

***THE FELINE CONTROL COUNCIL  
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC).***

***SHOWING RULES***

**RULES COVERING SHOWING**

**1      SHOWS**

- a) A Championship Show is a show of registered cats (unpedigreed excepted) at which Challenge, Award of Merit Certificates and Star Achievements, award cards and prizes are issued.
- b) A Premiership Show is a show of registered desexed (unpedigreed excepted) cats at which Award of Merit Certificates and Star Achievements Certificates only are issued.
- c) A Non Championship Show is a show of registered cats (unpedigreed excepted) at which no Certificates are issued.

**2      SCOPE**

- a) These rules shall apply to all show held under the Rules of the Feline Control Council of Western Australia (Inc.) (CatsWA and all bodies conducting, and all exhibitors and persons attending such shows and all members of bodies affiliated with the CatsWA shall be deemed to submit, to carry out, and be bound by the rules of the CatsWA.

**3      DECISIONS OF THE CatsWA**

- a) The decisions of the CatsWA on all matters shall be final and binding.

**4      ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE**

- a) All entire and desexed pedigreed and unpedigreed cats are eligible to be exhibited provided that the exhibitor is a financial member of a recognised registering body.
- b) Only exhibits registered with the CatsWA or a registering body affiliated with the ACF Inc. or the CCCA Inc. will be accepted.
- c) A cat, when entered for a show or other exhibition must either be the property of, or leased by the exhibitor and all transfers and leases must be recorded with the CatsWA or a recognized body.
- d) All cats and kittens must be immunized against F3 with exception of a young litter of kittens which may be given temporary or partial vaccination at the discretion of the veterinarian.
- e) Group 4 exhibits are allowed to be exhibited at one (1) show with registration pending.

**5      SHOWING OF CATS IN W.A. FROM ANOTHER STATE OR RECOGNISED REGISTERING BODY**

- a) All exhibits (local or interstate) must comply with full register as applicable to CatsWA. Any breach will render exhibits liable to disqualification.
- b) A copy of the registration certificate should be sent with all entries, and in some instances a marked copy of the pedigree may be required as a cat that may be on full register in another state or registering body may not be accepted on such by CatsWA.
- c) Exhibits from another State are required to be re-registered with the CatsWA or other recognized body within W.A. if exhibit is to reside in W.A.

**6      NOT TO BE EXHIBITED**

- a) Any exhibit which has been subject to or in contact with any infectious disease within 30 days prior to the date of the scheduled show.
- b) Any exhibit which has been desexed by tubal ligation or vasectomy.
- c) Queens in their first week after mating and those obviously in kitten may not be entered in a show. Lactating dams will be disqualified.
- d) Kittens under the age of 3 calendar months except in the case of Litter kittens when the minimum age is 10 weeks.

7 ARRIVAL AND REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS

- a) Any exhibits must be brought to the hall in suitable baskets or containers. No exhibit accepted if on leads or in towels etc.
- b) Where the duration of the show exceeds one day, exhibitors must take their cats away from the show after it closes at night. All prizes the cat may have won may be forfeited, if the cat is not returned the next day by the time stipulated by the committee holding the show. Unless special permission is obtained from the committee holding the show or from its authorised representative, no cat may be removed from the show before the time specified in the schedule. Contravention of this rule may cause the forfeiture of all prizes and prize money which may have been won.
- c) An exhibitor who leaves the show venue, MUST designate a person/s to be responsible for their exhibit/s

8 EXHIBITS ONLY

- a) No cat, other than an exhibit, or other animal shall be allowed within the precincts of a show during continuance.
- b) Cats or kittens may be exhibited for the purpose of being offered for sale at a show but ***must not be sold and removed from the show by new owners.*** All sales of cats and kittens should be conducted at the Registered Breeders premises.

9 ENTRY FORMS

- a) An exhibitor or his agent entering a cat in a show or other exhibition must fill in and sign the entry form in ink, giving all the known detail required for publication.
- b) The entry form must reach the Secretary of the show not later than the date on which entries close as indicated in the Schedule. The exhibitor shall be responsible for the correctness of the particulars contained in the entry form.
- c) The Standard information on schedules as approved by Council shall be distributed as follows: Published on the CatsWA web site, be contained in Cat Call or may be posted or emailed to potential exhibitors at the discretion of the respective show committee.

10 ENTRY FEES

- a) The entry fee for each cat as stated in the Schedule must be paid at the time of entry and will be forfeited if the cat is not benched.
- b) Any person making an entry for a show, whether personally or through an agent shall be liable for the fees payable whether or not the cat is exhibited.

11 ENTRIES CLOSE

- a) Not less than 21 clear days before the opening of the shows as published in the Schedule, provided that in special circumstances different closing dates may be approved by the CatsWA

12 DAMAGE THROUGH EXHIBITS

- a) Any body holding a show shall not be responsible for any accident that may be caused through or by an exhibit, and it shall be a condition of entry that each exhibitor shall hold the committee blameless and indemnify it against any legal proceedings from such accident.

13 DAMAGE TO EXHIBITS

- a) Any body holding a show shall not, under any circumstances, hold itself responsible for any loss or misdelivery of exhibits at the show, or any damage thereto.

14 REFUSAL OF ENTRIES

- a) The committee of any body holding a show shall have the right to refuse or return any entry without assigning the reason to the intending exhibitor, providing the decision is made at a properly convened and constituted meeting of that committee, and such decision is communicated in writing to the intending exhibitor at least 7 clear days after the close of entries and a copy of such letter to be forwarded to the CatsWA. The show secretary shall have the right to return incorrect entries.

