

Queensland Feline Association Inc

SHOW RULES

This Show is conducted under the Rules and Regulations of the QFA Inc
A complete copy of the QFA Inc Rules will be available at the Show for exhibitors' perusal

General Show Administration

1. Fees must accompany the Entry Form. Entries not shown MUST be paid for. No refunds will be made. Cheques etc MUST be drawn in the favour of the Club or Body conducting the Show.
2. The Club reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating a reason.
3. The Club reserves the right to replace contracted judges or appoint additional judges if required.
4. The entry Form itself must contain an Exhibitors Declaration: "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 bonafide Owner or Lessee, and agree to abide by the Rules of QFA Inc under which this Show is conducted. My exhibit/s have not been in contact with an infectious/contagious disease within thirty (30) days prior to this Show.
5. Clubs must nominate a Member of the Executive or Delegate or a judge of QFA Inc to act as QFA Inc Representative at QFA Inc Shows, such representatives to be noted on Show Schedules.
6. All complaints regarding the Show must be in writing and accompanied by a fee of twenty (\$20.00) dollars and in the hands of the Show Manager within seven (7) days of the Show. Fees are refundable if upheld. No complaint against the running of the Show will be entertained by QFA Inc unless lodged in accordance with this Rule.
7. **No exhibit can be removed from the Show or from their designated (by the Show Manager) cage, to another without the consent of the Show Manager. EXHIBITS CANNOT LEAVE SHOW CAGE UNTIL ALL JUDGING IS FINALISED.**
8. All reasonable care will be taken of exhibits. QFA Inc and organizing Clubs, their Officials and Members accept NO responsibility for any loss or damage to any person, feline or property.
9. Any Judge appointed to judge at QFA Inc sanctioned shows may not judge an exhibit bred by themself unless a period of six (6) months has elapsed since the exhibit left their residence.
10. Any judge who is active on the floor of the Show may exhibit in any Section or Ring other than the one in which they are judging. Judges may act as Stewards at OPEN SHOWS only. Judges are permitted to bench their own exhibits but must bench early and leave the cage area immediately.

Registration of Exhibits

11. **A photocopy of the registration certificate for each exhibit must accompany the entry summary form. The only exception is for kittens under the age of 16 weeks where registration is pending. In this situation the relevant details must be filled in on the entry form.**
12. All exhibits (except Companions) MUST be registered, and registration number listed on the Entry Form. All exhibits domiciled in Queensland, MUST be registered with a recognized Queensland Governing Body. Only the Queensland registration number will be accepted. (ACF Inc/CCCA Inc recognized throughout Australia). For interstate/overseas transfers "Upon the sale, exchange, lease or gift of a cat for breeding/exhibiting, the transfer of ownership section on the original certificate must be lodged with the Registrar WITHIN TWO (2) CALENDAR MONTHS of such disposition".
13. Registration 'Pending' WILL NOT be accepted for exhibits over sixteen (16) weeks of age.
14. Entries to QFA Inc sanctioned shows for exhibits registered with bodies other than ACF and CCCA affiliates must be accompanied by a full copy of the pedigree (minimum 4 generations) which includes details of any outcross breeds used where appropriate. Entries must be received in sufficient time to allow the registrar to verify that the exhibits pedigree conforms to ACF/CCCA breeding guidelines.
15. Age of each exhibit will be calculated to be the actual age on the day of Show.
16. No kitten under the age of ten (10) weeks is permitted to be shown.
17. All exhibits must be entered in 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 (3) QFA Inc judges.
18. Companion exhibits over the age of six (6) months must be desexed.
19. Exhibition of Experimental Programme and Sub-Register Exhibits to be in accordance with the current QFA Inc Regulations and By-laws.

Health, Safety and Welfare of Cats

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20. All exhibits must be currently vaccinated to enter in a QFA Inc sanctioned show.
21. All exhibits must have claws clipped (front and back).
22. All exhibits must be brought to the Show in suitable container, not on leashes or carried in arms.
23. When benching time is listed on Schedule, exhibits MUST be benched by advertised time. If exhibitor arrives after stipulated time, and judging has commenced, 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.
24. When Schedule states that there will be no vetting at the Show, a Show Committee may reserve the right to refuse entry to/judging of any exhibit it considers NOT IN SHOW CONDITION.
25. Female cats obviously in kitten or lactating queens without their Litters MUST NOT BE SHOWN.
26. Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchids over the age of nine (9) months, vasectomized males, or females which have undergone tubal ligation, must not be shown. Any person who knowingly contravenes this Rule will have their exhibit disqualified and all entry fees forfeited.
27. Litter trays may be left in cages for young kittens during judging.
28. Litters requiring hire cages will automatically receive a double cage at no extra cost. If the Dam of such Litter is being exhibited, she may only be placed in with her Litter after judging or between Rings.
29. Tattoos (on desexed exhibits only) or microchips under the skin will not penalize an exhibit.
30. Cages must be kept clean by exhibitors prior to and after judging. No food or water to be left in cages until judging is completed for the day.

31. Exhibitor owned cages must be fitted with suitable solid barriers on both sides and back to prevent direct contact between benched cats.

Competing For Awards

32. Neuter or Spey (desexed) kittens under the age of nine (9) months will compete with entire kittens in age classes and for Best in Show Awards.
33. All adult cats with the exception of Companions, Gold Double Grand Champions, Platinum, Sapphire, Ruby, Emerald, and Diamond Double Grand Champions, compete together for one challenge in the Open Class for each breed/colour, Male-Female-Neuter-Spey.
34. Gold Double Grand Champions of all colours in each breed/type Group compete together for one certificate in Male-Female-Neuter-Spey. Platinum, Sapphire, Ruby, Emerald and Diamond Double Grand Champions of each Group (i.e. longhair and shorthair) compete together for one challenge in Male-Female-Neuter-Spey.
35. ACF Certificates may only be awarded to the Best Male - Female - Neuter - Spey of each Group (Gp1, Gp 2, & Gp 3) if they are placed in the Final TOP FIVE.
36. In the event of a 'Withheld Challenge' in an Open Class or first place declined in a Kitten Class, then no Best in Section or Best of Breed shall be awarded if that exhibit is the sole entry in its' Breed/Colour Section.
37. 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 judges' opinion, the exhibit does not possess sufficient merit.
38. The following Awards MUST be made at QFA Inc Shows in each Group - BEST - RESERVE - THIRD BEST CATS, KITTENS and DESEXED. RESERVE CHALLENGE winners should also be noted in the event of a protest or other Show Rule anomaly.

Fractious Cats

39. No cat is to be entered into Shows if it has a history of fractious behaviour. It is the Exhibitors' 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.
40. 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.
41. An 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.

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Exhibitor Behaviour and Etiquette

42. Any person/persons who, by their actions or words, intimidate any judge or Show Official, are liable to disciplinary action.
43. Smoking is not permitted inside Show Hall unless an area is specifically set aside for this purpose.
44. Mobile phones must be in Silent Mode during judging.
45. No ribbons, prize cards, certificates etc are to be displayed during judging, or any won at previous shows displayed.
46. No Alcohol is allowed to be consumed in the Show Hall

Grooming in Show Hall

47. No powder, aerosol sprays or Methylated Spirits 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.
48. Judges shall be instructed to disqualify an exhibit upon which there is colouring matter or powder residue.
49. Exhibits cannot be groomed/titivated during judging while the judge is in the Ring (Stewards cleaning after an exhibit's mishap not included in this Rule). If mishap occurs QFA Inc Show Representative must be informed.

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