election Procedure, first sentence, to send ballots either by electronically or by mail, as follows:

e. Election Procedure. On or before April 25 of each election year, the Central Office shall send by electronic means or mail to all member clubs in good standing ballots listing all candidates for whom timely declarations were received, ....

RATIONAL: While clubs have been given the option of voting electronically through the CFA Constitution, the notification of the ballots was not changed from “mail” to “electronic means” in the CFA Constitution. This change is merely a housekeeping one so that Central Office is authorized to send the ballots to member clubs electronically instead of by mail.

– 9 – Country Faire Cat Fanciers
RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE VI – ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, Section 5 – Vacancies, to align the choices of the delegates with the Director at Large vacancy, as follows:

Vacancies in any office, except that of President, and/or any of the Regional Directors and/or any Director at Large, may must be filled by the Executive Board for the balance of the unexpired term, except as noted for Regional Directors. Should the office of the President become vacant for any reason, the Vice President shall automatically succeed to that office.

Should a vacancy occur for any reason in the office of any of the various Regional Directors and nine (9) months or more remain in the term of that office, the Central Office shall immediately notify member clubs in the specific region of the vacancy and call for declarations from candidates to be submitted to the office within thirty (30) days of said notice. Within ten (10) days after the closing date for the acceptance of declarations, the Central Office will mail ballots to eligible clubs in the region for voting and shall establish procedures for optional electronic voting as in section 2e of this article. Eligibility for voting will be limited to those member clubs in good standing not less than fifty (50) days prior to the date of the mailing of the ballots. The closing date for the return of the special election ballots to the Central Office will be sixty (60) days after mailing from the Central Office—said date to be printed on the ballot. Dated postmark stamp (provided by a postal clerk) on either the ballot or on a separate paper enclosed in the mailing envelope or the date marking Central Office’s receipt of an electronic ballot will constitute PRIME FACIE evidence of the mailing date by the voting club.

Should a vacancy (or vacancies) occur for any reason in the office of a Director at Large, the vacancy must be filled by the Executive Board with a Director at Large candidate that received votes in the immediately prior Director at Large election, and who is eligible to serve as defined under Article VI, Section 2f., and who is willing to serve, starting with the candidate who was not elected and that received the next highest number of votes, and continuing through the next highest vote recipient until the vacancy(ies) is filled. If no candidate is eligible, then the seat shall remain vacant until the next regularly scheduled election for Director-at-Large.

When less than nine (9) months remain in the term of a Regional Director whose office is vacated, such office shall remain vacant until the next regular election of Regional Directors as provided for in Section 2, Elections, of this article.

RATIONAL: This constitutional amendment holds the Executive Board accountable to honor the wishes of the clubs as it applies to their choices for Director at Large. If a vacancy occurs (as was the case this year with Rich Mastin running for Vice President in 2018) then the next logical choice is the person who received the sixth highest number of votes. According to Roberts Rules of Order, as a constitutional amendment, this shall go into effect immediately.

– 10 – Phoenix Feline Fanciers.
RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, ARTICLE IX – INTERNATIONAL, paragraph d, to clarify that only a delegate may cast a vote, as follows:

d. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of Article IV of this Constitution, only those ‘International Members’ holding a licensed CFA show within the previous show season will be entitled to be a delegate and cast a vote at any annual or special meeting of members. Only those ‘International Members’ qualifying for entitlement to vote will be counted in computing the number of members required or members present for quorum purposes at a meeting of members.

RATIONAL: Only delegates can cast votes at any annual. This amendment makes the statement more precise.

– 11 – Lilac Point Fanciers
RESOLVED: Amend the CFA Constitution, Article XI – BREED COUNCIL, MEMBERSHIP section and FEES section, to create a 2 year membership option, as follows:

MEMBERSHIP

Membership by eligible individuals in any breed/division section may be obtained by submitting to the Central Office a completed membership application form together with the appropriate fee(s). A one year membership runs from May 1 to April 30. An optional two year membership will be available in even numbered years for those members who have bred a CFA Grand Champion or Grand Premier of the appropriate breed/division. A two year membership will begin May 1 of even numbered years.
and end on April 30 of the next even numbered year. Membership for individuals whose applications were received on or before August 1, 2014 will be extended to April 30, 2015. When available for distribution, the Show Rules and Show Standards will be sent to each member. Membership applications for any given year will not be accepted after August 1 of that year.

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

RATIONALE: Breed council membership increases in the years that we have breed council elections, which are even numbered years. Some people let their membership lapse when they think there will not be a reason to vote on anything. By creating a 2 year membership, we make it easier for more people to remain continuous members.

The two year membership would be limited to those people who qualify by having bred a grand so that only members that will definitely meet the requirements for two years can obtain a two year membership. By limiting the two year membership to even numbered years only, we would reduce the tracking necessary for Central Office to figure out when people have to renew.

The two year membership would be optional. Everyone will still be able to join for one year.

The board sets the fee for breed council membership. With a two year membership, the board can either charge double the regular fee, or perhaps offer a discount as a further incentive to join for two years.

The strikethrough sentence is no longer necessary; that is a housekeeping change.

PROPOSED SHOW RULE RESOLUTIONS

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- 12 – Turkish Angora Fanciers, International; Marina Allbreed Cat Club; Cat Fanciers of Kuwait; The Bengal Alliance

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 2.04 to require proper physical benching in an assigned benching area, as follows:

2.04 A BENCHED CAT is one that is present and qualified for competition and judged in at least one ring. Such cat is presumed to be benched and present for competition throughout the entire show. Any cat competing in a ring, including a disqualified cat, is considered a benched cat for scoring purposes. Benched cats MUST have space assigned in the benching area, and must be properly benched in a show cage or shelter (not in carriers either above or below the benching tables), excepting individual circumstances (packing up at day’s end, cat having a temporary issue requiring a carrier, etc.).

RATIONALE: Other than Bay check in, there has not been a codified requirement that all entered cats must have benching space and be appropriately benched in that space (i.e. in a show cage or shelter, rather than spending their time at the show hall in a carrier, whether on top of or below the benching table). Concern over this issue requires clarification in the show rules that all benched cats must have an assigned space.

- 13 – Turkish Angora Fanciers, International; Marina Allbreed Cat Club; Cat Fanciers of Kuwait; The Bengal Alliance

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules 2.04, 2.05 and 28.02 to create a universal minimum number of rings for a cat to be considered present in the overall count.

2.04 A BENCHED CAT is one that is present and qualified for competition and judged in at least one ring. Such cat is presumed to be benched and present for competition throughout the entire show. Any cat competing in 80 percent of rings (see Rule 28.02) a ring, including a disqualified cat, is considered a benched cat for scoring purposes. Such cat is presumed to be benched and present for competition throughout the entire show.

2.05 A BENCHED CHAMPION or PREMIER is one that is present and qualified for competition and judged in 80 percent of rings (see Rule 28.02) one ring as a Champion or Premier (except in China – see Rule 28.02). Champions or Premiers, including Opens competing as Champions or Premiers, transferred to Grand Champion or Grand Premier after the first day of a two day show will be counted as a Champion or Premier in all rings. Such cat is presumed to be benched and present for competition throughout the entire show. Any cat competing in 80 percent of rings (see Rule 28.02) a ring, including a disqualified cat, is considered a benched cat for Grand Championship and Grand Premiership scoring purposes except in China (see Rule 28.02). In China, a cat is considered absent in a that ring if it is disqualified or otherwise withheld from receiving an award for condition or insufficient merit (see Rules 11.23 and 11.24).

28.02 …

a. Any Champion or Premier placing in the top ten (or fifteen, where applicable) finals awards may receive points towards Grand Championship or Grand Premiership. The highest placing Champion or Premier will receive one point for every benched Champion or Premier defeated for shows held outside of China, i.e., Regions 1-9 and most of the International Division (including the special administrative areas of Hong Kong and Macau). For champions/premiers competing at shows in China, the cat will receive one Grand Championship/Premiership point for every Champion/Premier defeated that was present in at least 80 percent of the Rings held at that show. A cat is considered present in China as long as no award is withheld from that cat for insufficient merit or condition, and the cat is not disqualified (see Rules 11.23, and 11.24). If the award for a cat is withheld for any reason other than wrong color, it will be considered absent for the ring in which the award was withheld. To determine the 80 percent present requirement, see the following table:

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Cats not present in the number of Rings specified in the table based on the number of Rings held at any show held in China will not be counted as competing at the show for determining the official champion/premier count, however, any grand points won by these cats in any ring will still be credited to that cat’s record.

RATIONALE: This proposal attempts to correct some of the attempts to manipulate count in Regions 1-9. The Chinese have
been competing with an 80% for several years, without complaints as to problems with scoring their shows. The rules applied to China can and should be applied to all regions across CFA to help combat some of the more blatant attempts to either show a multitude of cats in one ring (stuffing) or entering a multitude of cats to inflate count, with the intent that those cats would be absent and harm attending cats (reverse stuffing). Additionally, removing cats that are withheld on or disqualified will prevent exhibitors from entering cats solely for points, or from putting a biting cat in 80% of the rings at a show.

