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RULES

**FOR THE REGISTRATION
AND SHOWING OF CATS**

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Evasion or breach of any of GCCF Rules or of the articles of its Byelaws may, and often will, lead to disciplinary action and you are advised to familiarise yourself with all sections of the Rules and with the Byelaws. These are obtainable from the GCCF Office.

Except where the context demands otherwise, the word "cat" in these rules includes kittens and neuters. A kitten is defined as a young cat under nine calendar months of age. Thus a kitten born on 12th January becomes a cat (adult) on the following 12th October.

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SECTION 1

THE REGISTER

REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

Active and Non-Active Registers

- 1a.** Only cats/kittens required for breeding purposes should be registered on the Active Register. All male cats used at stud must have a Certificate of Entirety from a UK based veterinary practice deposited with the GCCF prior to the date of application for registration of any of their first litter of kittens, and prior to their owners' acceptance for mating purposes of a queen registered to another breeder. They must be uniquely identifiable at the time of the examination by microchip or alphanumeric tattoo; the number of which is noted on the certificate and included in the cat's own veterinary records.
(Amended 21.10.2015, 1.11.21 & note added 25.10.25)
- Note:** The Board has discretion to allow the non-active registration of progeny from a non-certified male in exceptional circumstances. The owner of the dam must be the owner of the sire. The male must have veterinary certification of death or neutering, and a certificate of neutering from a veterinary practice must accompany the registration application for each of his progeny.
- 1b.** In some breeds the registration policy may require that cats are tested clear for specific diseases/conditions before being eligible for registration on the Active Register.
- 1c.** Cats/kittens which are not required for breeding should be registered on the Non-Active Register. Progeny of cats on the Non-Active Register will not be registered. All cats will be registered as XLH/XSH with non-active status if they are not allowed for by the appropriate Breed Advisory Committee within an approved registration policy or are not part of an experimental breeding programme that has been sanctioned by the GCCF's Genetics Committee. The certificates of these cats will be over stamped: "This is a non-permitted outcross within the GCCF breed registration policies". (Amended 28.10.23)
- 1d.** Kittens resulting from matings between i) mother to son, ii) father to daughter and iii) full siblings will be registered on the Non-Active Register unless dispensation for Active Registration has been granted by the relevant BAC and/or approved by Board of Directors. This must be supplied when applying for registration or at any other time the breeder makes an application to transfer the cat from the Non-Active to the Active Register NOTE: Details on dispensation can be found in the GCCF Breeding Policy Document 4:10. (Existing rules 1d & 1e become 1e & 1f respectively) (added / amended 02.03.11)
- 1e.** ONLY the breeder or person who first registered the cat may apply to transfer a cat from the Non-Active to the Active Register, if permitted by the current registration policy for the breed in question, on payment of the appropriate fee, except where in special circumstances the Board of Directors may order a transfer. Dispensation from the Board of Directors will be required if a cat over two years is to be on the active register (see rule 1:4 age limits). (Amended 22.10.14)
- 1f.** The registered owner ONLY may apply to transfer a cat from the Active to the Non-Active Register, on payment of the appropriate fee, except where in special circumstances the Board of Directors may order a transfer. If at the time of application the cat has been sold, the legal owner must also sign the application. (Amended 24.10.12)
- 1g.** Before any progeny may be registered from any breed of white cat, male or female, this cat must have had a BAER or OAE certificate of freedom from unilateral or bilateral deafness submitted to the GCCF Office. White cats without such certification will be registered on the non-active register until such time as the required certificate is sent and an application for transfer to the active register is made. Cats should be microchipped when tested with the number recorded on the test result and the cat's own veterinary records. (Added 24.02.2016, Effective 01.06.2016)

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Note: Vendors must advise buyers/potential buyers in writing that white cats may be deaf from soon after birth in one or both ears. (Added 19.6.19)

- 1h.** When DNA tests and/or health checks are mandatory for active status on the GCCF register (as at 1e and 1g) the breeder, or the person who first registered the cat, will not be charged a fee for a change from non-active status. Note: those who buy cats from breeders with the condition that change of status will be applied for when a satisfactory test result is obtained should have a signed statement of this commitment at the time of sale. (Added 14.06.2017)

Genetic Register

- 2a.** A registration policy may direct that cats which have not been tested clear for a specific disease/condition shall be registered on the Genetic Register if required for breeding.
- 2b.** The registration policy will direct the method by which cats on the Genetic Register, and/or their progeny, may be cleared for registration on the Active Register.
- 2c.** Cats registered on the Genetic Register will be over stamped 'Placed on the Genetic Register'.
- 2d.** The breeder ONLY may apply to transfer a cat from the Non-Active to the Genetic Register; if permitted by the current registration policy for the breed in question, on payment of the appropriate fee, except where in special circumstances the Board of Directors may order a transfer.
- 2e.** The registered owner ONLY may apply to transfer a cat from the Genetic Register to the Active Register, if permitted by the current registration policy for the breed in question, on payment of the appropriate fee, except where in special circumstances the Board of Directors may order a transfer.
- 2f.** The registered owner ONLY may apply to transfer a cat from the Genetic Register to the Non-Active Register, on payment of the appropriate fee, except where in special circumstances the Board of Directors may order a transfer.

Litter Registration and Declarations

- 3a.** When the first kitten of any litter is registered by the breeder a declaration shall be completed giving the following information:
- The number of kittens in the litter
 - The breed and apparent colour of each kitten
 - The sex of each kitten
- This information must be provided for each kitten alive when the first kitten is registered.
- 3b.** Kittens which have been declared may be registered at a later date, either by the breeder or by the new owner, (subject to Rule 4).
- 3c.** If no kittens from a litter have been registered by the breeder, any kitten from that litter may be registered at a later date, either by the breeder or by the new owner, (subject to Rule 4).
- 3d.** i) The owner of the stud cat must provide a Certificate of Mating to the owner of the queen upon collection. This must state the registered name, breed name/breed description and registration number of both sire and dam and the dates of mating and must be signed by the registered owner(s) or specified keeper of the sire. (Amended 15.02.2017)
- (ii) If a stud cat is loaned without transfer of registered ownership, the registered owner(s) must notify the GCCF Office in writing, giving the name and address of the specified keeper and authorisation for that person to sign mating certificates relating

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to that cat. A copy of this letter, paper or electronic, must accompany each mating certificate when application to register is made. (Amended 15.02.2017)

- 3e.** When a litter is registered, the application to register must be accompanied by a copy of the certificate of mating, if the application is made on paper, or a declaration that the mating certificate has been received if the application is made online, unless the person registering the kitten(s) is also the registered owner of the sire. (Amended 15.02.2017)

Note: contracts between the owner of the stud and the owner of the queen for mating services are a private arrangement, and any disputes will not be resolved by GCCF intervention. (Amended 15.02.2017)

- 3f.** If a kitten is sold unregistered, in addition to the pedigree (see Rule 10a), the seller shall supply a copy of the certificate of mating whether or not the seller is the registered owner of the sire. Any application to register the kitten at a later date must be accompanied by this certificate, if the application is made on paper, or a declaration that the mating certificate has been received if the application is made online. If either of the parents is not GCCF registered the seller must supply the necessary paperwork to allow the new owner to register the kitten with the GCCF. (Amended 27.10.10, 15.02.2017).
- 3g.** Prior to accepting a queen for mating, the owner of the stud shall establish that the queen is registered on the Active register. Note: Queens which are not registered with GCCF, but with another bona fide organisation may be accepted for mating. A queen whose registration with another bona fide organisation is endorsed "not for breeding" must not be accepted. Any queen that is not registered with GCCF or another bona fide organisation (unregistered) must not be accepted for breeding. The exceptions to this rule are relevant BAC sanctioned outcrosses to unregistered cats for genetic health and diversity purposes and to introduce new traits. (Amended 1.9.2021)

