



The Co-ordinating Cat Council of Australia Inc. **Show Rules**

1. All Exhibits local and interstate, excepting unpedigreed exhibits (Household Pet/Domestic Exhibits), must be registered with a recognised controlling body in the state or territory in which it is domiciled and issued with an approved registration number.
2. All applications for entry for the CCCA National Show must be accompanied by a copy of the exhibit's registration certificate and, if not included on the registration certificate, a pedigree showing all breeds and colours and which shows the exhibit plus three generations as a minimum.
3. All litters must be recorded with recognised controlling body and must be a minimum of 10 weeks of age on the day of the show.
4. The number of kittens in each litter must be stated on the entry form. The Show Secretary must be notified prior to the show date if any kittens included in the litter have died (or been sold) since the litter was entered.
5. All kittens need to be appropriately vaccinated by a veterinarian and the first vaccination must have been administered no less than 14 days prior to the show. Certificates must be available for inspection at time of vetting.
6. All adult cats (entire or desexed) entered for competition, including titled cats, must compete in their appropriate open classes. Kittens must be entered in their individual age classes, unless entered as a litter only (under four months).
7. No cat obviously pregnant may be exhibited. No cat nursing a litter maybe exhibited without her litter. No vasectomised or tubal-ligated cat may be exhibited.
8. Entries must be on the approved entry form and must be in the hands of the Show Committee by the stated closing time. All entry fees must accompany the entry form. Entry fees will not be refunded under any circumstances. Should any cheque be returned to the Show Committee by the banking facility employed, the exhibitor shall be required to forward the entry money by cash, money order or bank cheque, including any costs incurred by the Show Committee, prior to the entry being processed.
9. The Show Committee reserves the right to amend prize lists.
10. While the CCCA takes every care with the animals entered in the show, all entries are accepted at the owner's/lessee's risk.

11. The Show Committee reserves the right to refuse or return any entry or entries. Exhibitors whose entries are refused are to be notified in writing with an explanation of rejection by registered mail within seven days of the close of entries. A copy of such a letter is to be forwarded to the Secretary of the CCCA.
12. The age of the exhibits is calculated from the date of their birth to midnight on the first day of the show.
13. An exhibit must be the bona fide registered property of the owner or lessees in whose name it is entered. If owned by more than one person, the names of all part-owners must be shown on the entry form.
14. One free pass will be issued to each owner, part owner or lessee. These passes are not transferable.
15. The CCCA will be most anxious for the care and safety of the cats and kittens brought to or sent for exhibition or any property entrusted to it, but it must be strictly understood by all exhibitors, and all other persons, that neither this body nor the Show Committee will not accept responsibility for the loss, damage or detention of any exhibit or any property, whether arising from accident or other cause by its officers, agents or any other person.
16. No cat or other animal, other than exhibits, shall be allowed within the precincts of the exhibition for the duration of the show.
17. All exhibits must be brought to the hall in suitable baskets or containers. No exhibit will be accepted if on a lead, wrapped in a towel, etc.
18. No exhibit shall enter the hall if it has at any time during the period of 30 days immediately preceding the show has been in a cattery affected with feline enteritis or any other contagious disease. If a cat is under treatment for any complaint, it should have a certificate from the attending veterinarian as to the contagious possibilities or otherwise. The certificate must be handed to the Show Veterinarian before examination. The Show Veterinarian's decision will be final. People from an infected cattery will not be permitted to officiate at cat shows.
19. All exhibits must pass the veterinarian inspection. Any duly-qualified Veterinary Surgeon shall examine each cat, whether entered or exhibition only, and shall order any cat to be removed from the show if, in their opinion, it is suffering from any contagious disease or has external parasites. Their decision in this regard shall be final. Should the veterinarian reject one of an exhibitor's cats or kittens, all the exhibitor's entries may be rejected.
20. If during the course of the show, an exhibit should be found to be ailing or distressed through any cause, the Show Manager may at her/his discretion request the exhibit to be removed from the hall.
21. Litter trays must be provided by exhibitors. Any restrictions on the type of litter permitted at the show venue must be adhered to.
22. No foodstuffs are allowed in cages prior to or during judging, however drinking water may be provided.
23. Grooming exhibits may be continued until exhibitors are requested to leave the exhibition area prior to commencement of judging. Aerosol sprays, methylated spirits and powders are prohibited in the hall. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in disqualification of the exhibit.

