



# **Queensland Feline Association Inc**

## **REGULATIONS AND BY-LAWS**

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## **REGULATIONS AND BY-LAWS OF THE QUEENSLAND FELINE ASSOCIATION Inc.**

1. **NAME:** QUEENSLAND FELINE ASSOCIATION (QFA) INC referred to as "The Council".

2. **MEMBERSHIP**

- (A) Affiliation may be granted to Bona Fide Cat Clubs by decision of the Council at a general meeting.
- (B) Clubs, by accepting affiliation, agree to abide by the Constitution and Rules and Regulations as laid down by QFA Inc.

3. **DEFINITIONS**

- (A) COUNCIL - Queensland Feline Association Inc.
- (B) BONA FIDE CAT CLUB - A group of people conducting orderly meetings, running regular cat shows and active in the promotion of the Cat Fancy in general.
- (C) REGISTER - The register kept by QFA Inc for the purpose of registering cats in accordance with the by-laws and such Rules and Regulations made by the Council.
- (D) REGISTRAR - A person or persons appointed by Council to keep records of registrations

The appointment is to be confirmed at the discretion of the incoming Council after each annual election of officers.

- (E) REGISTERED CAT - Any cat accepted for registration in the register.
- (F) CHAIRMAN - President, Vice-President or person elected from meeting to act in that capacity.
- (G) QFA INC JUDGES' ASSOCIATION - consisting of all judges, both open and junior, registered and approved by QFA Inc.
- (H) DELEGATE - a member of an affiliated club delegated by that body to attend meetings and vote on behalf of said club at meetings of QFA Inc. Also a member of the QFA Inc Judges' Association delegated by that body to attend meetings and vote at meetings of the QFA Inc on behalf of the said Association on matters arising from, or pertaining to the Judges' Association.

A proxy delegate –must be a member of a QFA Inc Affiliated Club. And may be appointed by an affiliate club or by the Judges' Association to attend meetings and vote in the absence of the official delegate, and in the case of clubs outside the metropolitan area, the proxy delegate need not be a member of such club.

4. **AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS OR RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- (A) Any proposed amendment to the rules or by-laws must be voted upon at a general meeting and carried by a simple majority.

5. **OBJECTS AND POWERS**

- (A) To promote in every way the general improvement of the standard, breeding and exhibition of cats
- (B) To conduct, control and lay down rules for cat shows and the exhibition of cats.
- (C) To foster, promote and protect the interest of cats.
- (D) To include a body, known as QFA Inc Judges' Association, which will be responsible (subject to Council approval) for laying down all rules and regulations pertaining to judges and judging of exhibits, and which will be responsible for all aspects of judges' training.
- (E) The standard adopted by the Council shall be the standard of the Australian Cat Federation Inc. which the Council will follow in principle, with any changes approved at a meeting of QFA Inc.

- (F) To keep a register of cats, their breeding, and other relevant details and to make rules and regulations therefore.
- (G) To award challenge certificates, allot titles and make regulations therefore.
- (H) To fix fees and charges for services rendered under (F) and (G) and any other services provided by QFA Inc.
- (I) To fix honoraria to be paid to officers as directed by Council.
- (J) To grant Life membership for services rendered to Council. Life membership is conditional in such as recipients have no voting powers at an AGM unless as a delegate.
- (K) To subscribe to and become associated or affiliated with any other bodies whose objects are kindred to the objects of QFA Inc and to accept affiliation from such body.
- (L) To make or suspend Rules and Regulations and to do any other lawful acts as are incidental to or conducive to the attainment of any or all of the objects and power set out above.

**6. OFFICERS** shall consist of:

- (A) PRESIDENT - to be elected annually.
- (B) VICE-PRESIDENTS (2) - to be elected annually.
- (C) HONORARY SECRETARY – to be elected annually.
- (D) ASSISTANT SECRETARY - to be elected annually.
- (E) HONORARY TREASURER - to be elected annually
- (F) The above Officers, together with the Registrar/s shall be deemed to comprise the "Executive Committee" of the QFA Inc.
- (G) Any delegate may be co-opted at any general meeting of the Council to act on any Committee convened by the Council or to act on behalf of the Council at any meeting where a Council representative is required.
- (H) In urgent matters regarding cats' welfare the Office Bearers may deal with any matters affecting the good of QFA Inc and, provided that the resolution was made in good faith and in accordance with the Rules and By-Laws, the Association will indemnify the Committee to the full extent of any liability incurred by the Committee as a result of such a resolution.