Age Limits

- 4a.** Applications to register will be accepted for kittens once they are a month old. Thereafter, an application for non-active registration may be made for a cat of any age, but dispensation from the Board of Directors will be required if a cat over two years is to be on the active register. A brief explanation of why the cat is required for breeding should be sent to the GCCF Office with the registration application. (Amended 22.10.14)
- 4b.** Dispensation will be required from the Board of Directors to register litters born after the queen's eighth birthday. The assessment criteria will be a brief explanation from her owner of why the queen is still required for breeding and her breeding history. No litter will be registered to a queen after her tenth birthday. (Added 26.10.24)

Non-Prefix Applications

- 5a.** All pedigree non-prefix applications will commence with an administrative prefix which will nominally change on 1st January each year. (Amended and 5b Deleted 17.06.2015)

Prefix Applications

- 6a.** A prefix can be used only to register cats bred and registered by the prefix owner/owners. (renumbered from 6b after deletion of 6a 17.06.2015)
- 6b.** The breeder of a cat is the registered owner of the dam on the date of the cat's birth. In the case of a joint prefix the dam must be registered in the joint ownership of the prefix holders at the time of the cat's birth. When the prefix is owned by a single owner, the dam must be owned by that single owner only to be valid for use. (renumbered 17.06.2015)

Prefix and Non-Prefix Applications

- 7a.** The name, including the administrative prefix, may contain no more than 30 characters, including letters and/or spaces, hyphens or apostrophes. (Amended 17.06.2015, 25.07.2016))

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- 7b.** Names must differ by at least one letter from the name of any other cat registered with the GCCF. The following will not be accepted as a name or part of a name:
- i. Numbers in figures (Roman or Arabic)
 - ii. Recognised feline titles (Champion, Premier, Supreme, International, Imperial etc)
 - iii. Cedillas, accents etc
 - iv. Repetition of words previously registered by the same person or under the same prefix except the following:
 - a. recognised appropriate breed colour/pattern/coat description words in English,
 - b. the definite and indefinite articles (the, a, an)
 - c. common English prepositions; by, for, from, in, into, of, off, on, onto, over, to under, up, upon & with, (added 15.02.2017)
 - d. or recognized human titles (Mr, Mister, Mrs, Miss, King, Queen, Prince, Princess, Lord, Lady, Sir, Dame.)
 - v. In the case of Household Pet (HHP) registration, should a prefix be applied for as the first word in the name of a HHP being registered this will be combined directly with the second word without the use of a hyphen or other linking character in order to comply with rule Section 1:11r. (added 17.06.2015)
 - vi. Applicants should ensure that they do not submit a business or trade name which might lead to legal action by the registered owner of that name. Applicants should ensure, to the best of their knowledge, that they do not submit a word which has been registered as a prefix with another cat registering organisation by another person. The applicant shall be held responsible for any action arising from the registration of a name.
- Note: These cannot be used on their own or linked by permitted punctuation to any other word to form a name. (Added 04.10.2017)
- 7c.** No cat once registered can have its name changed in any particular except at the discretion of the Board of Directors, whose decision is final.
- 7d.** Cats whose sire and dam are registered with the GCCF are eligible for registration with the GCCF in accordance with the current GCCF Registration Policy for the breed in question.
- 7e.** Cats with a parent/parents not registered with the GCCF are eligible for registration on the Reference Register, with the exception of cats of any type/origin which has been excluded from registration with the GCCF.
- 7f.** Cats who are already registered with another bona fide registering organisation will be eligible for registration with the GCCF on receipt of the appropriate fee together with the following documentation:
- i) A certified pedigree, to a maximum of five generations, showing only cats of the breed(s) allowed for in the current GCCF Registration Policy for the breed in question. If a cat(s) in any pedigree generation has traits or is of colours and/or patterns not recognised by the BAC, it will be indicated by an 'x' immediately after the breed name lettering. No cat with such a code will be imported onto the GCCF register and it is expected that the BAC will require the relevant DNA screening to exclude unwanted recessive and latent genes from cats to be imported onto the active register. If any cat in the pedigree is registered with the GCCF on the Non-Active Register, its offspring shall be considered to be unregistered unless these offspring were registered prior to the cat's transfer to the Non-Active Register. (Amended 17.06.2015, 19.6.19, 23.2.25)

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(A certified pedigree to validate the registration of an import is as defined at 7g.i)

Note: If the registration of the cat has been endorsed "not for breeding" by the original registering organisation it shall be registered on the Non-Active Register.

- ii) All imports to the GCCF register must be microchipped and the number shown on the import's paperwork.
- iii) A Certificate of Entirety must be provided for unneutered male cats, in accordance with rule **1a**. The certificate must be signed and stamped by a Veterinary Surgeon stating that 'at the time of examination the cat (name, breed, colour, microchip number) had two testicles of normal size and texture correctly positioned within the scrotum' OR a certificate of neutering.
- iv) Proof of ownership by a signed sales contract carrying the cats details, details for the breeder/previous owner and the current owner or official transfer document.
- v) All pages of a pet passport or travel documents if the cat was born outside the UK.
- vi) The DNA test or health check results as required by the appropriate breed registration policy and verified by microchip number, carried out according to the policy's directions. (Revised 28.10.23)
- vii) Importers of all cats with blue eyes (both or odd-eyed) that are not white (w), bicoloured, (01, 02 or 03) or Himalayan colourpointed (33), must submit a DNA test result to state which gene is responsible for the dominant blue eye colour (DBE), or show negative results for all known DBE mutations. (Added 23.2.25) (Importers are advised in advance of testing that the registration policy for the breed does not exclude DBE cats for registration.)

7g. Cats with a parent/parents not registered with the GCCF, and who are not themselves registered with any other registering organisation, will be eligible for registration by the GCCF on receipt of the appropriate fee together with the following documentation:

- i) A 3 generation, or more if required by the current GCCF Registration Policy for that breed, to a maximum of five generations, Certified Pedigree for the parent/parents not registered with the GCCF issued by a bona fide registering organisation. (Amended 17.06.2015)

Note: In accordance with rule 7fi) a cat(s) in any parental pedigree generation that has traits or is of colours and/or patterns not recognised by the BAC will be indicated by an 'x' immediately after the breed lettering. It is expected that the BAC will require the relevant DNA screening to exclude unwanted recessive and latent genes from cats to be imported onto the active register. Added 23.2.25)

- ii) Certified pedigrees to validate the registration of imports must be either the original pedigree signed and/or stamped and dated by a bona fide registering authority, or an electronic copy of the original sent directly from the other registry to the GCCF Office. Arrangements and fees are the responsibility of the importer. (Amended 19.6.19)

The certified pedigree(s) must be in accordance with the current GCCF Registration Policy for the breed in question. If any cat in the pedigree is registered with the GCCF on the Non-Active Register, its offspring shall be considered to be unregistered unless these offspring were registered prior to the cat's transfer to the Non-Active Register.

Note: If the registration of a parent/parents not registered with the GCCF is endorsed "not for breeding" by another bona fide registering organisation, the cat may not be registered.

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- iii) A certificate of entirety, signed and stamped by a Veterinary Surgeon, for the sire of the cat AND the cat itself if it is an unneutered male, which is to be registered, stating that 'at the time of examination the cat (name, breed, colour) had two testicles of normal size and texture correctly positioned within the scrotum'. If the cat to be registered is a neutered male, we require a certificate of neutering.
- iv) Proof of ownership by a signed sales contract carrying the cats' details, details for the breeder/previous owner and the current owner or official transfer document.
- v) All pages of a pet passport or travel documents if the cat to be registered was born outside the UK.
- vi) The DNA test or health check results as required by the appropriate breed registration policy and carried out according to the policy's directions. These may be for both parents, or the cat(s) to be registered if the breeds registration policy does not allow for a 'parent clear' result.
- vii) Importers of all cats with blue eyes (both or odd-eyed) that are not white (w), bicoloured, (01, 02 or 03) or Himalayan colourpointed (33), must submit a DNA test result to state which gene is responsible for the dominant blue eye colour (DBE), or show negative results for all known DBE mutations. (Added 23.2.25) (Importers are advised in advance of testing to check that the registration policy for the breed does not exclude DBE cats for registration.)
- viii) All imports to the GCCF register must be microchipped and the number shown on the import's paperwork.
- ix) A fully completed mating certificate, produced by the stud owner. This may be provided via post or email. (Amended 24.10.2012, 26.06.2011 & revised 28.10.23)

7h. Cats who are already registered with another registering body will not have their names changed, except that accents, cedillas, etc will not be permitted, and expletives will be deleted at the discretion of the Board. An indicator will be used after the name of the cat to show that the name has been imported from another register, also to indicate deletion.