- 14 – Turkish Angora Fanciers, International

RESOLVED: Amend CFA 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, 27.06, 28.04, as follows, in order to create tiered titles for Champion and Premier cats to earn along the way to Granding, as follows:

2.04 A BENCHED CHAMPION or PREMIER is one that is present and qualified for competition and judged in one ring as a Champion or Premier. Champions or Premier's, including Opens competing as Champions or Premiers, and Champions or Premiers of any title (Bronze, Silver, Gold), transferred to Grand Champion or Grand Premier after the first day of a two day show will be counted as a Champion or Premier in all rings. Such cat is presumed to be bunched and present for competition throughout the entire show. Any cat competing in a ring, including a disqualified cat, is considered a bunched cat for Grand Championship and Grand Premiership scoring purposes.

2.07 c. The CHAMPION CLASS is for cats that have completed Championships in this Association, and for which the required Championship claim form and fee has been mailed to the Central Office, claimed on-line or filed with the show master clerk. The Champion Class includes opens (with either temporary or permanent registration numbers) for competition purposes. Opens are listed in the show catalog as opens and the judge's book as champions. Opens compete in the champion class and count as champions. The Champion class also includes Champions of any CH title (Bronze, Silver, Gold), who compete in the champion class and count as champions.

2.08 CLASS refers to the competitive divisions within the competitive categories as follows: Kitten, AOV, Provisional Breed, Miscellaneous (Non-Competitive) and Household Pet classes; Novice, Champion (including Opens and Bronze/Silver/Gold Champions) and Grand Champion classes; Novice, Premier (including Opens and Bronze/Silver/Gold Premiers) and Grand Premier classes.

2.23 b. The following classes will be recognized for neuters and spays of each Championship Color Class: Grand Premier, Premier (including Bronze/Silver/Gold Premier), Open and Novice. The eligibility for each class will be determined in the same manner as for the corresponding class in Championship competition.

6.11 A cat that has been confirmed a Champion (including Bronze/Silver/Gold Champion), Grand Champion, Premier (including Bronze/Silver/Gold Premier) or Grand Premier may be eligible for entry under a different color and/or pattern than its confirmed color and/or pattern (except Sphynx, which are shown with no color or pattern description listed). It may be shown as an Open in the Champion/Premier class at the show in which the owner decides to make the change. These cats may not continue to compete as the new color and/or pattern at any further shows until the Central Office has been notified of the color and/or pattern change and payment of the current fee for a corrected registration has been submitted. Points and titles earned under the previously confirmed color and/or pattern are not carried over to the new color and/or pattern and the cat must compete again as an Open in the Champion/Premier class.

7.02 The entry clerk or a designated representative is responsible for preparing the judges' books, including those for judging Best of the Bests competitions, which shall be in numerical, but not necessarily consecutive catalog order. A minimum of two (2) lines must be left between color classes. The color class number, age (indicated in years and months) and the class for each entry must appear in the judges' books. At least two (2) spaces should be left between each class (Champion and Grand Champion) to allow for transfers. Opens and Bronze/Silver/Gold level Champions and Premiers shall be listed as champions or premiers in the judge's book, as applicable. Champions (including Bronze/Silver/Gold Champions) and opens competing as champions shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. Premiers (including Bronze/Silver/Gold Premiers) and opens competing as premiers shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. When a color class includes entries of more than one color/tabby pattern, the exact color/tabby pattern indicated on the entry form must be entered in the judges' books unless the breed is Sphynx, in which case no color or tabby pattern will be listed in the judges' books. At the end of each breed, the show entry clerk shall type a form for the following awards: Best of Breed/Division, Second Best of Breed/Division for Kittens, Championship and Premiership, and where necessary, Best Champion/Premier of Breed/Division.

At the end of the Veterans Class, the entry clerk shall type a form for Best through Fifth Best Cat and, if applicable, Sixth through Tenth Best Cat.

7.10 All entries must appear in numerical order (but not necessarily consecutive) in the printed catalog that is required at shows held under these rules. No addendum to the catalog is permitted except as provided by rule 12.06.

The catalog shall list entries in their correct breed, color and/or pattern (except Sphynx, which are shown with no color or pattern description listed), and competitive category. It is recognized that occasional transfers will be necessary due to entry error or late change in status; flagrant disregard of this show rule will be subject to disciplinary action. Transfers of competitive status, from Open to Champion or Premier, Champion or Premier to Grand Champion or Grand Premier, filed in accordance with rules 27.05 and 28.06, are valid catalog changes. No catalog changes are required for transfers within the tiered Champion or Premier titles (i.e. Bronze to Silver, etc.).

e. The competitive class is not included in the group headings, but is noted below each catalog entry number as in the following example. The following abbreviations should be used: "MISC" for Miscellaneous; "PROV" for Provisional; "AOV" for Any Other Variety; "KIT" for Kitten; "NOV" for Novice; "OPN" for Open; "CH" for Champion (including all Bronze/Silver/Gold Champions); "GRC" for Grand Champion; "PR" for Premier (including all Bronze/Silver/Gold Premiers); "GRP" for Grand Premier; "HHP" for Household Pet; "VET" for Veteran Class; "EXH" for Exhibition Only. Example: (omitted for brevity)

10.23 c. If any of the entry information as printed in the catalog is in error, or a registration number or household pet recording number has not been printed in the catalog, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to provide corrections of the information printed in error and/or the lacking registration or recording number to the master clerk or the Entry Clerk or their designee (individual handling check-in), as appropriate. An official catalog correction request form must be used and the exhibitor submitting the form must obtain a copy of the catalog correction form signed by the master clerk, or designated representative, showing the correct information has been supplied for corrections of
erroneous or missing entry information involving the name, registration or recording number, birth date, ownership, region of residence of the cat, or competitive category (Novice, Open, Champion, Premier, Grand Champion, Grand Premier, Household Pet). This receipt should be retained by the exhibitor in the event any question might arise at a future date regarding an entry. For erroneous information regarding sex, age, color/tabby pattern, color class, competitive category (changes to or from Grand Champion/Grand Premier only) or competitive class of the cat, the correction must be made on the absentee/transfer sheet with the entry clerk or their designee (individual handling check-in), or, if check-in is completed, with each ring clerk prior to the cat being judged. Correction of erroneous information regarding the sire, dam, or breeder is not required. Changes to titles within the Bronze/Silver/Gold tiers of Champions and Premiers are not required.

12.17 The master clerk is responsible for counting the number of cats and kittens present and competing in the Kitten, Championship, Veterans, Household Pets, and Premiership Classes, as well as the number of Champions and Premiers (including Opens and all Bronze/Silver/Gold level Champions and Premiers) present and competing. The master clerk shall have these numbers available for the exhibitors.

12.19 The master clerk will accept completed official championship/premiership claim forms and Household Pet Recording Number applications. In addition, the master clerk will also accept correction slips that transfer a cat from Open, Champion or Premier to Grand in either the Championship or Premiership classes from the owner/agent. Correction slips are not required for transfer between tiers of the Bronze/Silver/Gold Champions and Premiers. The master clerk will provide the show secretary with a list of the catalog numbers of these transfers.

27.05 A Bronze, Silver, or Gold Champion/Premier claim can be made via an online confirmation on the CFA website. See current price list for applicable fees.

27.06 A cat eligible and shown in the Champion or Premier class will compete concurrently for the Grand Champion or Grand Premier title, and the Bronze, Silver and Gold level of Champion/Premier. A cat can earn points toward these Bronze, Silver and Gold level of Champion/Premier points in any type of ring, e.g. Allbreed, Longhair/Shorthair or Breed specialty. Points are earned in the same amounts and percentages as those described in Rule 28.02 and 28.03.

1. To qualify for any the Bronze, Silver or Gold Champion/Premier title, a cat must have at least one win of Best Champion/Premier, Second Best Champion/Premier or Third Best Champion, or a final award of Best-Fifteenth Best Cat in either a CFA Specialty or Allbreed final.

2. Fifty (50) Grand Championship points are required for Bronze Champion: One hundred (100) for Silver Champion, and one hundred and fifty (150) for Gold Champion. Twenty (20) Grand Premiership points are required for Bronze Premier; forty (40) for Silver Premier; and sixty (60) for Gold Premier.

28.04 f. An Open must complete the requirements for the Champion/Premier class in order to qualify for the titles of Bronze/Silver/Gold or Grand Champion/Grand Premier. Opens may not compete as Grand Champions or Grand Premiers unless all of the requirements for the Championship or Premiership claim have been met, including the filing of the claim form.

RATIONALE: This proposal would add multiple tiers to the Champion/Premier title. In doing so, more people will be encouraged to show cats that they are not sure will be easy Grands, which are now not shown past the six qualifying rings.

We all know that massive numbers of entries arrive as Opens and, after obtaining the CH title after 6 Qualifying Rings, go home never to be seen again. Some are cats that owners think might be too hard to Grand; others are in breeds that do not always have time to Grand before they need to be bred. In the last 12 years there has been a 43% decline in entries. Fewer than 8% of cats shown in Championship became Grand Champions in 2014; the Premiership Grands have not cracked 9% in any year since 2008. In 2016, the numbers actually declined - only 6.98% of Championship cats shown achieved the Grand title; 7.91% of Premiers shown achieved Grand status. That means of the 20,999 cats shown in Championship - the largest number of Championship cats exhibited since 2011 - only 1462 became Grands. Out of 9243 Premiership cats, just 731 became Grands. Many of these remaining 28,049 cats showed once for Qualifying Rings and never returned to a show hall because their owners knew they could end up spending good money for months and still come away with nothing to show, if their cat goes into heat too frequently or is bred or gets too hormonal. The recapture of even a small number of these entries can easily be the difference between a club folding or continuing show production.