**7. DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

- (A) PRESIDENT - shall preside as Chairman at meetings convened by QFA Inc.
- (B) VICE-PRESIDENTS – Shall act as Chairman in the absence of the President at any meeting.
- (C) HONORARY SECRETARY – shall convene and attend meetings of Council and Committees, keep a record of proceedings at such meetings, keep the records and correspondence and act generally under the direction of Council and to act as Property Officer.
- (D) ASSISTANT SECRETARY – shall assist the Honorary Secretary in compiling and recording minutes of meetings and other duties as required.
- (E) HONORARY TREASURER - shall be responsible for all matters of finance, including payment of accounts and collection of monies due to Council; shall keep any relative books of record of finance and preparation of accounts and shall act generally under direction of Council. Shall present at each meeting a statement of balance of account, and at each annual general meeting a statement of accounts for the previous year from 1st July to 30th June.
- (F) REGISTRAR - shall keep complete registers of all registrations of pedigreed cats, Companion cats prefixes, matings, litters, transfers, and granting of higher status, in the manner laid down in the Rules and Regulations of the QFA Inc.

## **8. PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS**

- (A) ANNUAL MEETING: There shall be an annual meeting of the QFA Inc which shall be held in July of each year on a date selected by the Chairman for the purpose of:-
1. Receiving reports from Officers
  2. Receiving the Treasurer's annual report on statement of accounts
  3. Election of Officers
  4. Appointment of Auditors of accounts if required
  5. Any other business specified in the notice convening the meeting
- (B) GENERAL MEETING: Ordinary general meetings of the QFA Inc shall be held monthly on a date selected by the Chairman for the purpose of:
1. Receiving the reports from Officers
  2. Conducting any business relative to the operation of QFA Inc
- (C) SPECIAL MEETINGS: shall be convened by the Secretary as directed by the Chairman on the request in writing by the Officers or not less than two-thirds of delegates. Such meeting shall be within fourteen (14) days of such request. Notice in writing shall be given by the Secretary to all delegates and officers of such meeting and the business to be transacted thereat.
- (D) VOTING: At the meetings, questions shall be decided by a show of hands unless a poll is required by a simple majority of delegates present whereat the question shall be resolved by secret ballot. Delegates, Life Members and Executive are eligible to vote on matters coming before the Council. The Chairman shall have a casting vote only, and his declaration that a resolution submitted to a show of hands has been carried or lost shall be conclusive evidence of the fact.
- (E) PROPOSALS: Any delegate making a proposal be named in the minutes unless that proposal is specifically for the club that the delegate represents

## **9. DISCIPLINARY POWERS**

- (A) A motion to "review affiliation" of any member can be moved and seconded at a general meeting of Council by any of the delegates present.
- (B) Should such a motion be carried by a simple majority of delegates present, the said Club shall be notified in writing "*that a review of its affiliation will be carried out at the next general meeting of the Council*"
- (C) At a review of affiliation of any Club, the said Club will be deemed disaffiliated from the Council by a two-thirds majority of delegates present voting in favour of disaffiliation
- (D) Any affiliated Club unfinancial for more than three (3) months may be disaffiliated by order of the Council.
- (E) The Complaints Committee shall consist of the current Executive and any delegate may be co-opted onto that committee.
- (F) Any action taken by a Judge contravening the Judges Code of Ethics deemed to be detrimental to the Cat Fancy in general shall be subject to discipline. Any disciplinary action contemplated shall be discussed at one meeting and voted upon the next meeting.

## **10. APPEALS TO QFA INC.**

- (A) An affiliated Club has the right of appeal to the Council against any decision of the Council which affects the said Club as a whole. Notice of intention to appeal outlining the grounds for such appeal must be given in writing within twenty one (21) days. Decision of Council on said appeal is final.
- (B) Any financial member of an affiliated Club has the right of appeal to Council against any decision by QFA Inc. which affects the member individually. Notice of intention to

appeal outlining the grounds for such appeal must be in writing and received within twenty one (21) days. Decision of the Council on the said appeal is final.

**11. DISBANDMENT OF COUNCIL**

The Council shall be disbanded upon the decision of the delegates at a special meeting called for such purpose voting UNANIMOUSLY for disbandment. After deciding to disband, the special meeting shall elect a liquidation committee comprising three (3) persons. The liquidation Committee shall compile a list of inventory of all capital and assets of the Council and dispose of same as directed by the delegates at the special meeting.

**12. EXECUTIVE OR OFFICE BEARER'S ALLEGIANCE**

No member of the Executive, or delegate to the Council of the QFA Inc, or an office bearer of an affiliated club of QFA Inc, nor any Judge of the QFA Inc Panel shall be a member of, or register stock with a Queensland Council or Queensland Club not affiliated with QFA Inc.