Certificates and Certified Pedigrees

- 8a.** Names appearing on certificates must have been registered with the GCCF. Unregistered names will not appear on any documents; the word 'unregistered' will be substituted. Where a cat is unknown the word 'unknown' will be used.
- 8b.** Certified Pedigrees will be issued to the registered owner(s) on payment of the agreed fees. These may be 3, 4 or 5 generation pedigrees giving the registered names, numbers and breed numbers (where shown in records) of the cats, the name of the breeder and the name of the present registered owner. (Amended 28.10.23)
- 8c.** When Certified Pedigrees include information supplied to the GCCF by overseas registering bodies the entries for cats registered abroad shall show the name of the registering body concerned and the pedigree shall include a note that it is correct according to the information supplied by the Registrar of (name of registering body).
- 8d.** Application for Certified Pedigrees for entire male cats or kittens must be accompanied by a Veterinary Certificate of Entirety unless the cat/kitten is registered on the Non-Active register. Certified Pedigrees supplied for cats/kittens registered on the Non-Active register will be endorsed to this effect, together with a note that no Certificate of Entirety has been received. Any subsequent request to transfer such a cat to the Active register must be accompanied by a Certificate of Entirety.

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Note: DNA testing is not required for neutered imports onto the GCCF register as at 7f) and 7g) providing the following criteria have been met:

1. A Certificate of Neutering is supplied to include the cat's details (registered name, date of birth, registration number, sex and microchip number which has been scanned and verified by a vet).
2. The cat does not exhibit any of the traits the testing of imports aims to exclude, as defined by the relevant BAC in the breed's registration policy. (Added 24.2.24.)

Imports

9. The following paperwork must accompany applications for the registration of imported cats:

1. For cats entering England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands a copy of the importation/quarantine certification as required by the regulations currently in operation, together with the microchip number.
2. For Male cats a Certificate of Entirety signed by a Veterinary Surgeon stating that 'at the time of examination the cat (name, breed, colour, microchip number had two testicles of normal size and texture correctly positioned within the scrotum' or a Certificate of Neutering. (see Rule 1a)

N.B. In the case of cats not resident in England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands or Eire, the importation certification must be produced on arrival at a GCCF show.

Transfer of Registration

10a. When a cat or kitten is advertised or sold as a pedigree cat or kitten the vendor shall, at the time of sale, provide the purchaser with a properly completed pedigree signed by the breeder, carrying 3 generations at least, showing all the breed numbers and registration numbers, also the breeder's name and address. If the vendor is not the breeder, the pedigree must additionally be signed by the vendor. If the cat/kitten is not registered, a copy of the mating certificate (Rule 3d) shall be supplied by the vendor to the new owner.

10b. i. If, at the time of sale, the cat or kitten is registered the seller shall provide the purchaser with the registration card provided by the GCCF Office to enable a transfer of ownership. If this card is lost, damaged or otherwise unavailable a manual transfer form must be provided, duly completed and signed by the seller. (Amended 18.02.2015, 16.10.19)

ii All cats and kittens must have received two doses of vaccine three to four week apart, in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, and/or WSAVA* guidelines, against infectious enteritis (FPV), FHV and FCV ('cat flu') at least one week prior to sale and/or leaving for a new home. (Amended 29.06.24)

Note: in the event of an emergency that requires a cat or kitten to be rehomed that is not fully vaccinated, the office should be informed as soon as possible.

(Amended 17.06.2015, 21.2.2018, 19.6.19.) * World Small Animal Veterinary Association

10c. If the cat or kitten is sold with a certificate to validate any genetic/veterinary test, it must be microchipped and the chip number must be on the test certificate, the accompanying vaccination record card and the veterinary practice record. (Added & following clauses renumbered 21.02.2013)

Note: This is to validate any DNA testing or health check that is addition to any required in the registration policy for the breed. It is not a substitute for the office/laboratory validation that is in place as part of the registration process. (Note added 27.6.26)

10d. All persons exporting any registered cat or kitten shall upon dispatch apply for a registration/transfer and, if required, a Certified Pedigree of such cat or kitten. Failure to do so shall be an offence under Article 12 of the Byelaws.

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- 10e.** The following declaration must be signed by the new owner only. In the case of transfer to joint ownership at least one of the new owners must sign the declaration.

The above particulars are true to the best of my/our knowledge and belief, and I/we certify that this cat was alive on the date of this form.

I/We acknowledge that in any matter relating to the breeding, exhibiting or treatment of cats or to any cat show I/we consent to be bound by the rules of the GCCF as the same may be amended from time to time. (Amended 26.02.2014)

- 10f.** When a registered cat is transferred to the ownership of a person resident in England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands, who neither registers nor shows with the GCCF, a statement to this effect, signed by both parties, may be submitted to the GCCF Office. The cat shall then be considered to have been transferred out of the jurisdiction of the GCCF and the new owner shall not be subject to the Rules of the GCCF. The cat shall henceforth not be eligible to be shown with the GCCF, nor shall its offspring be eligible for registration with the GCCF except under Rules 7e, 7f or 7h. **10g.** Unless a statement signed by the new owner, requesting continuing eligibility for GCCF registration and/or showing, is submitted to the GCCF Office, when a registered cat is transferred to the ownership of a person resident other than in England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands, the cat shall be considered to have been transferred out of the jurisdiction of the GCCF and the new owner shall not be subject to the Rules of the GCCF. In the absence of this statement, the cat shall not be eligible to be shown with the GCCF, nor shall its offspring be eligible for registration with the GCCF except under Rules 7e, 7f or 7h. Submission of such a statement shall render the new owner subject to the Rules of GCCF and the new owner must sign the transfer form and declaration.
- 10h.** When a registered cat is transferred to the ownership of a person who is not under the jurisdiction of the GCCF (see rules 10e and 10f above), the transfer application may be signed by the registered owner only, but must be completed with full details of the new owner to whom the cat is being transferred.
- 10i.** When a cat whose registered owner is under the jurisdiction of the GCCF has dual registration with another registering organisation, the ownership with both organisations shall be the same or, in the case of joint ownership on one register, the cat may be registered in joint ownership or in the name of either joint owner on the other register. Any breach of this rule which results in the evasion of other rules may render the owner liable to disciplinary action.

Rules for the Granting of Prefixes

- 11a.** A prefix may be issued to single or joint owners (two people) only. The copyright of the prefix is vested in the owner(s).
- 11b.** When a prefix is issued to joint owners, all rules apply to both parties. Either party may sign declarations required as part of applications or agreements in connection with the GCCF and its services with the exception of changes to the prefix ownership itself. (Amended 26.02.2014)
- 11c.** No change of title of ownership of a prefix will be granted except in exceptional circumstances and at the absolute discretion of the Board of Directors.
- 11d.** All applicants for prefixes must be members of at least one GCCF affiliated club.
- 11e.** A prefix can be used only to register cats bred and registered by the prefix owner/owners. The breeder of a cat is the registered owner of the dam on the date of the cat's birth. In the case of a joint prefix the dam must be registered in the joint

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ownership of the prefix holders at the time of the cat's birth. When the prefix is owned by a single owner, the dam must be owned by that single owner only to be valid for use.