We also see a need for this title for added meaning to the Champion title, as well as to meet the need of an exhibitor who must right now only use the phrase “Grand pointed.” A Grand pointed cat could mean a cat with 1 point, or with 199 points. Other breeders reviewing pedigrees have no way of knowing anything about a cat with a CH title other than it has obtained six qualifying rings.

This would only apply to cats earning points toward Grand Championship/Premiership. Points would be earned ONLY in Champion/Premier finals or in breed/division Champion/Premier points (purple ribbon). This would accrue in every ring or show over multiple seasons. The levels would be:

Champion (CH)– six qualifying rings
Bronze Champion (CHB) – meet the requirements for Champion, make one final of any kind, and earn 50 Grand points toward GC
Silver Champion (CHS) – meet the requirements for Bronze Champion and earn 100 Grand points toward GC
Gold Champion (CHG) – meet the requirements for Silver Champion and earn 150 Grand points toward GC
Premier (PR) – six qualifying rings
Bronze Premier (PRB) – meet the requirements for Premier, make one final of any kind, and earn 20 Grand points toward GP
Silver Premier (PRS) – meet the requirements for Bronze Premier and earn 40 Grand points toward GP
Gold Premier (PRG) – meet the requirements for Silver Premier and earn 60 Grand points toward GP

Once the Grand title is achieved the initial titles related to Champion/Premier will drop off. As each title is obtained the old one is replaced (i.e. rather than a CH, CHB, CHS, the cat would be a CHS upon earning 100 Grand points). The points are cumulative through the levels. This means cats that “pass” requirements, do not have to remain at that level. For example, if a new Champion attends a show and earns 125 Grand points, that cat would automatically jump to Silver Champion status once the owner claims the title. A cat does not start out back at 0 after achieving any level. The additional titles are automatically conferred as the Grand points are earned – there is no further paperwork or certificate issued other than perhaps a pdf they can print themselves from their CFA account. In some sense this is a “Herman only” title that is reflected on pedigrees and of course on a breeder’s website or advertising.

Concerns have been raised about the effort to program this addition, how the cost of that change would be offset, as well as about the award itself. We have added an addition of a fee, that the Board would set, likely from $2 to $5 per title, in order to offset
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90 days after the annual, but the change must be made 30 days prior to the show and before October 1st.

– 16 – Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 4.06 to reduce the number of mandatory specialty rings in a 6x6 or other two day show and
allow a maximum of 10 allbreed rings per weekend, effective October 1st 2019, as follows:

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 4.06 to eliminate mandatory specialty rings in the one day show format, effective October 1st, 2019, as follows:

4.06  
a. 2. a one-day show format consisting of up to six rings with an entry limit of 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgings per entry in any combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings for shows licensed in Regions 8, 9, or the International Division (excluding China). For shows licensed in Regions 1-7 or China, the combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings must include at least one Specialty ring for both longhair and shorthair specialties in kittens, championship, and premiership. The use of a Super Specialty ring will not meet this requirement.

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d. The Central Office will also license breed/color specialty rings which limit entries to a certain breed(s)/division(s)/color(s) as either stand alone or concurrent with other Allbreed, Super Specialty, and/or Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings.

In the case where a show scheduled to occur after October 1st 2019, has already been licensed with mandatory specialty rings, the Central Office will permit that show to change the mandatory specialty rings to meet 4.06 without penalty so long as the change is made no later than 30 days prior to the show and prior to October 1st 2019.

RATIONALE: This resolution would allow clubs greater flexibility in choosing their format to meet their specific needs. Clubs holding one day shows would no longer be required to include a specialty ring. Note that Europe and Japan are already not required to include a specialty ring in a one day show. This resolution would equalize the one day show format globally.

The requirement to use specialty rings was created by the board without input from the clubs, and the purpose of the requirement was for two reasons. One was to create more specialty rings for single and double specialty judges. Most of the specialty rings are still filled by allbreed judges because there are not enough advancing judges to fill those rings so clubs have to hire allbreed judges. The mandatory specialty ring requirement forces ALL clubs to include specialty rings for the handful of advancing judges that we have, and this is unfair to clubs. The current Judging Program Chair supports reducing the number of mandatory specialty rings.

The other reason for mandatory specialty rings was to try to increase entries by attracting those people who prefer specialty rings. This should be a decision for the club to make. If the club believes they can attract more entries with specialty rings, then the club can decide if they want to do that. Clubs need flexibility, not regulation. Hamstringing clubs such that they cannot put together a format for their exhibitor base at their time of the season harms their ability to pay their bills. One size does not fit all!

This resolution eliminates the mandatory specialty rings only in the one day show. Other formats are addressed in subsequent resolutions.

By making this resolution effective October 1st, those shows already licensed between the annual and that date would remain as is so that exhibitors who have already made plans based on the licensed format would not be adversely affected. Clubs after October 1st that have already licensed their show could modify their format with little impact to exhibitors and judges since that is 90 days after the annual, but the change must be made 30 days prior to the show and before October 1st.

– 16 – Lilac Point Fanciers

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allow a maximum of 10 allbreed rings per weekend, effective October 1st 2019, as follows:

4.06  
a. 3. Two one day shows in the same location consisting of up to six rings held on the first day and up to six rings held on the second day with an entry limit of 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgings per entry each day. To be licensed in Regions 1-7 or China, the total number of specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership shall comply with the following formula: for fewer than five total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, no specialty rings are required; for five or six total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least one longhair and one shorthair specialty ring are required between the two shows; for seven or eight total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least two longhair and two shorthair specialty rings are required between the two shows; for nine or ten total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least three longhair and three shorthair specialty rings between the two shows are required; for 11 or 12 total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least four longhair and four shorthair specialty rings between the two shows are required. To be licensed in Regions 8, 9, or the rest of the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait, or Thailand), the total number of specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership shall comply with the following formula: for six or fewer total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, no specialty rings are required; for seven, eight or nine total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least one longhair and one shorthair specialty ring are required between the two shows; for ten or more total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least two longhair and two shorthair specialty rings are required between the two shows. To be licensed in Regions 1-9, the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait, or Thailand), the use of a Super Specialty ring will not meet the requirement.

b. A two day show which permits up to ten judgings per entry over the two days of the show and a maximum of six judgings per entry per day. It is recommended that a judge shall not be scheduled to judge more than 250 cats on either day. For shows in Regions 1-7 or China utilizing a
total of 5 or 6 rings, at least one of these rings must be a shorthair and longhair Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in Regions 1-7 or China utilizing a total of 7 or 8 rings, at least two of these rings must be both shorthair and longhair Specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in Regions 1-7 or China utilizing a total of 9 or 10 rings at least three of these rings must be both longhair and shorthair Specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows licensed in Regions 8-9, or the rest of the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait, or Thailand), utilizing a total of 7, 8, or 9 rings, at least one of these rings must be both a shorthair and longhair Specialty ring in kittens, championship, and premiership. For shows in Regions 8-9, or the rest of the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait, or Thailand), utilizing 10 rings, two of these rings must be both longhair and shorthair specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership. The use of Super Specialty rings will not meet the requirement for specialty rings. These are no specialty ring requirements for shows licensed in Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait, or Thailand. Two day shows offer a variety of formats:

[Add the following if this did not pass in a prior resolution]:

d. The Central Office will also license breed/color specialty rings which limit entries to a certain breed/division/color as either stand alone or concurrent with other Allbreed, Super Specialty, and/or Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings.

In the case where a show scheduled to occur after October 1st, 2019, has already been licensed with mandatory specialty rings, the Central Office will permit that show to change the mandatory specialty rings to meet 4.06 without penalty so long as the change is made no later than 30 days prior to the show and prior to October 1st, 2019.

RATIONALE: This resolution reduces the number of mandatory specialty rings and sets the maximum number of allbreed rings per weekend at 10. This would allow clubs greater flexibility in choosing their format to meet their specific needs. All shows would have the same requirement for a two day show, max 10 allbreed rings, and only Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait and Thailand could have a 6x6 event with more than 10 allbreed rings.

The requirement to use specialty rings was created by the board without input from the clubs. The requirement has two purposes. One is to create more specialty rings for single and double specialty judges. Yet most of the specialty rings are filled by allbreed judges. There are not enough advancing judges to fill those rings so clubs have to hire allbreed judges. Forcing all clubs to include specialty rings for the handful of advancing judges that we have was unnecessary. By forcing clubs to have specialty rings for advancing judges, we are giving the judging program a crutch to avoid redesigning the program to find other solutions to advancement. The current judging program chair supports reducing the number of mandatory specialty rings.

The other reason for mandatory specialty rings was to try to increase entries by attracting those people who prefer specialty rings. This should be a decision for the club to make. If the club believes they can attract more entries with specialty rings, then the club can decide if they want to do that. Clubs need flexibility, not regulation. Hamstringing clubs such that they cannot put together a format for their exhibitor base at their time of the season harms their ability to pay their bills. One size does not fit all!