**13. INTERPRETATION OF CONSTITUTION, RULES & REGULATIONS OF QFA INC**

The Committee of QFA Inc comprising all officers, shall be sole authority for the interpretation of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of QFA inc or upon any matter affecting the Council not provided in the same. The Committee's decision is final and binding on members of QFA Inc.

## QFA INC RULES RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF CATS

### 1. PREFIXES

A person may apply for a breeding Prefix from the age of sixteen (16) years

- (A) Every Queensland breeder is required to register a cattery prefix with a recognised Queensland governing body.
- (B) Four (4) names in order of preference are to be submitted on the application form and returned to the Registrar together with the prescribed fee. Select all names carefully, as prefixes will not be changed once they have been checked and approved. Holders of prefixes whose names are changed (either by marriage or deed poll) must notify the Registrar of such name change. However, the prefix itself cannot be changed.
- (C) Prefixes shall consist of one word and shall not include hyphens, dashes, apostrophes. QFA Inc. will not register a cattery name in the form of an affix, e.g. "QUEEN OF MAYBURY". The cattery name must come first, e.g. "MAYBURY QUEEN". As a guide to breeders, below is a list of words or types of words THAT ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE AS PREFIXES, and are to be avoided:-

Christian Names, e.g. TOM/ZOE

Flower Names, e.g. ROSE/VIOLET

Town Names, e.g. ROMA/ESK

Colour Names, e.g. LILAC/SILVER

Jewel Names, e.g. RUBY/TOPAZ

ALSO TO BE AVOIDED ARE WORDS LIKE "MISTY", "HAZE", "STAR", "BREEZE", "MOON", "PURR", "PUSS", "KAT" etc. Street names are acceptable if suitable.

Prefixes must be approved and registered. No breeder may apply a prefix to a cat's name without first having registered the prefix.

- (D) NO BREEDER MAY KNOWINGLY USE THE PREFIX OF ANOTHER BREEDER EITHER AS A PREFIX OR IN THE COMMON NAME OF A CAT. A registered prefix is not transferable.
- (E) Prefixes must be renewed annually and a Breeder's registration fee must be paid by the 31<sup>st</sup> July in each year. Failure to fulfil any of the provisions of the QFA Inc breeders' code of Ethics, sign the current agreement and pay the prescribed fees may preclude the breeder from using the services of the QFA Inc. Payment of Breeders registration fee does not constitute membership of QFA Inc.
- (F) A person who applies for a prefix after 30<sup>th</sup> April will be considered financial until 31<sup>st</sup> July the following year.
- (F) Every breeder should be aware that if a written complaint is received about him/her, then the QFA Inc. may withdraw its services pending a resolution of the complaint.
- (G) Use of a Prefix shall lapse on the death of the holder and shall not be used again for twenty (20) years. However, on the death of the holder of the Registered Prefix; any member of their family may apply for transfer of the prefix to their name, subject to an annual renewal fee being paid.
- (H) Should a breeder decide to cease breeding, the prefix may be lapsed on written application to the Registrar. Such prefix is not to be used again by another breeder for twenty (20) years.
- (I) Persons wishing to register an interstate or overseas prefix with the QFA Inc. shall apply in accordance with Rule 1(A)
- (J) In purchasing entire pedigree stock Breeders cannot/will not transfer feline before buyer has applied for a Prefix.
- (K) QFA Inc will not accept any future 'Prefix' applications from breeders domiciled in any other State (Interstate)

## 2. RULES FOR FULL REGISTER AND EXPERIMENTAL BREEDING PROGRAMMES

### (A) Full Register.

The full register is for purpose of recording the pedigrees of fully registered cats. Cats must have at least four (4) generations of immediate ancestry of the same breed/type i.e. a pedigree that extends back for at least four (4) generations of fully registered breeding or which fulfils the requirements of the QFA Inc. rules for experimental breeding, (and these cats having been transferred from the sub-register).

All pedigrees issued must bear the breed/variety colour (and the generation number if applicable) and the registration number for each cat entered on the pedigree. Once on full register a cat is no longer subject to the checks and examinations of sub-register status, but in some cases the council may require matings before full registration is permitted.

Full registration implies not only that a cat conforms to the standard of points to some degree (even if of very poor type), but that it will transmit to its progeny the definitive type of its breed (coat length and texture in any of the colour or pattern varieties recognised for the breed) and will not transmit alien or undesirable characteristics of this sort. If a new colour/pattern variety is admitted to full register, then by default all colour/pattern varieties consequent from matings with existing colour/pattern varieties should also be admissible.

In those breeds where a new variety of colour/pattern/coat is regarded as undesirable or a serious fault, the potential carrier will not be accepted on full register until that potential has been eliminated to the satisfaction of the Council. . Notwithstanding the above, any cat or kitten which in the previous two (2) Generations of its pedigree has an ancestor, which has been sold as non-breeding stock, prior to or at the time of mating of that cat, shall NOT be admissible to the full register EXCEPT with the written permission of the breeder.