- 11f.** A prefix may NOT be used until notification of approval has been received from the GCCF.
- 11g.** A prefix may be used for registration of all cats born on or after the date of receipt by the GCCF of the application for that prefix.
- 11h.** A prefix cannot be added to an existing registration.
- 11i.** Prefixes only, not suffixes, will be granted (suffixes already granted by Council are not affected by this rule).
- 11j.** Prefixes may consist of one word only and may be of any number of English letters of the alphabet and the symbols ! * - ' (exclamation mark, asterisk, dash, apostrophe). It must be remembered that the total number of characters, including letters and/or spaces/punctuation, allowed for registration is 30, including the prefix. (Amended 27.06.2012)
- 11k.** A choice of four names must be given in a prefix application.
- 11m.** The following will not be accepted as prefixes:
1. Names suggesting that a breeder is the sole or most important breeder from a particular area.
 2. Words bearing a close resemblance to an existing prefix (words within one letter or sounding the same are considered to bear a 'close resemblance') and existing prefixes should not be followed by 'CAT/S or any alternative spelling of CAT/S. (Amended 15.8.20)
 3. Recognised feline titles (Champion, Premier, Supreme, International, Imperial etc) and GCCF breed names and existing prefixes, alone or if any of these are linked by punctuation to other words. (Amended 26.2.20)
Any other word considered by the Board of Directors to be unsuitable.
- NB Applicants should ensure that they do not submit a business or trade name which might lead to legal action by the registered owner of that name. The applicant shall be held responsible for any action arising from the granting of a prefix.
- 11n.** (Deleted 22.02.2012)
- 11p.** The granting of prefixes is at the discretion of the Board of Directors and the decision is final. (Amended 17.06.2015)
- 11r.** The issue of a prefix guarantees that the prefix word will not be used as the first word of any name registered after the date of issue of the prefix.
- 11s.** The use of a prefix shall lapse on the death of the holder and shall not be used again except within three months of the death of the holder or one month from the granting of probate of the holder's Will whichever is the later. Cats bred by the deceased may be registered under the prefix of the deceased by the Executor or Administrator.
- 12a.** Registration Policies for all breeds must be submitted to the Board of Directors of the GCCF. These Registration Policies will state the requirements for registration on the Full, Supplementary, and Reference Registers and will never be less stringent than these rules of registration. (Amended 15.02.2017)
- 12b.** Any application for the recognition or promotion of any colour or pattern of any breed, or any major amendment to a Standard of Points must be accompanied by the Registration Policy for that breed with any amendments identified or with confirmation

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that there is no change to this Policy. (See Rules 19a, 28a, 31c, 34c, 36c, 38a, 43c, 48c, 50c)

12c. The Full, and Supplementary Registers are for:

- i) Cats with registered parents, grandparents and great grandparents or additional generations as required by the Registration Policy for that breed. (Amended 15.02.2017)
- ii) If so stipulated by the approved Registration Policy for the breed, cats (and their progeny) with registered parents who conform sufficiently to the breed phenotype, as defined by the Standard of Points, may be re-allocated to the Supplementary Register from the Reference Register and so be eligible for competition in GCCF shows. The opinion of at least three Full Judges of the breed would be required in support from occasions when the cat is shown as an adult in exhibition with critique classes. (Added 21.02.2018)

Historical Notes:

- i) Only cats with registered parents, grandparents and great grandparents were eligible for Full and Supplementary registration (conferring eligibility for pedigree classes at shows) from 1971 to 2018).

The importance of individuals with new bloodlines from foundation cats and/or approved outcrosses to breed development was then acknowledged to allow for clause (ii) as above. (Amended 21.02.2018)

- ii) The Experimental Register (EXP) was for cats of a Preliminary status breed until 21 October 2015 (conferring eligibility for assessment classes).

12d. A Show register will be set up for the sole purpose of permitting pedigree cats registered with overseas organisations to enter special host shows as designated by the GCCF. Cats that do not conform to the relevant GCCF registration policy may be placed on this register but the overseas registering body must be a bona fide organisation recognised by the GCCF. (See Section 4: Rule 1g) (Added 23.06.2011)

Full Register

13. Cats will be placed on the Full Register when the preceding generations (minimum of 3 generations) defined by the Registration Policy for that breed conform to the best breeding policy for that breed.

Supplementary Register

14a. Cats will be placed on the Supplementary Register when the preceding generations defined by the Registration Policy for that breed conform to acceptable breeding policy for that breed. (Amended 21.02.2018)

14b. Progeny of cats on the Supplementary Register will be placed on the Full Register when the preceding generations conform with the Full Register requirements of the Registration Policy for that breed. When these requirements involve more than 5 generations or a specific combination of matings, the application to register the progeny of Supplementary register cats on the Full Register should be accompanied by a letter and a pedigree showing that the cat(s) conform to the relevant Registration Policy for registration on the Full Register.

Experimental Register (Discontinued 21.10.2015)

16a -16d referred to the Experimental Register and are no longer in use.

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Reference Register

- 17.** The Reference Register shall be for the registration of the following groups of cats:
- 17a.** Cats with unregistered parents, grandparents or great grandparents or additional generations as required by the Registration Policy for that breed.
- Note: A BAC may provide in its Registration Policy for cats with registered parents to be re-allocated to the Supplementary Register if determined as suitable for competition at GCCF shows (as rule 12ii), if this requirement is considered necessary for breed development.(Added 21.02.2018)
- 17b.** Cats of breeds or colours/patterns not yet granted Preliminary recognition.
- 17c.** Cats with at least one parent on the Reference Register (but which would not themselves be placed on the Reference Register) shall be placed on the first generation Supplementary Register, unless otherwise directed by the Registration Policy for that breed.
- 17d.** Cats which do not conform to the Registration Policy for their breed but whose progeny may, after a number of generations of suitable matings, conform to this Registration Policy, shall be registered on the Reference Register as eg "of Persian type", "of Oriental type" unless excluded by the Registration Policy.
- 17e.** Cats which do not conform to any existing GCCF registration policy shall be registered as "no recognised breed", with no progression, unless the registration application is accompanied by a letter giving a valid reason for the mating, together with details of the planned breeding programme. This may be referred to the Genetics Committee prior to registration.

Variant Cats

- 18.** Variants occur within certain breeds as a result of either; permitted outcrosses allowed by the registration policy, or the expression of recessive genes carried within the breed's existing gene pool. (Amended 26.02.14 inc. notes below)
- a) The Registration Policy for each breed should provide information on the current registration status and the suitability for breeding of known variants.
- b) Reference should be made to the GCCF Variant Policy to determine the possibility for progression to Championship Status of any variant type. BAC applications to do so must be accompanied by an amended Registration Policy to enable show eligibility (Section 4 1d).
- c) Cats already registered on the Reference Register will not have their registration number changed but will be treated as though they were registered according to the revised policy from the date of its implementation. (Section 4:1d)

AMENDMENTS TO STANDARDS OF POINTS

- 19.** Amendments to standards of points must be submitted to the Board of Directors by the relevant Breed Advisory Committee or, in the case of Preliminary status breeds only, via an affiliated breed club if the relevant breed club is not yet affiliated.

Note: minor changes to registration policies and SOPs may be published on the GCCF website and accepted as approved if nothing is received from any delegate within a 28 days period. If there is an objection, or a request for clarification because the change is thought complex then the amendment must be on the agenda for the next Council meeting. (Note added 05.10.2016).

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- a. No application for amendment to a Standard of Points will be considered by the Board of Directors until a Registration Policy, giving full details of all the breeds, colours and coat patterns accepted in a pedigree for the breed in question, has been approved by Council. Any required amendments to an existing Registration Policy must be submitted with the amended Standard of Points.
- b. An electronic copy of the amended Standard of Points must be supplied, showing clearly all changes to the existing Standard of Points, including the addition of new colours and/or coat patterns. (Amended 26.02.2014, 26.10.24)
- c. Amendments to standards of points for Preliminary status breeds shall be proposed by the Board of Directors to a meeting of Council and, if approved, shall take effect immediately.
- d. Amendments to standards of points for Championship status breeds shall be placed by the Board of Directors on the agenda for a meeting of Council and, if approved, shall take effect from the start of the new show season (1st June).
- e. The relevant Breed Advisory Committee, or breed club if no Breed Advisory Committee yet exists, shall inform all judges of that breed group of any amendments to the Standard of Points within 3 months of approval by Council.