- b) It is recommended that in case of entries for a show where space is limited, the Show committee should admit entries in order of receipt and that this should be advertised on the schedule.
- c) Entry fees shall be refunded in the case of refused entries.
- d) In the case of (a) above, the exhibitor shall have the right to appeal to the CatsWA. Where an appeal is lodged and no meeting of the CatsWA is scheduled to be held before the time it is necessary to make up a show catalogue, a Sub Committee of the Club Secretary, CatsWA Chairperson and a member of the Governing Council of the CatsWA shall have the power to consider the appeal.

15 VETTING

- a) Cats shall be at the place of exhibition within the time stipulated in the schedule for vetting.
- b) Cats which are brought to a show after the specified time for health examination shall not be permitted within the precincts of the show provided, however, that the Show Manager or his deputy of the body conducting the show may, if satisfied that there is a reasonable excuse for late arrival, permit the cat to be examined, and if passed by health inspection, the cat shall be eligible to compete if not contrary to Rules 20 and 21.
- c) The Show Committee or its authorised representative, who is the Show Manager or his deputy, has the power to order the removal of an exhibit and/or exhibitor from any show held under these rules. The body holding the show shall report the matter to the CatsWA within 7 days.
- d) In-cage vetting is permitted at CatsWA Shows.

16 HEALTH EXAMINATION

Where possible at every show, at least one duly qualified Veterinary Surgeon or veterinary nurse shall be in attendance to examine exhibits. The Health Examining Officials appointed by clubs to inspect cats and kittens, to be instructed to what is required.

- a) A cat entered for competition or exhibition shall not be allowed to enter the show, or shall be ordered to be removed from the hall, if in the opinion of the duly qualified approved person the cat is considered to:
  - Be suffering from any infectious or contagious disease:
  - Have external parasites:
  - Have been treated or prepared for exhibition in contravention to the Rules of CatsWA
  - Unfit for exhibition
- b) Should one of an exhibitor's cats or kittens be rejected for reason of infectious or contagious disease or suspicion of such, or evidence of external parasites, all the exhibitors' entries will be rejected. Should an exhibitor have cats or kittens rejected under this rule, the 30 day suspension from showing will apply. In the event of the exhibitor having entered a future show which falls within this 30 day period – a veterinary certificate of clearance for the cat/s dated not more than 48 hours prior to the day of the show should be obtained and handed to the show manager who must then submit this to the show approved person prior to vetting in. The decision of the said approved person shall be final.
- c) In the case of approved person taking action against any cat under this rule, he/she shall, immediately ***give his opinion in writing*** to the show Manager or the Secretary of the Body conducting the Show.
- d) Entire adult male cats **must** be identified on the vetting slip and examined for entirety. If an adult male is found not to be visibly entire, at this inspection, the duly qualified approved person will notify the Show Manager in writing who, in turn will notify the judge of the particular open class and as to the cage number.
- e) If a cat is under treatment for any complaint the exhibitor should have a certificate from their attending veterinary surgeon as to contagious possibilities or otherwise. The certificate must be handed to the show approved person, before the examination. The final decision must rest with the qualified show approved person.
- f) In the case of shows conducted over more than one day an exhibitor whose exhibits are rejected shall not be eligible to exhibit for the remainder of the show.
- g) All exhibits claws are to be clipped.
- h) Cat and kittens must have clean ears, and coats free from any external parasites. Strict attention is to be paid to this rule.

- i) It is the duty of the Show Secretary to advise any Club having a show within the 30 day period, of any rejections.

### **HEALTH EXAMINING OFFICIAL'S DECISION IS FINAL.**

#### 17 **BENCHING OF EXHIBITS**

- a) Benching fees will apply for all exhibits.  
b) Once benched, no exhibit shall be absent from its cage except for the purpose of being judged, or by order or permission of the Show Manager or authorised representative.  
c) Grooming of exhibits benched may be continued until judging starts.  
a) Aerosol sprays, mentholated spirits and powdering are prohibited in the show venue.  
b) Transgression will result in the disqualification of the exhibit.

#### 18 **TRANQUILIZATION**

- a) The use of tranquilizing drugs on any exhibits is strictly forbidden, and any exhibit found to be under the influence of tranquilization will be disqualified.

### **JUDGING**

#### 19 **RESTRICTION OF JUDGES APPOINTMENT**

- a) A judge shall not judge any exhibits they own.  
b) A judge shall not judge exhibits owned by their immediate family at a recognized show, at which they are officiating.  
c) Where a two or more ring show is being conducted a judge or their immediate family may enter exhibit in those rings where they are not officiating.

#### 20 **COURTESY ON JUDGING FLOOR**

- a) While judging is in progress exhibitors and visitors should keep clear of the judging table, and maintain a quiet and decorous atmosphere in the vicinity, so as not to upset the exhibits or distract the judge.  
b) At the time of judging, no person shall be allowed on the floor, except the judges and properly appointed officials and stewards.  
c) After judging has concluded exhibitors may chat to the judges, however not before, nor during the judging process.  
d) In the case of Open Owner Handling Shows, when the owner/handler is permitted to present the exhibit to the Judge. The owner/handler must not comment unless specifically asked to do so by the Judge.

#### 21 **EXHIBITS NOT TO BE BENCHED**

- a) After the word has been given for the judges to proceed with the judging of the show or the class therein, no other exhibits shall be allowed to be benched.

#### 22 **ABSENTEES AT JUDGING**

- a) A judge shall not re-judge any show or class therein because of the absence from the cage of any exhibit at the time of judging

#### 23 **WITHDRAWAL FROM COMPETITION**

- a) Where the name of a judge announced in a Schedule is changed, a cat may be withdrawn before commencement of judging by the substitute judge, by owner or his duly accredited agent, after giving notice of his intention to the committee of the show. On application a refund of entry fees may be made.  
b) Organising bodies should ensure that any change in the judging line up is communicated to all exhibitors.  
c) If the Reserve Judge whose name is published in the show schedule is asked to officiate, then the above does not apply. Reserve Judges are nominated and will take over in cases of illness or emergency.