Registrations MUST be submitted in a format approved by QFA inc.

### (B) SUB REGISTER

Any breeder who wishes to carry out experimental breeding must apply to the QFA Inc. (together with a breeding programme) for permission to do so and must adhere at all times to the rules regarding such providing an experimental breeding licence is granted. Upon approval being given to the breeder to proceed with the fully outlined programme, the non-registered animals will be recorded. Every litter must be notified in the usual way. The progeny of the first cross between two breed/types, or one registered parent and one unregistered parent, will be known as Generation One (SR1) and will be recorded as Sub-Register indicating that they carry the necessary factors to produce the intended breed/variety, even if they do not display them. Provisional stock will be under the breeder's normal registered Prefix. Progeny resembling the intended breed or variety (prototypes) produced from mating generation one to generation one, or back-crossing to the basic breed/type, will be known as Generation Two (SR2).

Although cats on sub-register may be mated with cats on full register, the offspring will be only one generation more than the sub-register parent, e.g. the mating of a generation one cat to a fully registered cat would produce generation two progeny. In certain breeds dilutions of colour may appear in any generation. All colour variants of the same breed in one litter will be registered with the same generation number. Registrations in the sub-register will be grouped according to the breed aimed at, i.e. Persian type or Siamese type.

The Generation number (denoted by SR1, SR2 etc) will be included with the registration number, and all pedigrees issued must include the SR number (if this exists) for each cat stated on the pedigree. The offspring of the fourth generation cats will be eligible for full register if, in the opinion of the Council or its appointed sub-committee, they are typical of the programmed breed and of sound health. Breeders should apply in writing to have the new breed/variety accepted for full

register. Breeders not wishing to complete the programme to fifth generation must notify QFA Inc. and the Registrar, and stock can be transferred to another breeder, upon that breeder gaining permission from QFA Inc. to carry on this programme. Breeders may use sub-register stock bred outside the state, provided that proper records and registration of the stock are obtainable, and the Council for its use in the breeding programme gives approval. Entire sub-register cats and kittens may be passed to breeder's interstate without restriction, provided that the QFA Inc. Registrar affects the transfer. Any breach of regulations will result in cancellation of approval for experimental breeding and the registration of all animals involved. The Council may also proceed to take other disciplinary action under its general rules and regulations. **NO BREEDER IS PERMITTED TO CROSSBREED WITHOUT AN EXPERIMENTAL LICENCE.**

### **RECOGNISED INTERMATINGS**

**GROUP 1 - Persian/Exotic matings are permitted. Other breeds cannot be intermated.**

**GROUP 2 - All breeds in Group 2 may be intermated.**

**GROUP 3 – LA PERM** – No pedigree outcrosses are permitted – only permissible outcross domestic.

NOTE: In Group 3, the only allowable outcrosses for Manx are British Shorthairs. The only allowable outcrosses for Scottish Folds, are British Shorthairs and Scottish Shorthairs.

**Manx can only be mated to British. Manx to Manx NOT permitted**

**Scottish Folds can only be mated to British Shorthairs and Scottish Shorthairs.  
Scottish Fold to Scottish Fold NOT permitted**

Other breeds cannot be intermated

Shorthaired progeny from a shorthair x semi-longhair mating will be considered shorthair variants, and will carry the letters VAR behind the corresponding shorthair number. e.g. a shorthaired seal point kitten from a Siamese x Balinese mating would be classed a Siamese Variant, and will carry the notation VAR in its registration number as will the Abyssinian x Somali mating will be classed as Abyssinian Variant and will carry the notation VAR in its registration number This identification will apply to all subsequent generations.

Progeny from a silver cat will carry the letter (s) behind their registration number. This identification will apply to all subsequent generations.

### **QFA INC. SCALE OF CHARGES as per current QFA Inc Web Site listing**

#### **3. APPLICATION FOR LITTER REGISTRATION AND CAT REGISTRATION**

- (A) Kittens must be registered within nine (9) months of date of birth. The owner of the registered Sire must complete certificates of Stud Service on appropriate application form.
- (B) A cat's name must not include punctuations and ordinal numbers. Eg hyphens, question marks etc).
- (C) All cats used for breeding and/or exhibiting must be registered. Only the Breeder is eligible to register a cat and must hold a current cattery prefix. Certificates may be issued at the request of the Breeder to state that the animal is "DESEXED" "TO BE DESEXED", "PET ONLY" OR "NOT TO BE TRANSFERRED AGAIN ENTIRE". Cats being transferred interstate without a certified pedigree will have their Certificate of Registration annotated "NOT FOR SHOW OR BREEDING PURPOSES"
- (D) The Breeder is required to register and name litter kittens either in the name of the Breeder, or directly into the name of the new owner.
- (E) The breeder must be the registered owner or registered lessee of the Dam at the time of birth of the kittens, and the Dam **MUST BE** registered with QFA Inc.

