

# *Council of Federated Cat Clubs of Queensland Inc.*

## SHOW RULES

1. All shows are conducted under the Rules and Regulations of The Council of Federated Cat Clubs of Queensland Inc.
2. Entry fees must accompany the entry form. Entries not shown **MUST** be paid for. No refunds will be made. Cheques, etc. **MUST** be drawn in favour of the club or body conducting the show.
3. The club reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating a reason.
4. The club reserves the right to replace contracted judges, or appoint additional judges if required, for any reason.
5. All pedigreed exhibits, including kittens aged four months or older, **MUST** be registered and a copy of its current registration certificate attached to the entry form. This will be returned by the show manager. All exhibits domiciled in Queensland, **MUST** be registered with a recognised Queensland governing body. Interstate exhibits **MUST** be registered with a recognised council in the state in which those exhibits are domiciled.
6. All exhibits **MUST** be entered in the show with information (including colour and pattern) as detailed on their registration certificate. Exhibits must be judged according to this information. Exhibits **CANNOT** be reclassified for colour or pattern prior to judging on the day or during judging **BUT ONLY AFTER** all the judging is completed. Reclassification may then be made after examination and agreement by three qualified judges. A pedigree must be provided when reclassification is sought.
7. All exhibits must have front and back claws clipped. It will be at the judge's discretion whether any exhibit in breach of this rule will be penalised.
8. All exhibits must be brought to the show in a suitable carry cage, not on leashes or carried in arms.
9. The age of each exhibit will be calculated to be the actual age on the day of the show and shown on judges slips.
10. No kitten under the age of 10 weeks is permitted to be shown.
11. Registration 'pending' **WILL NOT** be accepted for exhibits over four months of age.
12. Companion exhibits over the age of six months **MUST** be altered (neutered or spayed).
13. Altered (neutered/spayed) kittens under the age of nine months will compete with entire kittens in age classes and for Best in Show Awards.
14. Companion kittens will compete with companion adults for best-in-show awards.
15. When benching time is listed on the schedule, exhibits **MUST** be benched by advertised time. If an exhibitor arrives after stipulated time, and judging has commenced, the exhibitor must forfeit being judged in that ring and wait until the judge has completed the finals in that particular ring, before benching their exhibit/s.
16. No cat is to be entered in shows if it has a history of fractious behaviour. It is the exhibitor's **duty of care** not to expose any judge or official to injury by any exhibit. Judges are not required to restrain or judge any exhibit showing any signs of aggression.
17. When a schedule states that there will be no vetting at the show, a Show Committee may reserve the right to refuse entry to or judging of any exhibit it considers **NOT IN SHOW CONDITION**. When schedule states vetting, then the vet's decision will be final.
18. Female cats obviously in kitten and lactating queens without their Litters **MUST NOT BE SHOWN**.
19. Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchids over the age of nine months may not be shown. Any person who knowingly contravenes this Rule may have their exhibit disqualified and all entry fees forfeited.
20. All adult cats regardless of title will compete for challenges in Open Classes for each breed/colour (male, female, neuter, spay). However, in the case of a PDGC, the challenge can not be used towards Supreme Champion.  
All cats with the title CFCCQ PDGC will compete by group together for a Supreme Challenge; Male/ Female, Altered male/altered female will compete together for the one challenge in the group. The winning cat must have been placed in the top five in show. Platinum DGC who receive 20 awards may apply for the title of CFCCQ Supreme Champion.
21. CCC of A Certificates may only be awarded to the best male, female, neuter, spay of each in Group (i.e. G1, G2 and G3) if they are placed in the final Top 5.
22. In the event of a withheld challenge in an open class or first place declined in a kitten class, no Best in Section or Best of Breed will be awarded if that exhibit is the sole entry in its breed/colour section, nor can it be placed in the Top 10.
23. The judge's decision as to the quality of the exhibit is final. The judge is empowered to withhold any award in any class or special award if, in the judge's opinion, the exhibit does not possess sufficient merit.
24. No exhibit can be removed from the show or from its designated cage, to another without the consent of the show manager. **EXHIBITS CANNOT LEAVE THEIR SHOW CAGES UNTIL ALL JUDGING IS FINALISED**. Challenges may be held and distributed at the end of each show.
25. All complaints regarding the show must be in writing, accompanied by a fee of \$40.00, and in the hands of the show manager within seven days of the show. Fees are refundable if upheld. No complaint against the running of the show will be considered by CFCCQ unless lodged in accordance with this Rule and accompanied by the full fee.
26. All reasonable care will be taken of exhibits. CFCCQ and organising clubs, their officials and members accept **NO** responsibility for any loss or damage to any person, feline or property.
27. An exhibit which is unable to be judged/assessed will receive a UTJ and will be disqualified from that ring only. This only applies to the ring in which it was applied. It does not have a cumulative effect towards disqualification. A yellow UTJ card should be affixed to the front of the cage as a warning to following judges, one copy is to be made available to the owner and one given to the Show Rep.
28. If an exhibit is marked UTH in any ring in a multi-ring show, it is automatically disqualified from subsequent rings on the same day, so this constitutes one UTH report only. The judge will place a RED CARD on the exhibit's cage so following judges or personnel will not attempt to handle the exhibit. A second copy of the RED CARD will be handed to the exhibit's owner. A third copy of the RED CARD showing all details of the exhibit will be handed to the show manager, who in turn will advise the CFCCQ Management Committee with regard to the issuing of the RED CARD. Please be aware that any exhibit that receives **2 UTH cards** is disqualified from entering any more C.F.C.C.Q shows.
29. Any person/s, who by their actions or words intimidate, harass or abuse any judge or show official are liable to disciplinary action.
30. The behaviour of all Exhibitors and Show Personnel is expected to be acceptable at all times, with good sportsmanship in evidence. CFCCQ reserves the right to take disciplinary action against any person in breach of this rule.
31. Smoking is not permitted inside the show hall or within 4 metres of the entrance to the show hall.
32. No ribbons, rosettes, prize cards, certificates, business cards, brochures, etc are to be displayed on show cages during judging. All awards placed on cages are the responsibility of the exhibitor and should be removed after each ring is completed.
33. Cages must be kept clean by exhibitors prior to and after judging. Food and water may be given to exhibits but must be removed from the cage prior to each ring being judged.
34. No powder, aerosol sprays, methylated spirits, or scented herbs, etc. are allowed in the vicinity of the cages. Exhibitors or handlers must not use talcum powder or other like substances on an exhibit while it is caged or in vicinity of other cages.
35. Judges shall be instructed to disqualify an exhibit on which there is colouring matter or excessive powder or evidence of the exhibit having been dyed.
36. Ear tattoos (on altered exhibits only) or microchips under the skin will not penalise an exhibit. An exhibit that has been shaved for the purpose of PKD testing or blood testing may be shown, if a veterinary surgeon's letter stating that was the purpose is provided.
37. Litter trays may be left in cages for litters or young kittens during judging. "Breeders Choice" litter is the preferred litter for use in the show hall.
38. All entries for kitten exhibits must include a copy of their current vaccination certificate with its sticker attached. No unvaccinated kittens are allowed to be shown at CFCCQ shows