#### 24 **UNRULY CATS**

- a) All cats must be removed from the cage for judging in open and age classed.

- b) Any cat reported as unable to be handled for judging in any show, shall not be permitted to enter shows or other exhibitions for a period of time, or may be suspended from entering shows again, at the discretion of F.C.C.W.A. (Inc.). (1<sup>st</sup> offence notification to show secretaries of UTH/UTJ. 2<sup>nd</sup> offence six months suspension, third and final offence life suspension) ??????
- c) In multiple ring Shows, only one Unable to be Handled (UTH) or Unable to be Judged (UTJ) will be recorded. No cat will be removed from its cage for further judging, following a UTH or UTJ decision.
- d) An exhibit which acts less aggressively than a UTH exhibit but is not able to be effectively judged/assessed will be deemed UTJ at the discretion of the judge.
- e) All cats/kittens that display aggression once in the show precinct before judging commences may be deemed UTH or UTJ.

## 25 JUDGE'S DECISION

- a) A judge's decision on the merit of the exhibit shall be final unless such decision is contrary to the Rules of the CatsWA.
- b) Judges shall be empowered and instructed not to award any Prizes or Special Prizes to any exhibit, which they consider, is not of sufficient merit.
- c) A judge shall not award a Challenge ~~or~~/ Award of Merit or Star Certificate to any exhibit which they considers lacks sufficient merit to qualify for the respective titles of CatsWA
- d) Where the judge outclasses an exhibit as being in the wrong colour class, and provided that there are three qualified judges in attendance at the show, the exhibit may be re-classified and included in the correct class for judging or re-judging as necessary, \*\*\*\*\* (except in the case of Rex varieties, when the Judge may reclassify to correct colour, and judge accordingly).

## 26 DISQUALIFICATION BY JUDGES

A judge shall be empowered to disqualify any animal which in his/her opinion.

- a) Is not truly of the breed or variety or sex as described for the class in which it is entered.
- b) Reveals any defect that is specifically named in the standards of points as a matter for disqualification.
- c) Cannot be removed from its cage.
- d) Is found to be exceedingly dirty or so badly groomed as to prevent an adequate assessment of the cat.
- e) Is found to be carrying internal parasites or external parasites.
- f) Is in his/her opinion, notwithstanding the prior veterinary inspection unwell and should not be handled.
- g) Has some heritable abnormality e.g. Polydactylism, monorchidism, taillessness (other than Manx).
- h) Has been prepared for exhibition in a manner calculated to deceive the judge (e.g. Colouring matter in the coat).

In the case of (d), (e), and (f) the judge may recommend to the Show Manager that the animal be removed from the show hall.

## 27. DISQUALIFICATIONS BY SHOW OFFICIAL

- 1. An exhibit shall be disqualified from winning a prize if the **show manager** is satisfied that:
  - a) Any dye, colouring, powder, whitening, or darkening matter or preparation has been used and if the effect of it remains at any time during the show.

## 28 IDENTIFICATION OF EXHIBIT/EXHIBITORS

- a) There shall be no identifying objects in or adjacent to the cage until completion of judging.
- b) Curtains may be allowed..

## 29 AEROSOL AND SPRAYS

Aerosol or other sprays, which are safe to use around cats, may be used by judges and stewards when deemed necessary, but their use is strictly forbidden by exhibitors or other persons. The use of Talcum powder is forbidden in the show hall.

## **PRIZES AND CERTIFICATES**

### 30 **CHALLENGE, AWARD OF MERIT AND STAR CERTIFICATES**

These certificates are offered by the CatsWA at Championship and Premiership shows and are awarded at the discretion of the judge. Those eligible to compete shall be exhibits 9 months of age and over, which have competed in their appropriate Open Class at the show.

### **SUPREME CHALLENGE, AWARD OF MERIT AND STAR CERTIFICATES**

These certificates are offered by the CatsWA at Championship shows only and are awarded at the discretion of the judge/s. Those eligible to compete shall be all exhibits in a Group that have attained the status of Platinum Grand Champion/Premier or Star as per Rule 16 and that have their title noted in the appropriate place on the entry form by the exhibitor. Only one Supreme Challenge, and Supreme Award of Merit and Supreme Star Award may be awarded in each group.

### 31 **A PRIZE**

Is a reward offered for competition in a class for which an entry fee is charged.

### 32 **SPECIAL PRIZE**

- a) Is a prize of any description offered for competition for which no entry fee is charged.
- b) Special prizes shall only be offered to groups where there are 3 or more cats entered for competition. Entire and desexed exhibits of one breed may be included in a group.
- c) All exhibits can compete for Supreme exhibit.

### 33 **DUPLICATE AWARD CARDS**

Duplicate award cards or ribbons, if available, may be issued only if the identifiable remains of the originals are produced or a statutory declaration certifying that they have been destroyed or lost or not received by the owner is produced and approved by the committee of the show.

### 34 **DISPLAY OF CARDS ETC**

At any show exhibitors may be permitted at the discretion of the body holding the show to display cards etc. after judging has concluded, which shall be subject to the provisions hereinafter contained and shall not go beyond the following:

- a) The name, address and telephone number of the cattery or exhibitor and stud fee.
- b) The name of the exhibit and, if a Stud Male, pedigree and Stud fee.
- c) Suitable words offering cats and kittens for sale, but not actually naming any cat or kitten which is not exhibited.
- d) General decorative material which must not be obtrusive.
- e) Exhibitors may advertise in the show catalogue as per schedule charges and conditions set by the organising body.