- (F) The Sire where owned by the breeder must be registered with QFA Inc. Where the Sire is not owned by the breeder, the Sire must be registered with a recognised governing body. Where the Sire is registered with a body other than QFA Inc photocopies of the registration certificate and a certified pedigree is required by the Registrar, when application is made for Litter registration.
- (G) Stock purchased by a QFA Inc registered breeder that has been purchased from overseas, interstate or from a breeder registered with a recognised Queensland body other than QFA Inc, may be accepted into the Register on a re-registration basis only. This is to be effected within two (2) months of purchase. The purchaser is required to supply the ORIGINAL registration certificate and a certified pedigree from the country, state or Queensland body of origin, duly transferred into the QFA Inc registered breeder's name.
- (H) All cats domiciled in the State of Queensland and used for breeding and/or exhibiting must be registered with a recognised Queensland governing body, and only the Queensland registration number will be used in regard to breeding and exhibiting.
- (I) QFA Inc. shall be entitled at their absolute discretion to refuse registration without giving a reason.

#### 4. CHANGING REGISTRATION PARTICULARS

- (A) Any cat or kitten once registered shall not have its name changed except with the approval of the QFA Inc. A name once registered shall not be used again for twenty (20) years. A change of name shall be permitted in the case of the wrong sex being registered, e.g. GEORGE to GEORGINA.
- (B) Every cat registered shall have the breeder's prefix as the first word of its name.
- (C) The QFA Inc cannot accept responsibility for errors in certificates of registration and transfer.
- (D) The Registrar will correct clerical errors in certificates returned within fourteen (14) days free of charge.
- (E) Where the breeder has incorrectly registered the colour and/or sex, a charge shall be made for each alteration. A charge will also be made for a replacement Certificate. The Registrar shall be empowered, on application of owner, to change the colour of a cat up to age of nine (9) months where there has been difficulty in deciding the correct colour.
- (F) Where the Registrar considers that a registration or a change of registration is in doubt as to its correct colour, the cat shall be placed before a panel of three (3) Judges appointed by QFA Inc. for re-classification. Before registration is changed a full pedigree must be submitted. An owner may apply to the Registrar on the prescribed form for a panel of Judges to be set up. An appeal against any decision may be made to QFA Inc.
- (G) Where a titled cat is re-classified all titles gained prior to re-classification will be forfeited.

#### 5. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP, LEASES ETC.

- (A) Upon the sale, exchange, lease or gift of a cat for breeding/exhibiting, the transfer of ownership section on the original certificate must be completed and lodged by the breeder/ current owner with the Registrar WITHIN 7 DAYS of sale or disposition. A new certificate in the new owner's name will be forwarded to the Breeder/prior owner once the Registrar has recorded the transfer. The breeder/prior owner must hand over or send the new certificate to the new owner as soon as practicable. NO ENTIRE CAT MAY BE TRANSFERRED MORE THAN 3 TIMES. Breeder to new owner constitutes first transfer. Sale, gift, lease, loan are all considered transfers.
- (B) Any Entire stock being transferred In-State, Interstate, or Overseas will only be transferred with a Certified Pedigree'

- (C) The Breeder shall retain the right to withhold transfers for pet stock until proof of desexing.
- (D) A notice of lease, verified by submission of transfer by the registered owner of the cat, with the appropriate fee, must be lodged with the Registrar within one (1) month, and application for transfer back to the original owner must be applied for, with the appropriate fee, upon the expiration of such lease within one (1) month.
- (E) An expiry date for the lease must be stated.

#### 6. VERIFICATION OF REGISTRATION PARTICULARS

Any registration particulars required by the owner of a registered cat may be obtained from the Registrar upon payment of the prescribed fee.

#### 7. APPLICATION FOR HIGHER STATUS

Higher Status must be applied for through the Registrar on the approved application form with the prescribed fee once the cat concerned gains the required number of points. Points will be allotted on the basis of ten (10) points per challenge, plus one (1) point for every cat in the OPEN class (including the Challenge winner).