24. Boxes, baskets etc. must be placed out of sight after the exhibit is benched.
25. Late arrivals will only be accepted at the discretion of the Show Manager but exhibits not in their cages when the judges are called to the floor will automatically be disqualified.
26. No cat or kitten may be removed from the vicinity of its cage without special permission of the Show Manager.
27. No exhibit shall be removed from the hall before completion of prize giving without the permission of the Show Manager.
28. No award cards or ribbons, other than those won at the show, may be displayed.
29. All exhibits at CCCA shows are judged according to the Standards of the CCCA. No breed numbers will be used. All breeds and colours will be fully written.
30. The breeds and groups permitted at a CCCA show will be in accordance with the Standard Group at the time agreed to by the affiliate bodies.
31. Desexed adult exhibits shall not compete against entire adult exhibits except for Supreme Exhibit or where special regulations apply (e.g. side classes: eye colour, etc.).
32. Open classes will be used for each individual CCCA recognised colour in each breed except where breeds are not broken into colour classes. Challenge and award certificates will be awarded Best Male, Best Female, Best Neuter and Best Spay in each colour (excepting AOC and Domestic exhibits or where special regulations apply) irrespective of the number of entries, provided that the exhibits reach the standard required by the judge
33. Challenge and Award of Merit Certificates awarded to Supplementary Register must be marked with the letters "SR".
34. A Judge's decision on the merit of an exhibit shall be final unless such decision is contrary to the rules under which the show is conducted. Judges shall be empowered and instructed not to award any prize, Challenge or Award of Merit to any exhibit which they consider is not of sufficient merit.
35. Any exhibit found to be under sedation will be disqualified.
36. UTH
Any cat that shows aggression towards people, especially any cat that bites or deliberately scratches someone, is automatically declared UNABLE TO BE HANDLED (UTH). There is to be no further judging on the day and a readable sign should be displayed on the cage and the owner notified. Any cat declared UTH is disqualified from showing.

Any cat that aggressively attacks any person is marked UNABLE TO BE HANDLED and is automatically disqualified permanently from any further parades, exhibitions or show venues.

UTJ

Any cat that is unable to be safely taken from the cage to the table and handled sufficiently to be judged is to be declared **UNABLE TO BE JUDGED (UTJ)** by the judge and no award is to be made. This is effective in that ring only, with no cumulative effect towards disqualification.

37. Officiating judges may enter exhibits in competition providing they are only entered in sections which they are NOT officiating. Such judges are categorically excluded from conferring with judges of cats in sections in which they are exhibiting and from sitting on any panel, including Supreme Exhibit, in the event that the exhibit owned by them should be presented to such panels.
38. A judge shall not judge an exhibit which he/she directly or indirectly, alone or jointly with another, owns or leases or which they have transferred to a new owner, judge that exhibit within three months of that transfer.

An exhibit will be deemed to be subject of this regulation if it is an exhibit in which the Judge or Judge's spouse or partner or children or parents and siblings have or have had a direct or indirect proprietary interest.
39. Where possible stewards will not assist Judges in classes in which they have entered exhibits.
40. Each judge will submit his Best and Reserve Special Awards to the Show Management for submission to the panel judging Supreme and Reserve Supreme Exhibits. Panel judging may be used at the discretion of the Show Committee for any category, but all decisions of the members of the panel must be by secret ballot.
41. Any complaint regarding the management of the Show must be submitted in writing, together with a \$20.00 fee, to the CCCA Secretary within seven days of the conclusion of the show. The fee will be refunded should the protest be upheld.