### 35 **UNSPORTSMAN LIKE CONDUCT**

- a) All persons causing annoyance by loud comments on the decision of the judge, or by unseemly or insulting behaviour will, after having been cautioned by the Show Manager, be expelled from the show.
- b) Any person detected removing numbers, award cards or exhibits from the benches without the permission of the Show committee or its representatives will be asked to leave the show hall and, if the offender is an exhibitor all their prizes and awards will be withheld.

- c) No complaints about judging shall be made in the area of the judging. If an exhibitor has a complaint about results, it must be lodged in writing along with the relevant fee to the show manager.
- d) Detrimental remarks (loud or soft) made by an exhibitor in the judging area are not to be tolerated. The said exhibitor will be asked to leave the show hall by an official.

**PROTEST AND APPEALS**

36 **PROTESTS**

Objections to any award or a breach of the show regulations or conditions of entry may be made by any person except by one who is under a term of suspension or disqualification, or is otherwise ineligible to take part in the show held under CatsWA rules.

No protest may be made against the decisions of the judges as to the merits of the exhibits.

In all cases the decision of the judge as to the merits of the exhibits shall be final.

An objection in writing and accompanied by a fee of \$10.00 must be lodged with the Show Manager during the published hours of the show.

An objection shall be dealt with at a meeting of the committee of the body concerned, convened for that purpose, within 14 days of the receipt of the objection.

A copy of the objection shall be dispatched by the show secretary within 72 hours notice of the meeting dealing with the matter to all persons considered necessary by the committee for the purpose of giving evidence. The committee of the body concerned shall cause notes of all evidence given at the enquiry to be taken in writing.

The decision of the body, together with the notice of the right to appeal hereinafter mentioned shall be communicated to the parties concerned within 72 hours and if the objection is upheld, a copy of the decision shall be sent to the Secretary of the CatsWA within 7 days.

Should a person fail to appear in answer to the notice of the meeting at which the objection is to be considered the committee of the body concerned may proceed to enquire into, and deal with the objection, notwithstanding his or her absence.

37 **RIGHT TO APPEAL**

Any person affected by a decision of an affiliated body may appeal by giving notice of appeal in writing to the secretary of the CatsWA within 14 days of the decision, stating the grounds for the appeal, and enclosing a deposit of \$10.00. Upon receipt of the notice of appeal and deposit, the Secretary of the CatsWA shall notify the Secretary of the body concerned, who shall forthwith send to the Secretary of the CatsWA the notes of evidence given at the enquiry.

The CatsWA shall hear every such appeal made to it as soon as possible and whether or not an appeal has been lodged it may, at its discretion, allow further evidence to be introduced, and may remit the matter for re-hearing by the body concerned, or uphold or dismiss the appeal or impose a greater or lesser penalty, and may make such order as to the disposal of the deposits lodged with the FCC of W.A. (Inc.) and or affiliated body as it thinks fit.

If no notice of appeal is given as hereinbefore provided or, if after hearing the appeal the FCC of W.A. (Inc.) has confined the decision of the body concern (wether the penalty is varied or not) the Secretary of the CatsWA shall record such decision and there upon it shall be final and binding on the party or parties concerned, and shall be given effect to by all bodies affiliated with the CatsWA and at all shows held under the rules of the CatsWA.

**CLASSES, DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

38 **CLASSES PROVIDED**

Classes shall be provided only for breeds and special varieties of cats included in the official standards of points of CatsWA and for Experimental and Sub Register cats, which must be registered in accordance with the Rules of the CatsWA.

39 ELIGIBILITY FOR SPECIFIC CLASSES

Only wins up to and including the day before entries close shall count towards determining the eligibility of the cat for a specific class.

40 APPROPRIATE CLASSES

All adult cats entered for competition must compete in; their appropriate "Open Class" (whether entire or desexed) with the exception of Veteran cats.

Kittens must be entered in their individual age classes unless entered litter only.

Pairs, Braces and teams must be owned by the one exhibitor.

All adult cats entered in the domestic section must be desexed.

Domestic litters are not eligible to be shown

41 AGE OF CATS

The age of all cats shall be computed from the day of their birth to midnight before the first day of the show. If the day of birth is not known, its age, for the purpose of exhibition shall be taken as the first day of the month of birth, exception for non pedigree.

42 EXHIBITON OF SUB REGISTER CATS

Cats and kittens recorded in the Sub register may be entered in open competition at shows if they are, or have been, part of a programme aimed at producing Full Register cats of an established and recognized breed/variety. In adult open classes, such cats will be eligible for Challenge and Award of Merit Certificates but the certificates must bear the letters "SR" before the name of the cat.

Cats and kittens of a new variety (colour, markings, coat quality) of an established breed (recognized breed) may compete in open competition in AOC-AOV classes, without being eligible for Challenge and Award of Merit certificates. All varieties will be grouped together in AOC-AOV classes appropriate to the breed type, and the proposed standards of points made available to the judge without, however, any indication being made as to the Sub Register status of the exhibits.

Upon the CatsWA allotting full recognition, such cats on the Sub Register will be eligible for Challenge and Award of Merit certificates.

Sub Register cats and kittens may compete for Best of Breed and Best in Show awards.

43 ASSESSMENT CLASSES

(EXPERIMENTAL REGISTER)

Cats and kittens being experimentally bred to a new breed type may compete against each other in Assessment classes only.

The detailed proposed standards of points should be made available to the judges and written assessments of the cats provided at the show by the Judges for guidance of the exhibitors.