#### ALLOCATION OF CHALLENGES AND RESERVE CHALLENGES AT Q.F.A. INC. SHOWS

All cats over 9 months of age compete *together for one (1) challenge in the Open Class for each breed, colour, male-(70pts)- female-neuter-spey-(60pts) up to Gold Double Grand Champion*

*Gold Double Grand Champion- all colours in each breed/type group compete together for one (1) Gold challenge as male-female-neuter-spey. Ten (10) QFA Inc Certificates for upgrade to Platinum Double Grand Champion.*

*Platinum-Sapphire-Ruby-Emerald-Diamond of each separate Group e.g. Longhair/Shorthair (Metropolitan) Group One/Group Two/Group Three (Northern Region) –compete together for one (1) certificate by sex as –male-female-neuter-spay in each separate e.g. Longhair/Shorthair Group G1 –G2 –G3- for one certificate . Ten (10) QFA Inc certificates per upgrade.*

***Original challenges or photocopies thereof must be submitted with the application. The Registrar will not return them. A record of the cat's history will be returned with the certificate, showing amongst other things, the number of points carried over towards the next higher status.***

***A.C.F.Inc AWARDS MAY ONLY BE AWARDED TO 'TITLED' OR 'UNTITLED' EXHIBITS placed in the 'TOP 5' at a Show in Group One(1) -Group Two(2) -Group Three (3) in each Ring as male – female – neuter – spey.***

#### ***GROUP 4 Companion (must be desexed by six (6) months.***

AWARDS OF MERIT for Group 4 one (1) Award of Merit for each colour points to be the same as pedigree exhibits Sixty points (60) per Higher Status elevation up Double Grand Champion, One hundred (100) points required from Double Grand Champion to Gold Double Grand Champion status by a recognised governing body.

#### 8. TITLE

A cat shall not be described or referred to in any way other than by its registered name and registration number. NO CAT MAY BE REFERRED TO OR ENTERED IN ANY SHOW using its higher status, unless the application is in the hands of the Registrar.

#### 9. EXHIBITION 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 recognised breed/variety. In adult OPEN classes cats will be eligible for challenge certificates application to the QFA Inc. for higher status should be made as for full

register cats. No indication that the cat or kitten is sub-registered shall be shown in the Judges book. Sub-register cats and kittens may compete for BEST OF BREED and BEST IN SHOW awards.

10. QFA INC. CAT AND KITTEN OF THE YEAR (METROPOLITAN)

The awards shall be QFA Inc. CAT OF THE YEAR, ENTIRE & DESEXED GROUPS longhair and shorthair and companion, and KITTEN OF THE YEAR, longhair and shorthair. RESERVE and Third placings will also be awarded Points shall be allocated 100 for Best in Show, 75 for Reserve and 50 for Third plus a point for every cat beaten in that individual ring. However, no cat or kitten shall be eligible for these awards unless having won at least two (2) Best in Show awards, reserve placing's notwithstanding.

**SHOW MANAGERS/SECRETARIES ARE REQUIRED TO SEND TWO (2) ACCURATELY MARKED CATALOGUES TO THE COUNCIL SECRETARY AND ONE TO THE DESIGNATED POINT SCORER WITHIN SEVEN DAYS. Please ensure all absentees are marked.**

11. QFA INC. CAT & KITTEN OF THE YEAR (NORTHERN)

The awards shall be QFA Inc. CAT OF THE YEAR, ENTIRE AND DESEXED GROUPS 1, 2, 3 & 4 . KITTEN OF THE YEAR GROUPS 1, 2. & 3. Reserve only will be awarded.

**SHOW MANAGERS/SECRETARIES ARE REQUIRED TO SEND THREE (3) ACCURATELY MARKED CATALOGUES TO THE COUNCIL SECRETARY AND ONE TO THE DESIGNATED POINT SCORER WITHIN SEVEN DAYS. Please ensure all absentees are marked.**

12. PREFIX OF THE YEAR (METROPOLITAN & NON-METROPOLITAN)

Points are allocated 100 for Best in Show, 75 for Reserve, 50 for Third in respect of entire cat/kittens/desexed plus .

13. BREED EXHIBIT OF THE YEAR (METROPOLITAN & NORTHERN) Awarded to Kittens, Entire or Desexed Cats, which have won the most awards for Best of Breed Exhibit. Cat must achieve best of breed in three separate shows.

**\*CURRENT QFA RULES (DOWNLOADED FROM THE WEB  
SITE) MUST BE INCLUDED IN EVERY SHOW SCHEDULE\***

**QUEENSLAND FELINE ASSOCIATION INC**

**SHOW RULES**

A complete copy of the QFA Inc Rules will be available at the Show for exhibitors' perusal