AMENDMENTS TO REGISTRATION POLICIES

- 20.** Amendments to registration policies, with the rationale for them, must be submitted to the Board of Directors by the relevant Breed Advisory Committee or, in the case of Preliminary status breeds only, via an affiliated breed club if the relevant breed club is not yet affiliated. (Amended 21.10.2015)

Note: minor changes to registration policies and SOPs may be published on the GCCF website and accepted as approved if nothing is received from any delegate within a 28-day period. If there is an objection, or a request for clarification because the change is thought complex then the amendment must be on the agenda for the next Council meeting. (Note added 05.10.2016)

- i. An electronic copy of the Registration Policy must be supplied, showing clearly all changes to the existing Registration Policy, including the addition of new colours and/or coat patterns. (Amended 26.02.2014, 26.10.24)
- ii. Revisions to registration policies for Championship, and Preliminary status breeds shall be placed by the Board of Directors on the agenda for a meeting of Council and, if approved, shall take effect immediately. They shall not be retrospective. (Amended 15.02.2017)
- iii. Minor amendments to registration policies, for the purpose of correction and/or clarification, at the BAC's request and the Board's agreement, will be published on the website. During the four weeks following each publication a delegate to Council may contact the GCCF office with an objection to any amendment, and bring this objection to the next meeting of Full Council so that it can be considered. If no objection is received, at the end of the four weeks it shall be deemed that the amendment is confirmed. The BAC will be informed of this, and notification will be given to Council as information on the next published Council agenda. (Added 15.02.2017)
- iv. The relevant Breed Advisory Committee, or breed club if no Breed Advisory Committee yet exists, shall publicise any amendments to the Registration Policy within three months of approval by Council. (renumbered from c. 15.02.2017)

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- 20a.** In exceptional circumstances, supported by independent expert evidence, the Board of Directors can at its discretion make a proposal to Council to amend the registration policy of any GCCF recognised breed. The rationale and supporting evidence must have been supplied in advance to the relevant BAC to provide an opportunity for the BAC to discuss and take action on the information submitted to it, and any response from the BAC to be included in the information supplied to Council. (Rule added 05.10.2016)

SPLITTING OR AMALGAMATION OF BREEDS

- 21** Any application to split a breed by colour or pattern must be made to the Board of Directors by the relevant Breed Advisory Committee and must include evidence of numbers of the separate colours/patterns appearing on the show bench, together with evidence of their success. The paperwork must be received at the GCCF Office by the end of November at the latest. (Amended 23.06.10)
- 21a** Any application to amalgamate classes for colours or patterns of a breed must be made to the Board of Directors by the relevant Breed Advisory Committee and must include the reason for this request. The paperwork must be received at the GCCF Office by the end of November at the latest. (Amended 23.06.10)
- 21b.** If a breed which had previously been split by colour and/or pattern, either prior to or after achieving Championship status, has so diminished in numbers on the show bench that such a split would no longer be considered appropriate, the Board of Directors may request the relevant Breed Advisory Committee to consider whether the breed classes should be amalgamated.
- 21c.** Applications to split breeds by colour or pattern or to amalgamate breed classes, if the application is approved by the Board of Directors, shall be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of Council. Any such split or amalgamation, if approved no later than the February meeting of Council will take effect from the show season starting on the following 1st June. (Amended 23.06.10)

RECOGNITION OF ADDITIONAL COLOURS, COAT LENGTHS AND PATTERNS OF EXISTING BREEDS

The manner in which breed groups are split into "breeds" for show purposes varies considerably, so no single rule can cover all breeds. Some breed groups are recognised only in a very restricted range of colours and a single pattern or coat length whilst others include a wide range of colours and patterns as well as different coat lengths in a single class. Between these lie a variety of different systems but in the majority of these the "self" coloured cats are split into separate breed classes whereas at least some of the patterned cats are grouped in breed classes containing different colours and different coat lengths have their own breed class. (Amended 26.02.2014)

- 22.** Breed groups within which all recognised colours, coat lengths and patterns are included in a single class:
- the Breed Advisory Committee may propose to the Board of Directors that any additional colours, coat lengths and patterns which are produced in that breed group, bred according to the Registration Policy and which the Breed Advisory Committee wishes to have recognised, shall be added to the Standard of Points and shall be included in the same class. The new colours, coat lengths or patterns will not be treated as new breeds. The application must be accompanied by an electronic copy of the current or amended registration policy. (Amended 26.02.2014, 26.10.24)
- 23.** Breed groups within which each of the self colours which is recognised for Championship status has a separate class:

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The Breed Advisory Committee may propose to the Board of Directors that any additional self-colours, bred according to the Registration Policy shall be treated as new breeds unless they are to be placed in amalgamated classes with existing self-colours but may progress together as Any Other Colour Self of a breed. The application must be accompanied by an electronic copy of the current or amended registration policy. (Amended 22.10.2014)

- 24.** Breed groups within which the breeds are defined primarily by pattern: the Breed Advisory Committee may propose to the Board of Directors that any additional colours of an existing pattern which are produced in that breed group, bred according to the Registration Policy and which the Breed Advisory Committee wishes to have recognised, shall (with the exception of those self breeds to which Rule 23 applies) be added to the Standard of Points and Registration Policy for that pattern.
- 24a.** If all colours of that pattern which are recognised for Championship status are included in a single class, the additional colours, including those which previously had Preliminary recognition, shall be included in that same class.
- 24b.** If some or all of the colours of that pattern which are recognised for Championship status have separate classes, the additional colours, including those which previously had Preliminary recognition, shall be included in the appropriate colour group class for that pattern or, subject to sufficient numbers, in a Championship status class for Any Other Colour of that pattern.
- 24c.** Not used (Deleted 22.10.2014).
- 24d.** Not used (Deleted 22.10.2014).
- 24e.** Not used (Deleted 22.10.2014).
- 24f.** The application must be accompanied by an electronic copy of the current or amended registration policy. (Amended 26.02.2014)
- 25.** Breed groups within which the non-self breeds are defined primarily by colour: the Breed Advisory Committee may propose to the Board of Directors that any additional colours of an existing pattern which are produced in that breed group, bred according to the Registration Policy and which the Breed Advisory Committee wishes to have recognised, may be added to the Standard of Points but ONLY if they are to be included within an existing class. The application must be accompanied by an electronic copy of the current or amended registration policy. If additional colours are not to be included in an existing class they must be treated as new breeds but may progress together as Any Other Colour of a pattern of that breed. (Amended 26.02.2014, 26.10.24)
- 26.** Breed groups whose colour distribution, in addition to type, is the distinguishing feature (e.g. Birman, Burmese, Siamese): the Breed Advisory Committee may propose to the Board of Directors that any additional colours which are produced in that breed group, bred according to the Registration Policy and which the Breed Advisory Committee wishes to have recognised, may be added to the Standard of Points but ONLY if they are to be included within an existing class. The application must be accompanied by an electronic copy of the current or amended registration policy. Amended 26.02.2014)
- If additional colours are not to be included in an existing class they must be treated as new breeds but may progress together as Any Other Colour of a breed.

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27. Unless all colours and patterns of a breed group are included in a single class or may be included as e.g. any pattern tabby of a breed, any additional patterns must be treated as new breeds but may progress together as Any Other Pattern of a breed.

Unrecognised Colours and Patterns

28. Colours or patterns of existing breeds, without Preliminary recognition, which are not to be included in classes with existing colours shall be placed on the Reference Register and may not be shown in competition.
- 28a. Provided that these cats have been bred in accordance with the official Registration Policy for the breed, the Breed Advisory Committee may request that they be allocated a breed number for breeding and registration purposes only.
- 28b. The Breed Advisory Committee may request that these cats be treated as colour or pattern Variants of the breed (see Rule 18).
29. Any cats of new breed type, or of new hair type of an existing breed type, must be treated as new breeds (see Rules 38-51).