44 DEFINITIONS CLASSES

MONTH	A Calendar month.
ENTIRE	Not having been desexed.
CAT	An adult cat 9 months & over on the day of the show.
MALE	Entire cat which has both testicles approximately similar in size & fully descended into the scrotum.
FEMALE	Entire female cat which has been neither spayed nor sterilized.
NEUTER	Is a male cat whose testicles have been surgically removed.
SPAY	Is a female cat whose ovaries have been surgically removed.
KITTEN	Exhibit over 3 calendar months and under 9 months on the day of the show.
LITTER	All the entire living progeny, over 10 weeks and under 4 months on the day of the show. Dam may accompany litters to shows but, for the duration of Judging a separate cage will be provided and used is necessary whether she is in competition or on exhibition. The dam may be entered in her



	individual classes, kittens 3 calendar months and over may be entered in individual classes.
VETERAN	Exhibit 7 years and over on the day of the show.
BRED IN WA	Exhibit born in WA
BRED OUTSIDE WA	Exhibit born outside WA
PAIR	Two entire exhibits of the same colour and breed, but of opposite sex, owned by the one exhibitor and entered in respective individual classes.
BRACE	Two entire exhibits of the same colour, breed and sex, owned by the one exhibitor and entered in respective individual classes.
TEAM	Three or more entire exhibits of the same colour and breed, owned by the one exhibitor, and entered in respective individual classes.
(NB) PAIR, BRACE, TEAM	– An exhibit can be entered only once in each of these classes.

#### CHAMPION/GRAND CHAMPION

Entire exhibit whose title has been confirmed by the FCC of W.A.(Inc.)

#### PREMIER/GRAND PREMIER

Desexed exhibit whose title has been confirmed by the CatsWA

#### OPEN

Class open to adult cats. All competing cat must be entered in OPEN CLASSES (except veterans).

#### JUNIOR

Class for cats under 18 months on the day of the show.

#### NOVICE

Class for cats not having won a first prize in cat classes at closing date of entries.

#### LIMIT

Class for cats (excluding Champion and Premiers) not having won four first prizes in cat classes at closing date of entries.

#### 45 CLASSES AND ABBREVIATIONS

The following classes may be provided at shows for competition. Other classes, if approved and conducted under conditions prescribed by the CatsWA from time to time, may be permitted.

#### PEDIGREE KITTEN CLASSES

K5	3 months and under 5 months
K7	5 months and under 7 months
K9	7 months and under 9 months
KW	kitten bred in WA
KX	kitten bred outside WA

NB. The divisions of the above 5 classes to indicate by prefixing class be appropriate gender, e.g. male kitten MK5, female kitten FK5 etc.

#### PEDIGREE CAT CLASSES

O	Open
J	Junior
N	Novice
L	Limit
W	Bred in WA
X	Bred outside WA

NB. The division of the above 6 classes to indicate by prefixing class be appropriate gender, e.g. Male Open (MO), Female Junior (FJ), Spay Open (SO) etc.

PC	Pair of cats
BC	Brace of cats
TC	Team of cats
VC	Veteran cat
CC	Champion/Grand Champion
PP	Premier/Grand Premier

NB. Champion and Premier classes shall be divided into groups One, Two and Three.

## STAR CLASSES

Domestic (unpedigreed) and Companion (pedigree or part pedigree) classes are for cats of any colour, and registered as a Group 4 cat with the CatsWA

OSH	Open short hair
OLH	Open long hair

## DOMESTIC AND COMPANION KITTEN CLASSES

UFK	Female kitten 3 months and under 9 months on the day of the show.
UMK	Male kitten 3 months and under 9 months on the day of the show.
USK	Spay Kitten 3 months and under 9 months on the day of the show.
UNK	Neuter kitten 3 months and under 9 months on the day of the show.
USO	Spay Open 9 months and over on the day of the show.
UNO	Neuter Open, desexed male cat 9 months and over on the day of the show.

## TITLES

### 46 TITLES TO BE CONFIRMED

No CatsWA, Interstate or Overseas title to a cats name shall be used unless confirmed by the CatsWA.

### 47 F.C.C.W.A.(Inc.) TITLES

On application and payment of the fee set out in the scale of charges and on confirmation by the FCC of W.A. (Inc.), the following titles may be awarded to any cat registered to a member of the FCC of W.A. (Inc.), who ordinarily resides in Western Australia.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR TITLES GAINED

### CHAMPION/PREMIER/STAR

Six Challenges/Awards of Merit/Star from at least three (3) different judges. No time limit.

### GRAND CHAMPION/PREMIER/STAR

Six Challenges/Awards of Merit/Star from at least three (3) different judges. No time limit.

### BRONZE GRAND CHAMPION/PREMIER/STAR

Six Challenges/Awards of Merit/Star from at least three (3) different judges. No time limit.

### SILVER GRAND CHAMPION/PREMIER/STAR

Six Challenges/Awards of Merit/Star from at least three (3) different judges. No time limit.

### GOLD GRAND CHAMPION/PREMIER/STAR

Six Challenges/Awards of Merit/Star from at least three (3) different judges. No time limit.

### PLATINUM GRAND CHAMPION/PREMIER/STAR

Six Challenges/Awards of Merit/Star from at least three (3) different judges. No time limit.

### SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION/.PREMIER/STAR

Ten Supreme Challenges/Awards of Merit/Star from at least ten (10) different judges. No time limit.

Challenges/Awards of Merit/Star awarded by other recognized bodies may be used (once verified) for all titles up to and including Platinum Grand Champion /Premier/Star. Only CatsWA

Group Challenges/Awards of Merit/Star may be used for the title Supreme Grand Champion/Premier.

Challenges/Awards of Merit/Star may now be use to obtain Double / Triple Titles

Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum Supreme Grand Champion/Premier/Star may be awarded if a cat, who has achieved Supreme Grand Champion/Premier/Star is awarded a further 10 Supreme Challenges/Awards of Merit/Stars from 10 different judges.