There are many people who favor eliminating any mandatory specialty ring requirement and letting clubs have any number of allbreed rings. The resolution to eliminate the requirement for one day shows and reduce the required number for the 6x6 and 10 ring shows is a compromise. We would be keeping 2 mandatory specialty rings in the 6x6 format but formats of 10 and fewer rings could have any combination of allbreed and specialty rings.

By making this resolution effective October 1st, those shows already licensed between the annual and that date would remain as is so that exhibitors who have already made plans based on the licensed format would not be adversely affected. Clubs after October 1st that have already licensed their show could modify their format with little impact to exhibitors and judges since that is 90 days after the annual.

17 – Lilac Point Fanciers

To be considered if the prior resolution fails.

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 4.06 to reduce the number of mandatory specialty rings in a 6x6 or other two day show and allow a maximum of 8 allbreed rings per weekend, as follows, effective October 1st, 2019:

4.06  

a. 3. Two one day shows in the same location consisting of up to six rings held on the first day and up to six rings held on the second day with an entry limit of 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgings per entry each day. To be licensed in Regions 1-7 or China, the total number of specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership shall comply with the following formula: for fewer than five total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, no specialty rings are required; for five or six total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least one shorthair and one shorthair specialty ring are required between the two shows; for seven or eight total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least two longhair and two shorthair specialty rings between the two shows are required; for nine or ten total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least three longhair and three shorthair specialty rings between the two shows are required. To be licensed in Regions 1-7 or China, no more than 8 allbreed rings in each class can be included between the two shows licensed at that location over the full weekend. The remaining rings must be specialty rings, either longhair or shorthair or both. To be licensed in Regions 8, 9, or the rest of the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait, or Thailand), the total number of specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership shall comply with the following formula: for six or fewer total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, no specialty rings are required; for seven, eight or nine total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least one longhair and one shorthair specialty ring are required between the two shows; for ten or more total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least four longhair and four shorthair specialty rings between the two shows are required. To be licensed in Regions 1-7 or China, no more than 8 allbreed rings in each class can be included between the two shows licensed at that location over the full weekend. The remaining rings must be specialty rings, either longhair or shorthair or both. To be licensed in Regions 8, 9, or the rest of the International Division (excluding Hong Kong, Macau, Kuwait, or Thailand), the total number of specialty rings in kittens, championship, and premiership shall comply with the following formula: for six or fewer total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, no specialty rings are required; for seven, eight or nine total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least one longhair and one shorthair specialty ring are required between the two shows; for ten or more total rings licensed at that location over the full weekend, at least four longhair and four shorthair specialty rings between the two shows are required.
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[Add the following if this did not pass in a prior resolution]:

d. The Central Office will also license breed/color Specialty rings which limit entries to a certain breed(s)/division(s)/color(s) as either stand alone or concurrent with other Allbreed, Super Specialty, and/or Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings.

In the case where a show scheduled to occur after October 1st, 2019, has already been licensed with mandatory Specialty rings, the Central Office will permit that show to change the mandatory Specialty rings to meet 4.06 without penalty so long as the change is made no later than 30 days prior to the show and prior to October 15th, 2019.

RATIONALE: The rationale is the same for prior resolutions. This change limits the number of allbreed rings per weekend to 8 in regions 1-7. Regions 8, 9 and the International Division are already required to have up to 10 allbreed rings in a 6x6 and this would continue. This resolution is not preferred because of this inequality. This is actually an improvement for Regions 8, 9 and the ID because currently, a 7 or 8 ring show must have one specialty ring. This resolution allowed up to 8 allbreed rings.

– 18 – Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 7.01 to allow cat costume contests to be judged by an officiating judge, as follows, effective immediately:

7.01 The show manager must provide a schedule of judging for each ring in a form readily accessible to all exhibitors, and which shall list each Championship Breed or Division in the order that it shall be judged, from which schedule there should be no deviation with the exception of the provisions of rule 11.05. In cases where the show contains a separate breed summit workshop type activity, the breed summit workshop shall not be conducted by a judge authorized to judge a competitive class at the show (kitten, championship, premiership, or household pet) before that judge has completed judging all of their competitive classes. If the individual scheduled to perform the breed summit workshop is not judging one of the regular classes, the summit workshop can be conducted at any time during the show. In cases where the show includes a spectator amusement activity such as a cat costume contest, that activity may be conducted by a judge authorized to judge a competitive class at the show (kitten, championship, premiership, or household pet) before that judge has completed judging all of their competitive classes so long as the judge is not required to make a decision based on the quality of the cat itself. The spectator amusement activity may also be judged after regular class judging or by a non-officiating judge.

RATIONALE: Note that the sentence, "In cases where the show contains a separate breed summit workshop ..." was added by the board through an online motion in March 2019 to prevent judges from judging a cat at a breed summit workshop prior to judging the cat at the regular show. This resolution creates an exemption for amusement activities such as cat costume contests.

There is no clear direction in the show rules on whether a judge can officiate a fun activity such as a costume contest before completing class judging. Many clubs have these activities for the amusement of the spectators, sometimes during a judge’s lunch break. Sometimes, exhibitors question why the judge is handling a cat prior to class judging. This resolution clarifies that this is allowed.

In the case of a costume contest, the judge is not judging the cat, rather the costume, so there is no danger of the judge seeing a cat in such a contest before judging it in class. The judge is not making a decision based on the quality of the cat, rather the quality of the costume. This rule change makes clear that judges may officiate at an amusement activity where they are not actually judging the cat itself at any time during the show.

– 19 – Felinus International, Feline Fantasies of Benelux, Cat Friends of Kuwait, The Bengal Alliance, Cat-H-Art, Jardin des Korats

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules 7.02, 8.03, 11.30, 12.01, 12.07, 28.03, to add additional Champion/Premier awards in large classes (Breeds/Divisions), as follows, effective October 1, 2019:

7.02 The entry clerk or a designated representative is responsible for preparing the judges’ books, including those for judging Best of the Bests competitions, which shall be in numerical, but not necessarily consecutive catalog order. A minimum of two (2) lines must be left between color classes. The color class number, age (indicated in years and months) and the class for each entry must appear in the judges’ books. At least two (2) spaces should be left between each class (Champion and Grand Champion) to allow for transfers. Opens shall be listed as champions or premiers in the judge’s book, as applicable. Champions and opens competing as champions shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. Premiers and opens competing as premiers shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. When a color class includes entries of more than one color/tabby pattern, the exact color/tabby pattern indicated on the entry form must be entered in the judges’ books unless the breed is Sphynx, in which case no color or tabby pattern will be listed in the judges’ books. At the end of each breed, the show entry clerk shall type a form for the following awards: Best of Breed/Division, Second Best of Breed/Division for Kittens, Championship and Premiership, and where necessary, Best Champion/Premier and when applicable, additional Champion/Premier awards of Breed/Division.

8.03 Permanent ribbon designations, ribbons, or rosettes in the color designated MUST be given for the awards listed below. If more than one type of memorial is listed, any one of the choices may be given.

• Best Champ/Prem Of Breed/Div Perm/Ribbon/Rosette…… Purple
• Additional Champion/Premier Awards Perm/Ribbon/Rosette…… Purple
11.30 The following awards will be made by the judge subject to the provisions of rule 11.26.

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*Where applicable
** For breeds not divided into Divisions
*** No 3rd Best Champion, 3rd Best LH Champion or 3rd Best SH Champion awards in Color/Breed Specialty rings.

NOTES:

1) Same as Best Cat.
2) Same as 2nd Best Cat.
3) Same as Best Champion or Best Premier.
4) AOVs compete only within their breed for First, Second, Third (separately by sex), Best of Color Class, and 2nd Best of Color Class, One Color Class per category (i.e., K, C or P), per breed.
5) Provisional Breeds compete only within their breed for First, Second, Third (separately by sex), Best of Color Class, and 2nd Best of Color Class, One Color Class per category (i.e., K, C or P), per breed. In cases where a club has opted to give out Best, 2nd Best, and 3rd Best of Breed awards to Provisional cats, each ring will provide such award, one per breed with all cats in the three categories competing.
6) Cats entered in the Miscellaneous (noncompetitive) Class shall receive no awards unless the club has opted to provide best, 2nd best, and 3rd best of breed awards. In that case, all of the Miscellaneous cats will compete for these awards in each ring by breed, with all competitive categories (kit- tens/whole cats/ alters) combined.
7) Same as the additional Champion or Premier awards.

12.01 All judges’ color class sheets must be signed by the judge. All judges shall mark the Best and Second Best of Breed or Division as well as Best Champion of Breed or Division and Best Premier of Breed or Division and when applicable, additional Champion/Premier awards on the judges’ color class sheets, if the judge determines these awards at the completion of judging the breed or division.

12.07 The chief ring clerk shall mark a catalog as the ribbons and rosettes are placed on the cages, indicating 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Best/Second Best of Color Class, Best/Second Best of Breed/Division, Best Champion/Best Premier of Breed/Division and when applicable, additional Champion/Premier awards. Merit Awards for HHP (mark M in judge’s book/catalog) and Veterans (mark V in judge’s book/catalog) and all Finals awards. All absentees and transfers including competitive transfers after the first day of a two day show must be clearly marked. The chief ring clerk must NEVER mark his catalog using the judge’s color class sheets.