Preliminary Recognition of New Colours, Coat Lengths and Patterns of Existing Breeds

30. A Seminar on cats of new colours, coat length or patterns of existing breeds, to which judges of the relevant breed group and all members of the Board of Directors must be invited, must be held before the application for Preliminary recognition of these cats is considered. (Amended 26.02.2014)
31. The request for Preliminary recognition must be made to the Board of Directors by the relevant Breed Advisory Committee, who must submit to the GCCF Office electronic copies of the following documents: ((Amended 26.02.2014)
- 31a. Sufficient facts to demonstrate why the new colour, coat length and/or pattern should not be placed in an existing class for the breed, together with a brief outline of the genetic basis of the new colour, coat length and/or pattern. (Amended 26.02.2014)
- 31b. A preliminary Standard of Points which must be adequate for the purpose of judging the cats concerned. All coat colours, coat lengths and patterns to be included must be described. (Amended 26.02.2014)

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- 31c. The Registration Policy for the breed, amended if necessary, to include the new colours coat length and/or patterns, giving full details of all the breeds accepted in the pedigree. A breed in this context means any breed having a GCCF number. (Amended 26.02.2014)
32. The GEMS code number, official name and description will be confirmed by the Board of Directors upon Preliminary recognition. The breed may be shown in Assessment Classes as soon as is practical after recognition has been proposed by the Board of Directors and approved by a meeting of Council. They will be judged in Assessment classes by full judges of the relevant breed group. (Amended and note deleted 15.02.2017)

Championship Status for New Colours, Coat Length and Patterns of Existing Breeds

33. Requests for promotion to Championship status must be made to the Board of Directors. If the request is approved, it will be placed on the agenda for the next available meeting of Council and, if approved, the promoted breed will be eligible for inclusion in schedules at shows whose published closing dates have not yet passed,

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with the agreement of the show manager, but no later than 4 calendar months after the date of the meeting. (Amended 26.06.13, 22.10.14)

- 34.** The request for promotion to Championship status must be made to the Board of Directors by the relevant Breed Advisory Committee, who must submit to the GCCF Office an electronic copy of the following documents a. to h. below: ((Amended 26.02.2014, 22.10.2014, 26.10.24)
- a.** The arguments for promoting the new breed including sufficient facts to confirm that the new colour, coat length, and/or pattern should be placed in a class of its own and not be amalgamated in an existing class for the breed. (Amended 26.02.2014)
 - b.** Confirmation of the Standard of Points as agreed at Preliminary recognition stage or the submission of an amended Standard of Points. Any amendments must be shown clearly.
 - c.** Confirmation of the Registration Policy as agreed at Preliminary recognition stage or the submission of an amended Registration Policy. Any amendments must be shown clearly.
 - d.** Confirmation that the new colour, coat length and/or pattern is included in the Breeding Policy for the breed with suitable advice on its development and for maintenance of breed genetic diversity. (Amended 26.02.2014)
 - e.** A list of at least 20 specimens of the new colour, coat length and/or pattern which have been registered with the GCCF. (Amended 26.02.2014)
 - f.** A list of Merit Certificate Winners demonstrating that at least 6 cats of the relevant colour, coat length, and/or pattern have been awarded 4 Merit Certificates from 4 different judges, of which not more than two may be won in kitten classes, plus a list of other cats of the breed who have been awarded Merit Certificates. These lists should include the names of the judges who awarded the Certificates and the shows and dates when they were awarded. (Amended 26.02.2014)
 - g.** A selection of critiques of cats of the colour, coat length, and/or pattern, transcribed from assessment slips, to illustrate that the breed is of sufficient quality to progress. (Amended 26.02.2014)
 - h.** Examples of Miscellaneous or Club Class results for a selection of cats of the relevant colour, coat length and/or pattern, including the show, class title, judge, place and number in class, as evidence of success in competition. (Amended 26.02.2014) Rules 35, 36 and 37 deleted in their entirety. (Amended 26.06.13)

RULES FOR THE RECOGNITION OF NEW BREEDS

Application for a Breed Name for cats of New Breed or Hair Type

- 38.** Applications to register, with a breed name, cats of breeds which are not recognised by the GCCF will be placed before the Board of Directors. Any such application must be accompanied by an electronic copy of: (Amended 26.02.2014)
- a.** Information about the proposed breed including photographs. If the breed is recognised by other registering bodies, this information may include their Standards of Points and Registration Policies (with English translations if necessary) for the purpose of agreeing the GCCF registration policy required for each breed with the support of the Genetics Committee. (Amended 27.06.2012, 15.02.2017)

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- b. Sufficient facts to demonstrate the potential merit of the proposed breed and significant differences between the proposed breed and existing breeds, together with details of the genetic basis of the new breed. (Amended 27.06.2012)
 - c. Single copies of a selection of the pedigrees of cats intended to be registered with this breed name showing the breed name/description for all cats on the pedigree, for a minimum of four generations. For cats which have been imported from another registering organisation, these pedigrees should be copies of certified pedigrees. (Amended 27.06.2012)
 - d. The Board of Directors may refer this information to the Genetics Committee and/or the Veterinary Advisory Committee for consideration and may request additional information. (Amended 27.06.2012, 15.02.2017)
39. When satisfied with the application, including its genetic and health aspects, the Board of Directors may approve a breed name.
- a. If a breed name is granted, these cats shall be registered in accordance with the agreed policy (see 38a) and may be shown on exhibition but not in competition. (Amended 27.06.2012, 15.02.2017)
 - b. These cats will be allocated a GEMS code but their registration or the issuing of a breed name does not guarantee recognition in the future. (Amended 27.06.2012, 15.02.2017)
40. Any cat whose pedigree does not conform to a Registration Policy for any breed, recognised or unrecognised, shall be placed on the Reference Register, with no breed number, as "no recognised breed" and may not be shown in competition.

Preliminary Recognition of cats of New Breed or Hair Type

41. No request for Preliminary recognition may be made until a breed name has been granted by the Board of Directors. (Amended 27.06.2012)
42. Once a breed name has been approved, the breed should be shown on exhibition to enable potential judges, members of the Board of Directors and interested parties to have an opportunity to meet the cats. Information about the breed should be available, including a proposed Standard of Points and Registration Policy. This information should also be posted on the GCCF website including the names of shows where exhibitions of the new breed will take place. If required, support and advice can be obtained from the Board of Directors or Genetics Committee to help with the application.
43. The request for Preliminary recognition must be made by a representative group of breeders. Where two or more groups are working with the new breed, every attempt should be made to reach agreement before any application is submitted. The breeders must submit to the GCCF Office the following information, including alternative versions where no agreement has been reached: **an electronic copy** of each of the following: (Amended 26.02.2014, 26.10.24)
- a. Any amended facts to demonstrate the potential merit of the proposed breed. (Amended 27.06.2012)
 - b. A preliminary Standard of Points, which must be adequate for the purpose of judging the cats concerned. All coat patterns to be included must be defined within the standard. Patterns not included at this stage will have to form the basis of a further application. If there is an intention to restrict the colours permitted in the breed, a list of permitted colours with their descriptions must be included in the Standard of Points. If all recognised colours are permitted, this should be stated and the colour descriptions included if relevant.