48 TITLES GRANTED BY OTHER RECOGNIZED BODIES

CatsWA. may grant recognition (on proper verification of the applicant's claim) to a title granted by any other recognized body prior to the transfer of the cat to the applicants name with the FCC of W.A. (Inc.)

49 SUB REGISTER CATS TITLES

Application for Champion/Premier status should be made as for full register cats and, on the granting of such status the certificates shall bear the letters SR before the name of the cat.

50 ACF (INC) TITLES

On application and payment of the fee set out in the scale of charges and on confirmation by the CatsWA to the ACF (Inc), the following titles may be awarded by the ACF (Inc.) to any registered cat:

- 1) Australian National Champion (AUST NAT. CH.)
- 2) Australian National Premier (AUST NAT. PR.)
  
- a) Three (3) Challenge/Award of Merit, awarded at three (3) different ACF National Shows, under 3 different judges.
- b) Two (2) Challenge/Awards of Merit, awarded at two (2) different ACF National Shows, by two different judges, plus one Challenge/Award of Merit award at one other show, by a third judge who is recognized as an International Judge by a recognised body.  
The last Challenge/Award of Merit to be awarded at least 20 months after the first.
  
- 3) Award of Excellence
  
- a) The ACF Inc. Award of Excellence Certificates is awarded to:-  
Entire Male                      Entire Female  
Desexed Male                      Desexed Female  
In Groups One, Two and Three in each Show.  
In multiple Ring Shows, each ring is considered to be a separate show.  
ALL cats entered in adult classes are eligible to compete.
- b) Ten (10) Certificates awarded by ten different judges are required to gain this Award

SHOW DATES

51 PERMISSION

- a) No affiliated body shall hold or conduct any show or other exhibition without permission having been granted by the CatsWA.  
Shows held in WA by a body not affiliated to the ACF Inc. or the CCCA Inc. are declared to be unrecognized shows.
- b) Any affiliated body desiring to hold a show, or other exhibition shall make application to the Secretary of the CatsWA, in writing **prior to the first of August** in each year prior to that of the proposed date of the exhibition, unless otherwise permitted by the CatsWA.

52 SHOW CANCELLED

Any Show which cannot be held on its advertised date shall not be cancelled unless special permission is granted by the CatsWA. All entry fees to be refunded.

SCHEDULE & CATALOGUE

53 SCHEDULE

- a) A complete draft of the proposed schedule, including names and address of the Show Manager, Show Secretary and the names of the proposed Judges (whose consent to act must already have been obtained)

for each group of cats etc. must be submitted to the CatsWA not less than 3 months prior to the date of the show.

- b) The Secretary of the body conducting the show must forward to the Secretary of the FCC of W.A. (Inc.) a copy of the approved Schedule not less than 3 days before being distributed.

54 ADHERENCE TO CONDITIONS

The conditions and particulars set out in the approval draft of the Schedule must be strictly adhered to in the published schedule and in the catalogue, and shall not be altered unless special permission of the CatsWA is obtained. Any change to listed Judges must be published, where possible, one week in advance and displayed at the entrance to the show on the day.

55 NAMES OF JUDGES

The schedule as approved, and the catalogue, must contain the name of the judges for each group.  
**RESERVE JUDGES MUST BE APPOINTED.**

56 NOTIFICATION RE. RULES

a) A notification to the effect that the body is affiliated to the CatsWA and that the show is held under the rules of the CatsWA and that a copy may be perused at the address of the Secretary for the Show, must be inserted in the Schedule and Catalogue.

- b) Both the Schedule and Catalogue shall state:-  
Correct status of the show.  
Time of vetting and benching.  
Time of removal of cats.

57 CHALLENGE, AWARD OF MERIT AND STAR CERTIFICATES

Where no Challenge, Award of Merit or Star certificates are to be offered at the show, notification to that effect must be printed in all Schedules and Catalogues.

58 TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE CATALOGUE

The name of the exhibitor, exhibit and registered number, as well as the date of birth, breeder, sire and dam and their breed, colour and description must be published in the catalogue of every Championship Show, except in the case of unpedigreed cats where on owners name, exhibits name, sex and date of birth (if known) shall be included.

**The name of each exhibit that is eligible for CatsWA Cat of the Year points in their respective Groups.**

Catalogues of non Championship shows need only the name of the exhibitor and name and date of birth of the exhibit, except in the case of litters where the name of the exhibitor and date of birth, sire and dam of each litter must be shown.

59 AVAILABILITY OF CATALOGUE

A reasonable number of catalogues must be made available to the public at all shows mentioned in the rules.

60 MARKED CATALOGUE TO F.C.C.W.A.(Inc.)

The Secretary of the show or other exhibition shall forward to the Secretary of the CatsWA within 10 days of the closing of the show, two official catalogues containing a full and correctly marked therein.

**ENTRIES**

61 ENTRY FORM

Forms which are for the entry of cats only shall state above the space for signature:-

“I, the undersigned, hereby certify that:

- a) I am a financial member of an ACF Inc. or a CCCA Inc. Affiliate.

- b) The pedigreed cats entered are registered in my/our name with an CatsWA or a body Affiliated with ACF Inc. or CCCA Inc. Non F.C.C.W.A. (Inc.) exhibitors are required to attach a copy of the cat's pedigree and certificate of registration.
- c) Where the WA registration number has not been shown for my WA bred kitten/litter or interstate bred cat, the registration or re-registration application form has been lodged with the CatsWA office.
- d) The cats are eligible for the classes entered.
- e) All exhibits entered have a current certificate of vaccination against F3.
- f) I enter the cats at my own risk.
- g) NO exhibit has been subject to or in contact with any infectious disease within 30 days prior to the date of the scheduled show.
- h) NO cat or kitten will be made available to new owners at this show. I agree that all sales of cats and kittens will be conducted at my private address.
- i) I agree to observe and be bound by the Rules and decisions of the CatsWA and accept their decisions as final.