VETERINARY RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. Veterinary inspection of exhibits at show is optional.
2. If the Club chooses to have exhibits examined by a Veterinarian, this may be done at the door prior to benching, or after exhibits have been placed in cages.
3. Whichever option is used is to be stated on schedule.
4. Cats, which are, in the opinion of the Veterinarian, unfit for exhibition, will be removed from the hall immediately. If, in the opinion of the Veterinarian, it is so desirable, all exhibits from the same cattery, and the owner thereof, shall be banned from attending the show. **THE VETERINARIAN'S DECISION IS FINAL.**
5. Cats or kittens, which are brought to the show after the specified time for veterinary inspection, shall not be permitted within the precincts of the show. When exhibits arrive after the specified time for veterinary inspection, and there is a reasonable excuse for the late arrival, the show manager or his/her deputy may permit the exhibits to be examined by a Veterinarian (if necessary at the expense of the exhibitor), or a suitable QFA Inc. representative, and if passed, the exhibit shall be eligible to compete.
6. Cats and kittens must have clean ears, and coats free from any external parasites. Strict attention is to be paid to this rule.
7. Any cat or kitten found to be under the influence of drugs at any time during the show, will be subject to expulsion from the show, on the authority of a veterinarian.
8. Veterinarians appointed by clubs to inspect cats and kittens must be instructed to refuse admission to cats obviously in kitten, and lactating queens without their litters.
9. If a benched exhibit is evincing signs of distress at any time during the show, it may be removed at the discretion of the show manager. If, in the opinion of the veterinarian, any exhibit requires veterinary treatment, then the owner of the exhibit shall be deemed to have duly authorised treatment, unless the owner has forbidden such treatment in writing, at the time of lodging entries. The owner agrees to indemnify the club and the veterinarian against all damages, claims and demands of whatever nature arising out of any action taken under this rule.

**DISQUALIFICATION UNDER ANY OF THESE RULES WILL RESULT IN ALL ENTRY FEES BEING FORFEITED.**

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DEFINITION OF CLASSES

- CAT: Entire exhibit 9 months and over on show day.
- KITTEN: Exhibit over 10 weeks and under 9 months on show day.
- LITTER: All living progeny of the same birth, over 10 weeks and under four (4) months on show day, belonging to one or joint breeders.
- NEUTER: Male cat/kitten that has been desexed.
- SPEY: Female cat/kitten that has been desexed.
- COMPANION: Exhibit that has not been entered in any classes other than domestic pet classes. It is not judged on official standards, but on condition, quality of coat and temperament only. All exhibits MUST BE DESEXED BY 6 months of age.
- OPEN: All exhibits (except Gold DGC and higher) 9 months and over must be entered in this class. Challenge certificates are awarded in the Open class.
- CHAMPION: Exhibit that has been granted Champion status by a recognised governing body.
- GRAND CHAMPION: Exhibit that has been granted Grand Champion status by a recognised governing Body.
- DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION: Exhibit that has been granted Double Grand Champion status by a recognised governing body.

BRONZE DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION: Exhibit that has been granted Bronze Double Grand Champion status by a recognised governing body.

SILVER DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION: Exhibit that has been granted Silver Double Grand Champion status by a recognised governing body.

GOLD DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION: Exhibit that has been granted Gold Double Grand Champion status by a recognised governing body.

PLATINUM DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION: Exhibit that has been granted Platinum Double Grand Champion status by a recognised governing body. (10 Gold Certificates won at a QFA Inc Show for each level)

All PLATINUM, SAPPHIRE, RUBY, EMERALD, & DIAMOND – of each Group (Longhair)-(Shorthair) compete together for one Certificate as– male – female – neuter – spey.

SUB-REGISTER: All cats on the sub-register are eligible to compete with those cats on full register (See page 11.)

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***QFA Inc only recognise Awards from Affiliates of ACF Inc and CCCA Inc***

***QFA Inc only recognises the qualifications of Judges who are affiliated with governing bodies recognised by ACF Inc.***

***QFA Inc will only recognize the qualifications of judges domiciled in Australia who are affiliated with either ACF Inc or CCCA Inc.***

***An exhibit which is Unable to be Handled (UTH) or is aggressive or causes injury will be disqualified and must be reported to QFA Inc who will notify all other Qld Councils. Two (2) UTH reports with any council will result in that exhibit being barred from entry to all QFA shows permanently. In multi ring shows if an exhibit is marked UTH in any ring, it is automatically disqualified from subsequent (following) rings on the same day, so this constitutes one (1) UTH report only. The judge will place a red card on the exhibit's cage so that following judges or personnel will not attempt to handle the exhibit. The other part of the red card will be handed to the exhibitor.***

***A exhibit which acts less aggressively but is not able to be effectively judged/assessed will be issued with an Unable to be Judged (UTJ) warning and a yellow card will be placed on its cage to warn following judges and personnel of the situation. An exhibit issued with a yellow card is not automatically disqualified from further rings on the day and these warnings alone will not result in barring from shows.***