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- c. Confirmation of the Registration Policy for the breed including suitable outcrosses and whether there are requirements for DNA tests etc. When any recognised breed is proposed as a suitable outcross for a new breed, the relevant BAC/BACs should be provided with a copy of the proposed Registration Policy at the time of the application by the group catering for the new breed. (Amended 27.06.2012, 15.02.2017)
 - d. A list of specimens of the new breed which have been registered with the GCCF, or for which registration has been applied for, together with their full registration numbers if available. The Board of Directors must be satisfied of the existence of these specimens and of the viability of the new breed. Copies of their pedigrees are not required unless requested by the Board of Directors. (Amended 27.06.2012)
 - e. All GCCF judges, full on at least one list, (but not as an Emeritus or Specialist Judge) qualified to work in the section as a Full or **Junior** Judge to which the new breed has been allocated by the Board, will be put onto the breed's list of judges as a Full Judge. (Amended 17.06.15, 27.06.2012, 04.10.2017, 24.02.24, 26.10.24)
44. The Board of Directors, if satisfied that the new breed should be granted Preliminary recognition, will confirm the GEMS code, official name and description. The breed will be registered according to the agreed registration policy and may be shown in Assessment classes, after recognition has been proposed by the Board of Directors and approved by a meeting of Council, at shows whose closing dates have not yet passed, with the agreement of the show manager. (Amended 27.06.2012, & note deleted 15.02.2017)
45. The granting of Preliminary recognition does not imply that the breed will be granted Championship status in the future. (Amended 26.06.13)

Championship Status for cats of New Breed or Hair Type (title amended 22.10.14)

46. No request for promotion to Championship status will be considered until the Constitution and Rules of the relevant Breed Advisory Committee have been approved by the Board of Directors. (Amended 26.06.13)
47. Requests for promotion to Championship status must be made to the Board of Directors. If the request is approved, it will be placed on the agenda for the next available meeting of Council and, if approved, the promoted breed will be eligible for inclusion in schedules at shows whose published closing dates have not yet passed, with the agreement of the show manager, but no later than 4 calendar months after the date of the meeting. (Amended 26.06.13, 22.10.14)
48. The request for promotion to Championship status must be made to the Board of Directors by the relevant Breed Advisory Committee, who must submit to the GCCF Office an electronic copy of the following documents: (NB: Double-sided copies should be provided if possible). (Amended 26.06.13, 26.02.2014, 26.10.24)
- a. The arguments for promoting the breed, including sufficient facts to confirm the merit of the breed and the significant differences between the proposed breed and existing breeds.
 - b. Confirmation of the Standard of Points agreed upon by the relevant Breed Advisory Committee. This standard must include details of all patterns to be included in the application. If there is an intention to restrict the colours permitted in the breed, a list of permitted colours with their descriptions must be included in the Standard of Points. If all recognised colours are permitted, this should be stated and the colour descriptions included if relevant. Any differences between this Standard of Points and the preliminary Standard of Points for the breed must be shown clearly.

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- c. Confirmation of the Registration Policy as agreed at Preliminary recognition stage or the submission of an amended Registration Policy. Any amendments must be shown clearly.
 - d. Junior judges (not full on any list) training in the same section as the new breed, will be appointed as Junior Judges of the breed in accordance with the GCCF Judging Programme. Any Full Judge from outside the section, or Specialist Judge from within it, may also apply to become a Junior Judge of the new breed at this time in accordance with the procedure of the Judging Programme. (Amended 17.06.2015, 04.10.2017, 24.02.24, 26.10.24)
 - e. Confirmation of a breeding policy for the breed which has received the approval of the GCCF Genetics Committee. (Amended 26.06.13)
 - f. A list of at least 50 specimens of the breed which have been registered with the GCCF. The Board of Directors must be satisfied of the existence of these specimens and of the viability of the breed. (One copy of a four generation pedigree, which must be in accordance with the Registration Policy supplied, must be provided to the GCCF Office for each of these specimens).
 - g. A selection of critiques of cats of the breed, transcribed from Assessment slips, to illustrate that the breed is of sufficient quality to progress.
 - h. A list of Merit Certificate winners demonstrating that at least 15 cats of the breed have been awarded 4 Merit Certificates from 4 different judges, of which not more than 2 may be won in kitten classes, plus a list of other cats of the breed who have been awarded Merit Certificates. These lists should include the names of the judges who awarded the certificates and the shows and dates when they were awarded.
 - i. Examples of Miscellaneous or Club class results for a selection of cats of the relevant colour and/or pattern, including the show, class title, judge, place and number in class, as evidence of success in competition. (Amended 26.06.13)
- 49.** Not used (Deleted 26.06.13)
- 50.** When a breed is granted Championship status the classes to be provided shall be those which were provided at Preliminary status, or as requested by the BAC and approved by the Board. (Amended 26.06.13)

End of SECTION 1

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SECTION 2

SHOW MANAGEMENT

1. Show licence

- a. Applications to hold a competitive show at which registered cats and/or kittens are in competition or on exhibition must be made to the GCCF Office. A licence to hold a show may be issued subject to the absolute discretion of the GCCF.
- b. Application to hold shows must be made on the official form. A show licence to run a Championship show, will in the first instance be granted for a first time applicant club, on the proviso that the club concerned have a fully qualified show manager to run the show concerned and subsequent licences to run future Championship shows will be dependent upon adhering to the show rules in full. (Amended 27.10.10)
- c. No club may apply for a show licence until affiliation has been granted.
- d. Applications for a show licence must be accompanied by the name and address of the show manager(s), assistant show manager(s) and club officers. The show manager(s) and/or assistant show manager(s) may not be changed without sanction from the GCCF and must be listed in the show schedule and catalogue. All disputes connected with the show must be referred in the first place to the show manager.
- e. Applications for a show licence must be accompanied by details of the venue and the date of the show. These may not be changed without sanction from the GCCF.
- f. All applications for show licences will be considered by the Board of Directors of the GCCF.
- g. In granting a show licence the GCCF requires the club's guarantee of the minimum financial requirements to cover losses.
- h. The GCCF will not take into account, in making its decision in regard to the granting of a show licence, any financial commitment entered into by the club in the anticipation of the granting of a licence.
- i. Refusal of a show licence at any particular time is not in itself to be taken as a reflection upon the ability, status or good standing of the club concerned.
- j. If a licence is granted it must be stated on all relevant paperwork, including advertisements, schedule etc, that the show is held under GCCF licence and Rules. No advertising can be included in any such publication from other cat registries who are GCCF's competitors, nor from companies providing services in direct competition from GCCF's contracted business partners. (Amended 29.10.22)

2. Show Management

- a. The show manager for a Championship show shall be qualified by one or more of the following:
 - (1) Having acted as assistant show manager at no fewer than three championship shows to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors. Forms recording the areas in which the assistant has been instructed must be submitted to the GCCF Office. (Amended 02.03.11) Note that forms from All Breed Shows are required to count towards qualification as an All-Breed Show Manager. (Amended 19.6.19)
 - (2) In exceptional cases the Board of Directors may permit a person not so qualified to act as show manager.
- b. The Council will maintain a list of qualified show managers and no person who is not included in the list is permitted to act as a Championship show manager without the express permission of the Board of Directors of the Council.

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3. Venue and penning

- a. The venue for a show must have suitable access for exhibitors, including disabled access, and must be sufficiently secure to prevent the escape/entrance of any cat.
- b. Apart from any greater limitations imposed by local regulations, aisles should be not less than 1.8 metres wide.
- c. It is the responsibility of the show manager to be aware of the arrangements in case of emergency.
- d. Cold and inadequate ventilation are unacceptable conditions in a show hall. Clubs must ensure adequate heating (at least 60 degrees F/15.5 degrees C) before contemplating holding a show in that hall. Portable heating must be promptly available if necessary. The show management shall provide white paper for covering pens as protection from cold down-draughts or excessive heat. Penning must be arranged so that no cat is subject to excessive draughts.
- e. There should be a rigid and non-see-through division between and behind pens.
- f. In shows where there is no great degree of or easy access to natural light, the organisers should provide a portable "daylight" lamp for the benefit of the judges, to enable a true examination to be carried out.
- g. The temperature within the show hall should not exceed 90 degrees F (32 degrees C). At summer shows the show management should consider planning wider aisles and discuss with the venue manager and safety officers the possibility of netting or screening doors to permit safe additional ventilation. Exhibitors must be permitted the use of cool pads/ice packs under their cats' blankets and/or safe battery-operated fans on their pens, at all shows. Show Managers are recommended that, wherever possible, air conditioning is utilised in halls. Exhibitors and visitors should be requested not to crowd the pens and, in severe heat, may be requested to leave the hall for a period to allow the temperature to drop. (Amended 17.06.2015)