28.03 Breed and Division Points

a. Cats which receive the award of Best Champion/Premier and when applicable, additional Champion/Premier awards in each of the Breeds/Divisions currently recognized for Championship/Premiership competition (see rule 30.01) will receive one Grand Championship/Premiership point for every Champion/Premier defeated within the Breed/Division in accordance with the method for calculating champions and premiers present described in 28.02a.

b. Additional Champion/Premier awards will be awarded when the number of Opens&Champions/Opens&Premiers entered in the same Breed/Division are as follows:

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In all cases an entry will receive the points from only one award per ring - that which carries the most points.

RATIONALE: Currently it is very difficult for Opens/Champions/Premiers in the large Breeds/Divisions to collect GC points. It is perceived by some that the Persian Breed has a certain advantage because their entries are spread out over 7 different divisions and it is not unusual that cats from these different Persian divisions make it to the finals. In some instances, as many cats of the same breed are entered as the total number of Persian entries, but it is unlikely that more than one Champion of the same Breed or Division will make it to the final.

This new rule will encourage exhibitors to continue showing their Champions/Premiers in large classes, where now their chances of getting GC points are rather slim. This change will make it possible to award and acknowledge the multiple worthy cats in classes with depth. We are convinced that it will also result in additional entries in these large classes, simply because of the increased chances for GC points.

In different Regions/Areas where CFA is active, different Breeds/Divisions are popular. This new rule does not discriminate, nor does it give unfair advantage to certain breeds. Extra Champion/Premier awards are given only in those classes where a considerable number of Opens/Champions/Premiers are entered.

– 20 – Felinus International, Feline Fanciers of Benelux, Cat Friends of Kuwait, The Bengal Alliance, Cat-H-Art, Jardin des Korats

To be withdrawn if the prior resolution passes.

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules 7.02, 8.03, 11.30, 12.01, 12.07, 28.03 as follows, to add additional Champion awards in large classes (Breeds/Divisions) as follows, effective October 1, 2019:

7.02 The entry clerk or a designated representative is responsible for preparing the judges’ books, including those for judging Best of the Bests competitions, which shall be in numerical, but not necessarily consecutive catalog order. A minimum of two (2) lines must be left between color classes. The color class number, age (indicated in years and months) and the class for each entry must appear in the judges’ books. At least two (2) spaces should be left between each class (Champion and Grand Champion) to allow for transfers. Opens shall be listed as champions or premiers in the judge’s book, as applicable. Champions and opens competing as champions shall be listed within each color class in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. Premiers and opens competing as premiers shall be listed within each color class
in sequence by age, youngest to oldest. When a color class includes entries of more than one color/tabby pattern, the exact color/tabby pattern indicated on the entry form must be entered in the judges’ books unless the breed is Sphynx, in which case no color or tabby pattern will be listed in the judges’ books. At the end of each breed, the show entry clerk shall type a form for the following awards: Best of Breed/Division, Second Best of Breed/Division for Kittens, Championship and Premiership, and where necessary, Best Champion/Premier and when applicable, additional Champion awards of Breed/Division.

8.03 Permanent ribbon designations, ribbons, or rosettes in the color designated MUST be given for the awards listed below. If more than one type of memorial is listed, any one of the choices may be given.

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Best Champ/Prem Of Breed/Div Perm/Ribbon/Rosette..............Purple
Additional Champion Awards, Perm/Ribbon/Rosette..............Purple

Show Rule 11.30 The following awards will be made by the judge subject to the provisions of rule 11.26.

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**Where applicable
*** No 3rd Best Champion, 3rd Best LH Champion or 3rd Best of Breed/Division are as follows:  

0-5 Opens & Champions entered: Best Champion Award
6-10 Opens & Champions entered: Best and 2nd Best Champion Awards
11-15 Opens & Champions entered: Best through 3rd Best Champion Awards
16-20 Opens & Champions entered: Best through 4th Best Champion Awards
More than 20 Opens & Champions entered: Best through 5th Best Champion Awards

NOTES:
1) Same as Best Cat.
2) Same as 2nd Best Cat.
3) Same as Best Champion or Best Premier.
4) AOVs compete only within their breed for First, Second, Third (separately by sex), Best of Color Class, and 2nd Best of Color Class, One Color Class per category (i.e., K, C or P), per breed.
5) Provisional Breeds compete only within their breed for First, Second, Third (separately by sex), Best of Color Class, and 2nd Best of Color Class, One Color Class per category (i.e., K, C or P), per breed. In cases where a club has opted to give out Best, 2nd Best, and 3rd Best of Breed awards to Provisional cats, each ring will provide such award, one per breed with all cats in the three categories competing.
6) Cats entered in the Miscellaneous (noncompetitive) Class shall receive no awards unless the club has opted to provide best, 2nd best, and 3rd best of breed awards. In that case, all of the Miscellaneous cats will compete for these awards in each ring by breed, with all competitive categories (kit- tens/whole cats/ alters) combined.
7) Same as the additional Champion awards.

12.01 All judges’ color class sheets must be signed by the judge. All judges shall mark the Best and Second Best of Second of Division as well as Best Champion of Breed or Division and Best Premier of Breed or Division and when applicable, additional Champion awards on the judges’ color class sheets, if the judge determines these awards at the completion of judging the breed or division.

12.07 The chief ring clerk shall mark a catalog as the ribbons and rosettes are placed on the cages, indicating 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Best/Second Best of Color Class, Best/Second Best of Breed/Division, Best Champion/Premier of Breed/Division and when applicable, additional Champion awards. Merit Awards for HHP (mark M in judge’s book/catalog) and Veterans (mark V in judge’s book/catalog) and all Finals awards. All absentees and transfers including competitive transfers after the first day of a two day show must be clearly marked. The chief ring clerk must NEVER mark his catalog using the judge’s color class sheets.

28.03 Breed and Division Points

a. Cats which receive the award of Best Champion/Premier and when applicable, additional Champion awards in each of the Breeds/Divisions currently recognized for Championship/Premiership competition (see rule 30.01) will receive one Grand Championship/Premiership point for every Champion/Premier defeated within the Breed/Division in accordance with the method for calculating champions and premiers present described in 28.02a.

b. Additional Champion awards will be awarded when the number of Opens & Champions entered in the same Breed/Division are as follows:

0-5 Opens & Champions entered: Best Champion Award
6-10 Opens & Champions entered: Best and 2nd Best Champion Awards
11-15 Opens & Champions entered: Best through 3rd Best Champion Awards
16-20 Opens & Champions entered: Best through 4th Best Champion Awards
More than 20 Opens & Champions entered: Best through 5th Best Champion Awards

In all cases an entry will receive the points from only one award per ring - that which carries the most points.

RATIONALE: Currently it is very difficult for Opens/Champions in the large Breeds/Divisions to collect GC points. It is perceived by some that the Persian Breed has a certain advantage because their entries are spread out over 7 different divisions and it is not unusual that cats from these different Persian divisions make it to the finals. In some instances, as many cats of the same breed are entered as the total number of Persian entries, but it is unlikely that more than one Champion of the same Breed or Division will make it to the final.

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In different Regions/Areas where CFA is active, different Breeds/Divisions are popular. This new rule does not discriminate, nor does it give unfair advantage to certain breeds. Extra Champion awards are given only in those classes where a considerable number of Opens/Champions are entered.

21 – Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules 8.03 and 8.07 c as follows to allow paper ribbons, effective immediately:

8.03 Permanent ribbon designations, ribbons (fabric or paper), or rosettes in the color designated MUST be given for the awards listed below. If more than one type of memorial is listed, any one of the choices may be given.

8.07 c. Fabric or paper flat ribbons currently in use may be laminated between pieces of heavy (10-mil), clear plastic using a small hook for hanging. The specific award name (as permitted in 8.03) and the CFA insignia must be engraved printed on the ribbon and the CFA insignia must appear. Colors must be as specified in show rule 8.03.
The use of permanent designations does not preclude the club’s responsibility to provide each judging ring with a supply of traditional fabric or paper flat ribbons to be available to those exhibitors entitled to them and who have requested them.

RATIONALE: When this section of the show rules was written, we did not have the technology to have small print shops in our homes. Today, we have ink jet and laser printers that are capable of making attractive paper ribbons which can save a club some money and help clubs in emergency situations (such as when a club finds out the day before a show that nobody can remember who in the club took home the extra fabric ribbons after the last show).

For finals, we already allow an “award” in place of a rosette which gives clubs the flexibility to get creative with finals awards. This resolution would give the club similar flexibility for the awards presented during class judging by allowing the club to use either fabric or paper for ribbons.

– 22 – Southern Dixie Cat Club, Southeastern Persian Society, International Egyptian Mau Society, Colonial Cat Club, Long Island Cat Club, Paumanok Cat Fanciers, Sophisticated Felines, Happy Trails Cat Club, Just Cats N’Us, Make Mine Mink, National Colorpoints and Orientals, Topeka Cat Fanciers, Worldwide European Burmese Society, Tornado Alley, Cat’s KC, Wichita Cat Fanciers, Frontier Felines Fanciers, Lincoln Cat Club

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 10.08 to include regulation of cats on leashes at shows, as follows:

10.08 Exhibitors must transport cats into and out of the show hall in an enclosed, secured carrier. Cats will not be on the floor in the benching area or in or around judging rings. Cats walking on leash will be limited to areas designated by show management such as greeting or ambassador cat spaces.