**QFA Clubs are required to purchase cancellation insurance on judges' airfares.**

## RULES OF THE QUEENSLAND FELINE ASSOCIATION INC. JUDGES' ASSOCIATION

- NAME: Queensland Feline Association Inc. Judges' Association.
- MEMBERSHIP: All Judges on the QFA. Inc. panel.
- OBJECTS: To promote better standards of judging and maintain a high standard of personal conduct of QFA. Inc. Judges.
- OFFICERS: President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, Delegate to Council to be elected annually.
- MEETINGS: Annual meeting: There shall be an annual meeting of the QFA Inc. Judges' Association on a date to be selected in the first quarter of each year. Ordinary General Meetings shall be convened at intervals determined by the members, or at the request of the Secretary.
- VOTING: At the meetings a simple majority shall decide questions. Split decisions shall be voted upon at the next general meeting.
- AMENDMENTS: Notice of any proposed amendment to these rules shall be tabled at least two calendar months prior to such amendments being considered for approval. Rules and regulations may be amended or suspended by resolution if carried by a majority of 75% of members present at that meeting.
- DISBANDMENT: The Association shall be disbanded upon the decision of members present at a special meeting and voting UNANIMOUSLY for such disbandment.

### SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR JUDGES TRAINING:

Member clubs of QFA INC., by invitation of the QFA INC. or the QFA Inc. Judges' Association or by personal application may propose candidates. Acceptance must be approved at a general meeting of the Council and candidates **MUST** meet certain requirements, which shall include a specified number of stewarding appointments and administrative duties at QFA Inc. shows.

Must have been a Breeder and Exhibitor in the Pedigree Group applied for, for a minimum period of 5 years

MUST be an accredited QFA Inc Steward, have completed the QFA show managers' course, acted as show secretary/entry clerk at a minimum of two (2) QFA Inc shows and show manager at a minimum of two (2) QFA Inc shows, before being eligible for selection for a Companion Course.

MUST be a qualified Companion Judge before being eligible to commence a Pedigree Judges Course.

The minimum age for candidates is 18 years.

The experience/qualifications of persons transferring from other councils will be considered on a case by case basis.

CADET JUDGES: This refers to all candidates during training.

JUNIOR JUDGES: Cadet Judges who have passed examinations, theory and practical, set by the Judges' examining panel, and who have the level of Junior Judge, will serve a minimum of five (5) separate kitten appointments over a period of not less than twelve (12) months, at the discretion of the Tutor panel. Companion Judges will serve a minimum of three (3) Companion appointments over a period of not less than four (4) months, **An Open QFA Inc. Judge must be in attendance at all probationary appointments and must give a written assessment of the probationary Judge's performance to the Senior Tutor Judge.**

Junior Judges on the QFA Inc. panel will-only be allowed to judge at QFA shows.

**OPEN JUDGES:** Junior Judges who have completed the probationary conditions listed under Junior Judge to the satisfaction of the QFA. Inc. Tutor Panel and have obtained approval of the QFA Council.

**JUDGES' EXAMINING PANEL:** Open Judges who have had a minimum of three (3) years experience judging in the Breed/Groups, which they are qualified to judge will be selected on suitability and experience.

Lectures and examinations shall be carried out by the approved Longhair and Shorthair Tutor panels. Licences will be issued in the following categories:-

(Longhair) GROUP 1

(Shorthair) GROUP 2 & 3

ALL BREEDS

(Companion) GROUP 4

**QFA Inc Judges Licences:** (issues or withdraws) ALL Judges Licences are issued or withdrawn in accordance with QFA Inc rules.

**ETHICS:** A Judge must act at all times in a dignified way, not at any time bringing the cat Fancy or QFA Inc. into disrepute.

**APPOINTMENTS:** A QFA Inc Judge is not permitted to judge or exhibit at any Cat Association other than those recognised by ACF Inc

Judges are requested to give first preference to QFA Inc. affiliated clubs when accepting appointments.

Judges are to return contracts and notify the QFA Inc. Secretary as soon as possible of coming appointments from all Governing bodies. A record will be kept to avoid confusion and to keep affiliate clubs informed of the position in relation to availability of Judges.

Judges must allow two clear weekends between judging appointments in the same Group within the same Qld region.

**CONCILIATION:** When it is necessary for Judges to confer to select a special award and a satisfactory decision cannot be reached within a reasonable time, the Show Manager shall be advised of the impasse and the Judge who is the longest serving Open Judge shall then be asked to make the award.

**JUDGES FROM OTHER GOVERNING BODIES:** Application must be directed to the Secretary of the QFA Inc. and be supported by full and satisfactory documentary evidence as to the applicant's efficiency and qualifications. Letter of reference from previous affiliated body may be requested at the discretion of the Council.