62 ENTRIES CONFIDENTIAL

It shall be deemed a serious offence for any official of a body holding a show to disclose information as to the entries or entrants for any show.

63 REGISTRATIONS PARAMOUNT

In cases where the information supplied on the entry form for a show differs from that on the registration form, the latter shall be regarded as correct until a rectification is properly made thereto.

64 LATE ENTRIES

Clubs must notify CatsWA of any change to closing date of entries.

65 ENTRIES CLOSE

- a) An affiliated body shall submit to the registrar of the CatsWA for checking as to membership a list of intending exhibitors within 7 days of closing of entries.
- b) After the closing date of entries for a show, an affiliated body must, on demand by the FCC of W.A. (Inc.) immediately deliver to the secretary of the CatsWA or his deputy, all entries received for the show up to the time of such demand. It shall be the duty of the appointed person to make a list of entries placed before him, which list shall be delivered to the CatsWA.

66 HEALTH

Judges shall disqualify cats in poor physical condition and report to exhibitors their reason for the disqualification.

67 UNABLE TO HANDLE CATS

It is the duty of the Show Manager to report any such UTH /UTJ cats to the Secretary of the FCC of W.A. (Inc.) within 10 days of the closing of the show. It shall be the duty of the Show Manager to report any injury caused to judges/stewards by exhibits whether or not the exhibit is marked unable to be handled, and to record any such injury in the insurance/first aid book.

68 JUDGE'S BOOK

- a) A properly compiled and separate judging book or cards must be provided for each judge. Such book or cards must be signed by the judge and his steward and retained for a t least 3 months from the last day of the show. Judges may personally indicate their awards in the book or cards.
- b) The third set of signed judge's slips must be submitted to the CatsWA within 10 days of the show.
- c) Alteration made by the judge in the judge's book or cards should be initialled by him/her at the time of making such alteration.
- e) No indication that a cat is 'SR' shall be shown in any judge's book.

69 NO EQUAL PLACINGS

A judge shall not place two or more separate exhibits equal for any award.

70 JUDGES FEES

Judges fees (if any) must be paid on the day of the show.

AWARDS AND PRIZES

71 CHALLENGE , AWARD OF MERIT AND STAR CERTIFICATES

CatsWA Challenge, Award of Merit and Star Certificates may be awarded at any show for which the CatsWA has granted the title of “Championship Show”.

(Challenge, Award of Merit and Star Certificates may be purchased from the CatsWA office.)

Award card templates maybe downloaded from the web site and a fee of (\$10.00) paid to the F.C.C.W.A. (Inc.) per ring.

Under no circumstances may a judge or other person sign a Certificate on which the name of the club, the date of the show and the breed and the sex for which the certificate is offered is not stated. Any signed Certificates which are withheld by the judge must be destroyed personally by him/her or the show secretary.

72 AWARD CARDS

a) At all shows held under the Rules of the CatsWA where award cards are presented as prizes, the nature of the show must be clearly marked on the (i.e. Whether Championship, Non Championship or Members Show).

b) Where cards and certificates are awarded at show the name and breed or variety of the breed of the winning cats must be shown thereon, together with the name or description of the class or other competition in which the prize was won.

c) If cards are awarded at a Non Championship Show or Members’ Show they shall not bear more than the name of the club, the date of the fixture, whether first, second or third prize , the words Non Championship or Members’ Show as the case may be, and the Clubs Secretary’s signature.

73 DELIVERY OF PRIZES

Prizes awarded to exhibits against which objections have been lodged must no be delivered until the objection has been finally determined.

74 PAYMENT OF PRIZE MONEY

Subject to Rule 71, all prize money (if any) must be paid and special prizes presented on the day of the show.

75 AWARDS AND SPECIAL PRIZES

Judges may award a special prize or prizes in any section judged wholly by them.

Special prizes, in a section or sections judged by two or more judges, may be awarded by the officiating judges who must act con-jointly.

A panel of Judges may be appointed, specifically to judge Special Prizes.

76 RESPONSIBLE FOR PRIZES

Each body shall be deemed responsible for all prizes or the monetary value thereof offered for competition at its show.

77 NOT TO BE ACCEPTED AS A PRIZE

No cat or kitten or free stud service shall be offered as a prize.

CAGES AND EQUIPMENT

78 CAGES ETC.

Cages and equipment shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected prior to the show and must be kept clean during the show by exhibitors. Clubs not adhering to this Rule will be fined.

79 VETTING TABLE

The surface should be washable.

80 HIRE OF CAGES

On application and on payment of the prescribed fee, to the CatsWA, bodies conducting shows may be given permission to hire cages.

The deposit fee is refundable on return of the cages in good order.

81 FIRST AID BOX

All bodies shall have a first aid box available at all show.

82 STEWARDS

A chief steward shall be appointed at each show. All stewards should have completed an approved training course. Stewards are required to wear white coats and soft soled shoes during judging. Stewards should be instructed that the wearing of perfumes and aftershave is not allowed during judging. Excess jewellery or items of jewellery in which a cat may hook its claws should be removed during judging.

83 LIST OF STEWARDS AND OFFICIALS TO F.C.C.W.A.(Inc.)

All bodies conducting shows are required to submit a full list of the names of all persons engaged in an official capacity as a voluntary worker. This information is a requirement as laid down in the CatsWA voluntary workers insurance premium.

The CatsWA supplies a special book for the purpose of recording such information. Such book should be collected prior to each show and returned to the FCC of W.A. (Inc.) office within 5 days of the close of the show.