39. Litters will automatically receive a double cage at no extra cost. If the dam of such litter is being exhibited, she will be allocated a separate cage in her group and the judges slips will note that she has a litter entered in the show. She may be placed in with her litter only after judging or between Rings.
40. The name of the CFCCQ representative will be listed in the catalogue. The Show Representative will notify Council of any UTH cards awarded and shall be responsible for notifying Council of any noteworthy practices or problems identified.
41. The following awards MUST be noted on judges slips at CFCCQ shows in each Group: BEST, RESERVE and THIRD BEST CATS, KITTENS and ALTERS. Reserve CCCA winners should also be noted.
42. A judge may not judge an exhibit bred by her/him unless a period of three months has elapsed since the exhibit has left the judge's residence.
43. Any judge who is judging at the show on the day, may exhibit in any section or ring other than the one in which she/he is judging. Judges may act as stewards at shows at which they are not officiating in their capacity as a judge.
44. The entry form must contain an Exhibitor's Declaration that states: "I hereby declare that the particulars contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and enter exhibit/s at my own risk. I declare that I am the bona fide owner or lessee, and agree to abide by the Rules of C.F.C.C.Q Inc. under which this show is conducted. My exhibit/s have not been in contact with an infectious/contagious disease within 30 days prior to this show".
45. Mobile phones MUST be in "silent mode" inside the show venue during judging. No judge or exhibitor may answer or converse on a mobile phone in the show ring while judging is in progress.
46. No exhibitor may enter a ring while judging is in progress to attend to an exhibit, unless asked to do so by either the judge or the steward.
47. **Additional information for exhibitors who show at CFCCQ - affiliated shows**
  - A well-stocked first-aid kit will be provided at every show. The show manager will know its location and should be approached by any exhibitor, official or judge requiring first-aid materials.
  - A laminated copy of the Show Rules and Regulations will be displayed in a conspicuous position at every CFCCQ show
  - A fully-marked and accurate catalogue will given to the Registrar (or, if the Registrar is not present, to the CFCCQ representative) at the completion of every show. If that is not possible, a fully-marked copy will be forwarded to the Registrar within seven days of the show. A fully-marked catalogue will be kept by the Secretary of every CFCCQ-affiliated club for a minimum of 12 months following the holding of a show by that CFCCQ-affiliated club.
  - One set of Judge's slips from each show to be sent, with an UNMARKED CATALOGUE, to the Council Secretary within seven days of the show.
  - At CFCCQ, we are committed to providing the best possible learning opportunities for our training and probationary judges. At our shows, you are likely to see judges in training "shadowing" visiting judges and learning as much as possible from these differing opinions. While we do not want to slow judging down, please be aware that some discussion may take place about features of a breed and/or a specific exhibit. This will be an open discussion and should not be seen as anything more than a training opportunity. You will be made aware, prior to judging, that shadowing is occurring in the ring. We thank you for your understanding.