RATIONALE: Cats on leash present a trip hazard, particularly in crowded areas, with possible injury to the leashed cat, humans, and cats being carried to and from rings. People carrying cats to and from rings are not expecting cats on the floor, or leashes stretched across the path. Other cats may react negatively to seeing a cat in an unexpected place – on the floor in the benching area or near rings. Exhibitors and judges have noted that cats on the floor can cause disruption of judging. The use of leash and harness may be appropriate to make cats more accessible to the public in ambassador or greeting areas designated by show management, where adequate space is allowed and their presence may be anticipated.

Note: The sponsoring clubs would accept this as a separate show rule rather than an amendment of 10.08.

[Secretary’s Note: The following proposals having to do with top 15 finals have been grouped together for convenience, despite being out of rule number order.]

– 23 – Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 2.32 to add an optional top 15 final – the Super 15 final – to the definitions, and Show Rule 4.06, effective immediately:

2.32 A SUPER SPECIALTY RING is a competition involving the kitten, championship, or premiership competitive categories where the judge will award both specialty finals for longhairs and shorthairs, and an allbreed final made up of those eligible from the specialty finals to be in the allbreed final.

A SUPER 15 RING is a competition involving the kitten, championship, premiership, or household pet competitive categories where the judge will award Best through 15th Best in a final. This option is limited to allbreed and household pet finals. A single final cannot be both a Super Specialty and Super 15 final. No minimum entry is required.

4.06 The CFA Central Office will issue a license for the following types of shows:

a. A one day show which permits:

1. one, two, three or four judgings per entry in any combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings. Shows with four or fewer judging rings are not required to contain a specialty ring, but may offer them if they so choose.

2. a one-day show format consisting of up to six rings with an entry limit of 225 cats. This format will permit up to six judgings per entry in any combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings for shows licensed in Regions 8, 9, or the International Division (excluding China). For shows licensed in Regions 1-7 or China, the combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings must include at least one Specialty ring for both longhair and shorthair specialties in kittens, championship, and premiership. The use of a Super Specialty ring will not meet this requirement.

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b. 5. The above #2, #3 and #4 described shows may have any combination of Allbreed, Super Specialty, or Specialty rings as long as the number of required specialty rings are met.

…

d. The Central Office will also license breed/color specialty rings which limit entries to a certain breed(s)/division(s)/color(s) as either stand alone or concurrent with other Allbreed, Super Specialty, Super 15, and/or Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings.

e. Super Specialty and Super 15 rings (see 2.32) may be used as Allbreed rings in any show as long as the number of required specialty rings are included.

f. The Central Office will permit shows licensed prior to the effective date of the addition of the Super 15 format to add the format to their show license without penalty.

RATIONALE: Four subsequent resolutions would lower the limit for mandatory top 15 in each of the classes. If a class hits the minimum, every ring must include top 15. This resolution to create a Super 15 final, which is meant to be in addition to the next four, would allow any club to offer top 15 in just a few of the rings or all of them regardless of how many cats are entered.

Currently, any show can have any allbreed ring as a Super Specialty ring which has 20 cats in the final. This resolution will allow any allbreed ring to be a Super 15 ring with a top 15 final, 5 fewer cats than in a final than an SSP ring.

While the SSP rings are popular in some areas, they are not popular everywhere. Many clubs avoid using them because of scheduling issues, and because the SSP rings are not increasing entries for those clubs. A top 15 final is easier to schedule and imposes fewer conflicts. An optional top 15 final would give clubs greater flexibility with trying to attract a particular exhibitor base.

For example, if a club in one area is offering SSP finals, a club on the same weekend competing for some of the same entries might try offering S15 finals instead. A club in the fall or winter might try offering S15 kitten finals. Or at the end of the season, a club can pre-empt all of the waiting to see if the count gets high enough for top 15 by just going ahead and offering it.
The intent of this resolution is to give the club greater flexibility so that the club can tailor the format to attract more entries from their exhibitor base at their particular time of the season.

The cats that will benefit from 11th through 15th place in an all-breed final are not the cats vying for NWs. These placements will benefit the cats that never get to the point of substituting finals. They will benefit the new person who just wants to know that the judges noticed their cat, they will benefit the regional campaigner who doesn’t need big value rings.

If passed by 2/3rds, this resolution will take effect immediately to help clubs as quickly as possible. Those that already have licensed shows would be allowed to add S15 rings to their format without penalty.

– 24 – Lilac Point Fanciers

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rules 11.28, 11.29 to reduce the minimum number of entries for top 15 in championship finals, as follows, effective immediately:

11.28 In Allbreed rings the Championship finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than 115 85, for Championship entries of 115 85 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; ...

11.29 a. In Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings the Championship finals will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than 115 85, for Championship entries of 115 85 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; ...

**RATIONALE:** Few shows achieve the minimum counts required for top 15. Lowering the minimum could encourage people to enter those few extra cats to get a show a count sufficient for a top 15 final. The expense of ordering 5 extra rosettes per ring can be mitigated by using paper streamers for 11th through 15th.

This resolution is effective immediately so that clubs may immediately use this option to attract entries.

– 25 – Lilac Point Fanciers

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rules 11.28, 11.29 to reduce the minimum number of entries for top 15 in kitten finals, as follows effective immediately:

11.28 In Allbreed rings ... Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Kitten when kitten entries are less than 400 75, for kitten entries of 400 75 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Kitten. ...

11.29 a. In Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings ... Kitten finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Kitten when kitten entries are less than 400 75, for kitten entries of 400 75 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Kitten. ...

**RATIONALE:** Few shows achieve the minimum counts required for top 15. Lowering the minimum could encourage people to enter those few extra cats to get a show a count sufficient for a top 15 final. The expense of ordering 5 extra rosettes per ring can be mitigated by using paper streamers for 11th through 15th.

This resolution is effective immediately so that clubs may immediately use this option to attract entries.

– 26 – Lilac Point Fanciers

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rules 11.28, 11.29 to reduce the minimum number of entries for top 15 in premiership finals, as follows effective immediately:

11.28 In Allbreed rings ... Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than 60 50, for Premiership entries of 60 50 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best and 2nd Best Premier, Best and 2nd Best Longhair Premier, Best and 2nd Best Shorthair Premier.

11.29 a. In Longhair/Shorthair Specialty rings ... Premiership finals awards will be Best through 10th Best Cat when cat entries are less than 60 50, for Premiership entries of 60 50 or more the final awards will be Best through 15th Best Cat; Best and 2nd Best Premier.

**RATIONALE:** Few shows achieve the minimum counts required for top 15. Lowering the minimum could encourage people to enter those few extra cats to get a show a count sufficient for a top 15 final. The expense of ordering 5 extra rosettes per ring can be mitigated by using paper streamers for 11th through 15th.

This resolution is effective immediately so that clubs may immediately use this option to attract entries.

– 27 – Lilac Point Fanciers

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rule 11.32 to reduce the minimum number of entries for top 15 in HHP finals, as follows effective immediately:

11.32 **HOUSEHOLD PETS**

... The awards for Household Pet Finals shall be Best through Tenth Best Cat and, if 45 30 or more are entered, Eleventh through Fifteenth Best Cat.

**RATIONALE:** Few shows achieve the minimum counts required for top 15. Lowering the minimum could encourage people to enter those few extra cats to get a show a count sufficient for a top 15 final. The expense of ordering 5 extra rosettes per ring can be mitigated by using paper streamers for 11th through 15th.

This resolution is effective immediately so that clubs may immediately use this option to attract entries.

– 28 – MidAtlantic Persian and Himalayan Fanciers, Metropolitan Cat Fanciers, Cats of the Rising Sun, New River Cat Fanciers

**RESOLVED:** Amend Show Rule 12.13.a. to remove the requirement to submit copies of the original entry forms with catalog corrections when entries are submitted online, as follows:

12.13 a. The master clerk is authorized to make corrections in the official catalog to entry information that is printed in error and/or to add registration numbers where not printed in the catalog (see rule 10.23). When such a correction is made, the official entry form and the original copy of the catalog correction request form must be sent to the Central Office with the official catalog. Submitting the entry form to Central Office is not required if the catalog correction involves only the addition of a missing registration number or the transfer of a cat from open, champion, or premier to champion, premier, grand champion, or grand premier or when the entry was submitted using the official online entry form provided by CFA. In these cases only the original correction form need be submitted to Central Office.

**RATIONALE:** Today the vast majority of entries are submitted online. The entries submitted through the online entry form (http://entries.cfa.org/onlineEntry.php) are in a database that can be queried by the Central Office to obtain the original entry submissions if needed.

Requiring entry clerks to print out every entry form “just in case” it is needed for a correction is not environmentally conscious when alternatives are available. The vast majority of the printed entries never need to be submitted and are just thrown away or filed by the clubs.

Shows/entry clerks using online entry form submission systems other than that provided officially by CFA would still have to maintain the current procedure of printing out all entry forms – or providing printer services to do so at shows – since there is no officially sanctioned and accessible database behind them. The rare hand-written and submitted forms would also still need to be submitted.
This resolution would not preclude entry clerks who still want to print the forms from doing so. It just removes the requirement to do so.