Such book shall also contain a record of any incident, involving voluntary workers.

**BENCHING**

84 BENCHED FOR INSPECTION

At all show and other exhibitions, the cats must be benched for inspection by the general public unless the special permission of the CatsWA is obtained.

**RESTRICTED SHOWS**

85 RESTRICTED SHOWS AND IMPACT ON CAT OF THE YEAR POINTS

If a Club wishes to run a show that places restrictions on entries by gender or number, they must apply in writing to Governing Council for permission to impose such a restriction not less than 3 months prior to the show. Governing Council will consider the reasons for the restriction and will not refuse permission providing that they believe that the restrictions are in the best interests of FCCWA (Inc) and/or the show. Should the restriction be approved, then Governing Council will consider whether Cat of the Year points can be awarded. Should the restrictions not be approved, the Club must remove the restriction before the show schedule will be approved.

## **PROCEDURE TO OBTAIN CatsWA CAT/KITTEN OF THE YEAR**

1. **DATE OF COMMENCEMENT**  
Shall be the 1<sup>st</sup> of January of each year
2. **TERMINATION DATE**  
Shall be the date of the last show of the same year
3. **DEFINITION**

The CatsWA Cats of the Year shall be the cats gaining the highest points score from the following categories: -

Group One Entire Adults.  
Group One Desexed Adults.  
Group One Kittens.  
Group Two Entire Adults.  
Group Two Desexed Adults.  
Group Two Desexed Adults  
Group Three Male Entire Adults  
Group Three Female Entire Adults  
Group Three Neutered Adults  
Group Three Spey Adults  
Group Three Male Kittens  
Group Three Female Kittens  
Group Four Shorthair Adult  
Group Four Longhair Adult  
Group Four Shorthair Kitten  
Group Four Longhair Kitten

Best Adult  
Best Desexed  
Best Kitten  
Best Group 4

4. **ELIGIBILITY**  
Any exhibit registered as being owned by a member of the CatsWA, who is registered on the CatsWA registry and entered in its appropriate Open Class in any show held by the CatsWA or its affiliates, except in show which restrict exhibits by gender or number, shall be eligible to gain points towards CatsWA Cat of the Year.
5. **POINTS TO BE ALLOCATED**  
At each show held by the CatsWA or its affiliates, except in show which restrict exhibits by gender or number, the judge/s shall declare for each breed group the following: -
  - a) The cat/kitten which is awarded as best in their category will receive 25 points.
  - b) The cat/kitten which is awarded as reserve in their category will receive 15 points.
6. In addition, each cat awarded best in the categories above will receive 1 point for every cat beaten in the same category.

### **No Challenge/Award of Merit**



In the case where a challenge/award of merit is WITHHELD by the judge, no points will be awarded. AOV/AOC classes excepted

### **Procedure to record points**

Judges slips to be signed by the Judges and stewards for Best and Reserve in the following groups: -

1. Group One (Entire, Desexed & Kitten)
2. Group Two (Entire, Desexed & Kitten)
3. Group Three (Male and Female Entire, Neuter, Spey & Male and Female Kitten)
4. Domestic/Companion (Desexed & Kitten)

For each eligible show, points shall be awarded in accordance with 5a and 5b of this clause and accumulated towards these annual awards

### **PROCEDURE TO OBTAIN CatsWA (Inc.) BREEDER OF THE YEAR**

1. Each group 1, 2, or 3, to have a winner. The breeder with the most points in the group is deemed the winner of that group. A group with one, two or more prefixes registered/owned by a particular breeder, shall have the points added together to arrive at the winner for that group.
2. All prefixes owned by a particular breeder shall be added together to arrive at the overall winner.
3. Points for all cats bearing a CatsWA Member/Breeder prefix will count towards these annual awards whether the exhibitor is a member of CatsWA or not.

### **PROCEDURE TO OBTAIN CAT/KITTEN OF THE YEAR FOR CATS REGISTERED WITH RECOGNISED ORGANISATIONS OTHER THAN CATSWA**

1. DATE OF COMMENCEMENT - Shall be the 1<sup>st</sup> of January of each year
2. TERMINATION DATE - Shall be the date of the last show of the same year
3. DEFINITION - The Cat of the Year (Non CatsWA) shall be the cat gaining the highest points score from the following categories: -
  - Group One: all qualifying cats
  - Group Two: all qualifying cats.
  - Group Three: all qualifying cats
  - Group Four: all qualifying cats
4. ELIGIBILITY

Any exhibit registered as being owned by a member of a recognised organisation other than CatsWA, who is registered an alternate registry and entered in its appropriate Open Class in any show held by the CatsWA or its affiliates, except in show which restrict exhibits by gender or number, shall be eligible to gain points towards CatsWA (Non CatsWA) Cat of the Year.
5. POINTS TO BE ALLOCATED

At each show held by the CatsWA or its affiliates, except in show which restrict exhibits by gender or number, the judge/s shall declare for each breed group the following: -

  - a) The cat/kitten which is awarded as best in their category will receive 25 points.

6. In addition, each cat awarded best in the categories above will receive 1 point for every cat beaten in the same category.

**No Challenge/Award of Merit**

In the case where a challenge/award of merit is WITHHELD by the judge, no points will be awarded. AOV/AOC classes excepted

**Procedure to record points**

Judges slips to be signed by the Judges and stewards for Best in the following groups:-

1. Group One (Entire, Desexed & Kitten)
2. Group Two (Entire, Desexed & Kitten)
3. Group Three (Entire, Desexed & Kitten)
4. Domestic/Companion (Desexed & Kitten)

For each eligible show, points shall be awarded in accordance with 5a of this clause and accumulated towards these annual awards

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