– 29 – Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend 28.03 as follows to allow opens, champions and premiers to earn grand points from defeated grands, effective October 1st, 2019:

28.03 Breed and Division Points

a. Cats which receive the award of Best Champion/Pre-
mier in each of the Breeds/Divisions currently recognized for Championship/Premiership competition (see rule 30.01) will receive one Grand Championship/Premiership point for every Champion/Premier defeated within the Breed/Division in accordance with the method for calculating champions and premiers present described in 28.02a.

b. Opens, Champions and Premiers which receive the award Best or Second Best of Breed/Division in each of the Breeds/Divisions currently recognized for Championship/Premiership competition (see rule 30.01) will receive one Grand Championship/Premiership point for every cat defeated (including grands) within the Breed/Division in accordance with the method for calculating cats present described in Article XXXVI Show Points Official Count.

c. In all cases an entry will receive the points from only one award per ring – that which carries the most points.

RATIONALE: If an open, champion or premier defeats a grand, why not earn a grand point from defeating that grand? This change would allow opens, champions and premiers that receive a brown or orange ribbon to earn one point from each cat defeated, including grands.

At this time, we do not want to make this change for top 10/15 finals to include points for defeated grands. This resolution is intended to be a conservative step. We want to see the effect of this change before considering a change to points from finals.

The effective date of October 1st is to allow for programming changes in the scoring software. By allowing this to take effect before the start of the next show season, exhibitors do not have to work to do this sooner rather than later.

– 30 – Cat Fanciers of Hawai‘i

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 28.08 to adjust points required for Hawaii Grand of Distinction title, as follows:

28.08 Any cat that achieves 30 or more top 10/top 15 finals per season in three separate seasons shall be eligible to claim the “Grand of Distinction” title (abbreviated GCD or GDP). At least 20 of these finals in each season must be in Allbreed rings. Exception to be made for Hawaii to achieving a Grand of Distinction title; any cat that achieves 10 or more finals per season in three separate seasons shall be eligible to claim the “Grand of Distinction” title. Of the 10 finals must be Allbreed rings. These finals may be achieved in either championship or premiership class, or a combination, in each season. The “of distinction” suffix will be added to the title corresponding to the class in which the cat competed in the third season with 30 finals.

Cats which have achieved this title will still compete in the regular Grand Champion/Grand Premier classes.

This award may be claimed by filing the appropriate form with Central Office, and paying a fee as set by the Board of Directors. Show seasons prior to 2005-2006 may not be considered in claims for this title. The Grand of Distinction title must be claimed within 90 days of the conclusion of the last qualifying season.

RATIONALE: There are currently only two cat clubs in Hawaii. We have been consistently holding three 4 Allbreed ring shows each show season. We have limited resources, and this is the maximum the clubs can finance annually. We were averaging approximately 35 cats per show including HHP; however, we have been working hard to increase our numbers and in the past season we averaged 46 cats per show.

To give you some rough averages of what we typically see in our Hawaii shows:

- 40-47 cats
- 3-6 Kittens
- 10-18 in Championship
- 14-20 in Premier
- 3-7 HHP

Achieving a Grand of Distinction title the way it is currently written makes it impossible for Hawaii cats to obtain this title. Hawaii fanciers are unable to travel in and out of the state to attend cat shows without placing undue risks on our cats. All but two airlines will allow cats to fly out of Hawaii in the cabin, and all cats returning to Hawaii must travel as cargo except for one airline. Hawaii exhibitors do not travel outside of the state to attend shows due to the state's strict quarantine regulations. Therefore, showing opportunities are limited to three shows per year, each with four rings only allowing cats judging in 12 rings total per year.

– 31 – Cat Fanciers of Hawai‘i

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 29.02.a. to adjust points required for Hawaii Grand Household Pet title, as follows:

29.02 a. Two hundred (200) points are required for Grand Household Pet in Regions 1 through 9 with the exceptions of the Maritime Provinces of Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, the Ukraine, Hawaii, Russia (east of the Ural mountains), and the International Division. For cats residing and competing in those excepted areas (except Hawaii) one hundred (100) points are required for the Grand Household Pet (GH) title. For cats residing and competing in Hawaii, thirty-five (50) points are required for the GH title.

RATIONALE: Hawaii presents special challenges for fanciers due to its quarantine system. With fanciers unable to travel in and out of the state to show cats, showing opportunities are limited to 12 rings per year, with an average of three shows per year, each with four rings. Even with an atypically large HHP count of 10 in every ring, a HHP that was best across the board in every show could earn a maximum of 118 points in a year. Given that most shows are more likely to have five HHP, resulting in a maximum 48 points for a cat that goes best across the board at every show, the chances of any HHP earning the GH title are very slim at 100 points. Fifty points is still a challenge, but it is possible over time. With regional and national titles out of reach due to quarantine requirements, the Grand Household Pet title is the only title HHP exhibitors may aspire to.

– 32 – Cat Fanciers of Hawai‘i

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rule 29.04 to adjust points required for Hawaii HP Grand of Distinction title, as follows:

29.04 Any cat that achieves 30 or more top 10/top 15 finals per season in three separate seasons and a minimum of 250 CFA award points in each of those seasons shall be eligible to claim the “Grand Household Pet of Distinction” title (abbreviated GHD). This title replaces the title of Grand Household Pet (GH), when achieved, and as such a cat must already have won the GH title before it can earn the GHD title; however, the same show season may be used to qualify for both titles. Exception to be made for Hawaii to achieve a “Grand Household Pet of Distinction” (abbreviated GHD) title: any cat that achieves 10 or more finals per season in three separate seasons shall be eligible to claim the “HP Grand of Distinction” title.
RATIONAL: Hawai‘i’s state quarantine regulations are strict. With fanciers unable to travel in and out of the state to show cats, showing opportunities are limited to what the two Hawai‘i clubs can produce – three 4 All Breed ring shows. The current requirements for HP Grand of Distinction make it impossible to achieve. With Regional & National titles out of reach for our Hawai‘i Fancy and to encourage our exhibitors to continue to show their Grands, this change would give our Hawai‘i exhibitors another title to strive to achieve.

Aloha and thank you for your consideration. We are committed to working to grow the Hawai‘i Fancy and really appreciate your consideration on the proposals.

33 – Country Faire Cat Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, Article XXXVI – NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, SHOW POINTS, for the purpose of making it less appealing to “stuff” or “reverse stuff” a show’s entry, as follows, to be effective immediately:

SHOW POINTS

Official Show Count

3. A cat/kitten/household pet handled by a judge in one ring is counted as competing in all Rings for shows held outside of China, i.e., in Regions 1-9 and most of the International Division (excluding the special administrative areas of Hong Kong and Macau). For cats/kittens/household pets handled by judges in China, the cat/kitten/household pet must be handled and no award withheld because of insufficient merit, condition, or disqualification (see Rules 11.23, and 11.24) in 80 percent of the Rings held at the show, as noted in the following table, for the cat/kitten/household pet to be counted. In rings where an award is withheld from a cat/kitten for the reasons given above, that cat/kitten will be considered absent for the purpose of determining if the 80% requirement has been met:

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Cats/kittens/household pets not present in the number of Rings specified in the table based on the number of Rings held at any show held in China will not be counted as competing at the show for determining the Official Count, however, any awards won by these cats in any ring will still be credited to that cat’s record.

RATIONAL: The exception for China was created to handle specific situations relative to inflating points with poor condition cats. Now is the time to make this rule apply to all fanciers around the world, including the U.S. While it will not completely stop “stuffing” and “reverse stuffing” it draws attention to what CFA is not willing to tolerate to accommodate those who are prone to manipulating points for their own (or a friend’s) benefit.

34 – Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, Article XXXVI – NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, to remove the 5% decrements from scoring in all classes, as follows:

DETERMINATION OF SHOW POINTS

Points are awarded in the following manner based on the wins achieved in each ring and the official show count of cats/kittens/household pets in competition.

Eligible Wins

1. Best cat/kitten/household pet – one point for each cat/kitten defeated. Each cat in championship/premiership/kitten/household pet – one point for each cat/kitten defeated.

2. 2nd Best cat/kitten/household pet (HHP) – 95% of the points awarded to best cat/kitten/HHP, 3rd best cat/kitten/HHP 90%, 4th best 85%, 5th best 80%, etc.

3. Best and 2nd Best of breed/division – one point for each cat defeated within the breed/division.

5. Points achieved in individual rings are added to determine an entry’s total points for the show. In all cases an entry will receive the points from only one award per ring – that which carries the most points.

RATIONAL: This resolution removes the decrement scoring system for all classes.

In a final of 101 cats, Best Cat defeats 100 cats and gets 100 points. 10th best cat defeats 90 cats but only gets 55 points. This gets worse in a top 20 final such as we have at the International Show in the kitten class. In a class of 101 kittens, 20th best kitten would defeat 90 kittens but get only 5 points. The bigger the class, the worse the penalty for being last in the final even though the cat defeats many other cats.

The biggest impact of this change would be for the cats that consistently make few finals in a show or make them low. The top NW campaigners are already making finals high and already getting the “math” benefit from getting higher percentages of the finals, they would likely continue to rank the same as with the decrement system. Strategy might change for some, and some of the races might be closer for longer, but in the end, the cat that can make high finals consistently will still get the higher placement at the end of the season.

The real benefit of getting rid of the decrements is for the exhibitor trying for regional wins, or the exhibitor who cannot get to as many shows as a national campaigner. Some exhibitors might look at a lineup and think “why should I go to this expensive 6x6 where my cat might only make a couple low finals each day? That’s not enough points for the cost.” If we switch to an actual points system, that show might be more attractive since there will be more points in those low finals.

Consider however that Household Pets have a very small average class size. In small classes, the decrement system is advantageous. The average size of household pet classes is below 20. For class sizes below 20, the 5% decrement system is more advantageous because cats actually get more points than defeat ed cats. When the class size is below 10, the last place cat that defeats no cat will still get points with the decrement system (e.g. if there are 6 cats in the class, best cat gets 5 points and 6th best cat gets 75% of 5 points yet doesn’t defeat any cats). For class sizes between 20 and 30, the 5% decrement values are still very close to actual points. When the average class size gets over 30, then there is a better benefit to actual points.

If your club supports making all classes the same and removing the decrements for all classes, support this version. If your club supports allowing the HHP class to continue with decrements.
because of the “math” advantage but changing all the other classes, support the next version.

- 35 – Lilac Point Fanciers

To be withdrawn if the prior resolution passes.

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules, Article XXXVI – NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, to remove the 5% decrements from scoring in the championship, premiership and kitten classes as follows (Household pets would continue to use the 5% decrement scoring):

Determination of Show Points

Points are awarded in the following manner based on the wins achieved in each ring and the official show count of cats/kittens/household pets in competition.

Eligible Wins

1. Best cat/kitten/household pet – one point for each cat/kitten defeated.
2. 2nd Best cat/kitten/household pet (HHP) – 95% of the points awarded to best cat/kitten/HHP, 3rd best cat/kitten/HHP 90%, 4th best 85%, 5th best 80%, etc.
3. Each cat in championship/premiership/kitten – one point for each cat/kitten defeated.
4. Best and 2nd best of breed/division – one point for each cat defeated within the breed/division.
5. 2nd best of breed/division – 95% of the points awarded to best of breed/division.
6. Points achieved in individual rings are added to determine an entry’s total points for the show. In all cases an entry will receive the points from only one award per ring – that which carries the most points.

RATIONALE: This resolution does not include Household Pets because of the “math” of percentages. The decrements will be removed from all other classes. We can revisit this for the HHP class if the average class size ever gets beyond 30.

- 36 – Lilac Point Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend Article XXXVI – NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, Scoring and Awards sections, to reduce the number of rings counted for premiership and household pets, effective with the 2019-2020 season, as follows:

SCORING

At the completion of the show season, a cat/household pet (adult or kitten) championship cat will be credited with the points from its highest 100 individual rings, a premiership cat or household pet (adult or kitten) will be credited with the points from its highest 75 individual rings. For a kitten award, the kitten will be credited with the points from its highest 40 individual rings earned as a kitten, to be credited in the show year in which its last full weekend of kitten eligibility falls, regardless of the show year in which it begins showing as a kitten.

If a cat/household pet cat is exhibited in shows totaling 100 rings or less (40 rings for kittens, 75 rings for premiership and household pet) total credited points will be the sum of total points earned.

AWARDS

To obtain any national award and its associated title (National Winner – NW or Household Pet National Winner – HNW), the cat/kitten/HHP must earn a minimum number of points over the duration of the show season in the category to which the award will be earned. Those minimums are as follows:

- for championship cats, the cat must earn a minimum of 4,300 points; for kittens, the kitten must earn a minimum of 1,600 points, for Household Pets, the cat/kitten must earn a minimum of 4,300 points.

RATIONALE: Few cats in premiership and household pet classes accumulate 100 rings compared to the total number shown. The classes are not very competitive outside the US. By decreasing the number of accumulated rings, we would be decreasing the amount of time and number of shows necessary to accumulate enough points to be in contention for a top win. This might encourage more people to compete in these classes, especially outside of the US.

We expect top cats in regions 1-7 will still compete all season long in order to replace rings, clubs will still see entries from these cats. We might see more entries at shows from people who want to start later in the season but were put off by the time necessary to get into the top of the standings.

If passed by 2/3rds, this would take effect with the 2019-2020 season. At the time of the annual, we will only be 2 months into the season and no cats should be so far into a campaign that this would have a negative impact. If this passes by 50% and the board has to ratify this in October, the board should make this effective with the 2020-2021 season.

- 37 – Midlantic Persian and Himalayan Fanciers, Metropolitan Cat Fanciers, Cats of the Rising Sun, New River Cat Fanciers, NOVA Cat Fanciers

RESOLVED: Amend Show Rules Article XXXVI – NATIONAL/REGIONAL/DIVISIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM, Awards section, Regional Awards paragraph, to increase possible Household Pet regional award winners to top 25, as follows:

Regional Awards

The awards presented each year in regions 1-9 are:

Best-25th Best Cat
Best-25th Best Kitten
Best-25th Best Cat in Premiership*
Best-25th Best Kitten
Best-25th Best Household Pet**

*The title of “Regional Winner (RW)” is limited to cats receiving the above awards.

**The title of Household Pet Regional Winner (HRW)** is limited to cats receiving the above awards. A minimum of 100 points is required to win these awards.

RATIONALE: In some regions we have a very strong participation in the Household Pet class. In those regions very deserving cats are not being offered the HRW when in other regions, where there is a lower participation in the Household Pet class, cats meeting the bare minimum point value are.

In addition, to give equality to the Household Pet class to the other competitive classes, the potential awards should be the same – assuming reasonable minimum points are attained. If 100 points is not the right number, then perhaps a reasonably higher number might be considered – at least for regions 1-9. The analysis and setting of the minimum points could be considered along with the yearly analysis of the minimum points required for National wins (in all classes).

This resolution also makes the National and Regional Household Pet awards consistent in number – same as with the other competitive classes. That is, all classes offer top-25 Nationally and Regionally.

Proposed Non-Show Rule Resolutions

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- 38 – Midlantic Persian and Himalayan Fanciers, Metropolitan Cat Fanciers, Cats of the Rising Sun, New River Cat Fanciers, NOVA Cat Fanciers
RESOLVED: Amend the current process of shows being listed on the official entry form (http://entries.cfa.org/onlineEntry.php) 10 weeks prior to the show date.

If requested by a club, a show should be immediately listed on the official entry form when the following conditions are met and not restricted to a being listed at most 10 weeks before the show date:

- Show is licensed
- Request is received in writing by the Central Office from the club requesting early posting

RATIONALE: The current process of allowing entries to be taken via the official online entry form at most 10 weeks prior to the show date limits a club’s ability to offer early reduced entry pricing further out since official entry forms are required for entry. The only option to officially take entries earlier would be for exhibitors to fill out paper entry forms – and few if any do so these days.

Early reduced pricing allows clubs, especially new or lesser-established clubs with little to no financial reserves, to get startup money to pay bills due prior to the show. Early reduced pricing might also encourage some exhibitors to enter earlier – rather than waiting until the closing date.

We have been told that the reason shows are not listed any earlier on the official entry form is that the list to be too long for users of the form. Since the shows are listed in chronological order (i.e. shows coming up sooner first) having a long list of the shows on the form does not reduce the usability since exhibitors trying to enter shows coming up this weekend or next will see those at the top of the list anyway.

- Midlantic Persian and Himalayan Fanciers, Metropolitan Cat Fanciers, Cats of the Rising Sun, New River Cat Fanciers

RESOLVED: Establish a committee to look at increased automation of entry processing and implement recommendations from that committee.

RATIONALE: At many recent Annual meetings, the delegates heard resolutions about coming up with a common closing date/time for all shows on a given weekend. All so far have been turned down for one reason or another. However, many should recognize that shows closing closer and closer to the actual show date is not only making exhibitor decisions on what show to attend harder and harder, but is also putting an exceptional burden on entry clerks to finish their work prior to the show and heartburn for clubs worrying that they will have the funds to pay their bills.

Instead of mandating a single world-wide closing date/time, perhaps step one might be improving how CFA accepts and processes entries for shows and the currency and transparency of entry information for various shows.

It is proposed that a committee be formed to look at the current entry systems - both for exhibitor and show/entry clerk use - to recommend and drive improvements in the following areas:

- Exhibitor entries being automatically entered in the show when submitted - without entry clerk intervention (with program control of the order received and maximum entry limit.). This will reduce the delays in having entries reflected in the show.
- Program validation that the cat’s entry information is reasonably valid (For example, color/breed/division matches color class. All required fields are filled out. Etc.) This functionality is already available in existing entry clerking programs and this validation could be made part of any system available directly to exhibitors to assure entry information is reasonably correct.
- The ability for an exhibitor to enter their cat’s information in a system one time and then submit that entry information to any show without retying the information every time. (Obviously the system would have to allow the exhibitor to make corrections/updates as needed.) NOTE: Having what the exhibitor enters being the source of the entry information will reduce transcription errors caused when an entry clerk needs to re-enter what he or she received.
- Manual entry of entries by entry clerks when non-online entries are received.
- Continually updated breed summary information posted online as the system processes entries.

It would still be an option for entry clerks/clubs to use other systems, but clubs would be encouraged to use systems with the above functions for equity and transparency of information.