4. The Schedule and entry forms

The show management shall issue a schedule a copy of which, together with a copy of the entry form, must be sent to the GCCF, showing:

- a. The name(s) of the show manager(s), assistant show manager(s), section managers and the names of the members of the show committee. The latter shall include not fewer than three people who must be members of the club concerned or may be the full club committee.
- b. The names of the judges engaged, including those appointed to judge Best-in-Show, Best of Variety or Best Exhibit, shall be listed. When Best-in-Show Panels are needed, they shall consist of not less than three and not more than five judges, whose names shall also be listed.
- c. A list of classes offered to exhibitors, with the judge engaged for each class. (Amended 15.06.2016, note deleted 04.10.2017).
- d. The date and venue of the show and the proposed closing date for entries. No show shall be of more than one day's duration. (Amended 17.06.2015)
- e. The entry fees required and the prizes to be offered.
- f. The instruction that exhibitors should possess a current copy of the GCCF rules, plus such extracts from the GCCF Rules and/or Byelaws as may be required from time to time.

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- g. A reminder that each cat may be entered into no more than two shows, if three or more shows are combined into a single event. (Added 24.2.24)
- h. Any special rules which the club intends to enforce in addition to those required by the GCCF.
- i. Entry forms must include the name of the cat, the names of its sire and dam, its sex, its registered breed number, date of birth, the GCCF registration number, the names of the registered owner and breeder in the GCCF register and the numbers of the classes in which it is to be entered. The form must include the declaration (Sec 4:3).
- j. The schedule, with the exception of the Supreme show, must be issued not more than three months before the show. A copy must be sent to the secretaries of all relevant Breed Advisory Committees.

5. Classes

- a. Breed, Grand, Imperial Grand, Olympian and Assessment classes shall be provided as required by the GCCF for the show season in question, for the breed(s) catered for by the club holding the show. Classes for any additional breeds, patterns and colours must have been approved by the Board of Directors of the GCCF and can then be considered as permanent unless the Board has set any limitations. (Amended 27.06.2012, 29.10.22)

Note 1: Adult and Neuter Breed, Grand, Imperial and Olympian classes at Championship shows may only be split or amalgamated with the permission of the Board of Directors. (Amended 22.02.2012)

Note 2: This does not prevent the limitation of shows to cats, kittens or neuters or any combination of these.

Note 3: If a club caters for any breed in a section, ALL assessment classes in that section may be included (Added 22.02.2012)

- b. At Championship shows, Olympian (for Imperial titled cats), Imperial Grand Champion (for Grand Champion titled cats), Grand Champion (for Champion titled cats) classes and all adult Breed classes with the exception of Assessment classes, shall be split male and female. Olympian (for Imperial titled neuter cats) Imperial Grand Premier (for Grand Premier titled neuter cats), Grand Premier (for Premier titled neuter cats) and all neuter Breed classes with the exception of Assessment classes shall be split male and female. (Amended 22.02.2012)
- c. Kitten Breed classes may be split and all side classes may be split or amalgamated at the discretion of the show management after publication of the schedule, provided that such a possibility is stated in the schedule. (Amended 22.02.2012)
- d. At Championship shows, Assessment classes shall be provided for each breed group which includes Preliminary status breeds and shall be placed in the section appropriate to the group. They shall be judged by full judges of the breed group. (Amended 27.10.10)
- e. Assessment classes are considered to be Breed classes and entry fees should be in line with the Breed classes. (Amended 22.02.2012)
- f. At Championship shows, classes restricted to particular breed(s), colours or patterns (e.g. self/non-self) may be judged only by judges appointed to a list which includes cats eligible to enter the class in question. (see Section 3, Rule 4e) (Amended 27.10.10)

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g. Exhibition Classes

1. Exhibition-only classes can be provided for cats on any register belonging to any of the breeds which are permitted to be registered with the GCCF, i.e. new breeds granted registration-only status or breeds with preliminary or full recognition. Cats in these classes are not assessed by judges. (Added 17.06.2015)
2. Additionally, clubs may provide 'Exhibition with critique' classes for cats of breeds with preliminary or full recognition only. Cats entered in these classes will be assessed by the person judging the corresponding breed class and a written critique will be provided on the day and submitted for publication with the show report after the show. The report is for feedback purposes only. Cats on any register can be entered in this class, including cats on the reference register such as variants and cats registered as 'breed type' (Added 17.06.2015)

h. At Championship shows, show management are authorised to offer classes for 'Household Pets', as defined below. (Renumbered 17.06.15, Amended 27.10.10)

"Household Pets" may be divided into two groups.

1. Non-Pedigree Pet shall mean any cat that all of the breeding background is unknown. The cat shall not be ticked, tipped, smoke, pointed or shaded etc. It must resemble a "traditional moggie" in appearance and not resemble any other breed, hybrid, mix or combination of breeds. (Amended 25.06.2014)
2. Pedigree Pet shall be deemed to mean any cat which falls under at least one of the following categories: (Amended 25.06.2014)
3. A full pedigree cat, with or without papers.
4. A cat where one or both parents are pedigrees.
5. A pedigree "look-a-like" of partly or fully known or unknown parentage, that resembles a pedigree cat because of its conformation and/or coat pattern. These cats may be self (single colour) with or without white; have tabby, tortoiseshell or tortie-tabby markings; they may have a ticked, tipped, smoke or pointed pattern in any colour combination or coat length (SH, SLH or LH).

Note: in each of the above definitions 'pedigree' refers to a pedigree breed recognised by GCCF. Cats with physical anomalies that are the basis of a breed, or those descended from wild species outcrosses that may be recognised by other organisations, could be rejected at vetting-in or not judged in their certificate class. See also section 4 rule 4c (repeated Section 4 Rule 2b2) (Note added 15.06.2016)

- i. Household Pets are either "Long/Semi-Longhair" or "Shorthair" and breed or varietal names, or breed numbers allocated to registered cats must not be applied to them in show classifications, schedules or catalogues.
- j. In each class, cats are to be judged in competition with each other for Presentation, Condition, Temperament and Personality and placed in order of merit. (amended 27.06.2012)
- k. Colour, Grand Master, Imperial Grand Master and Olympian Master Classes may be provided for Household Pets by affiliated clubs at Championship and Sanction shows licensed by the GCCF. The Colour Classes provided, defined by coat length, colour and pattern, must comply with the list approved by the Board of Directors of the GCCF. (amended 22.02.2012)

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- i. Household Pet Kitten colour classes may be split or amalgamated at the discretion of the show management. (amended 22.02.2012)

6. Prizes

Subject only to the conditions set down in these Rules, the show management may offer such prizes and make such classifications as it deems desirable, except that (a) classes or prizes may not be offered for the progeny of a particular sire or dam and (b) stud service may not be offered as a prize.

- a. The amount of money to be awarded in any class shall be decided by the show management and must be published in the schedule.
- b. Support for shows by way of guarantees for classes, trophies, rosettes and other special prizes by clubs or individuals may be accepted at the discretion of the show management, subject to the exceptions noted in these Rules. NB. Only clubs Affiliated to the GCCF may offer club classes.
- c. Show managers offering awards for Breed class winners shall offer similar awards for first placed Merit winners in Assessment classes. (amended 22.02.2012)

7. Entries

- a. An adult cat must be 9 calendar months or over on the day of the show.
- b. Kittens may not be shown (in competition or on exhibition) under the age of fourteen weeks.
- c. Vaccinations required: see section 4: rule 5.
- d. The closing date for entries must be prominently printed on the schedule. Show managements may accept entries after this date only if they can be included in the catalogue of the show (see Section 2, Rule 11 below). Show managements are authorised to refuse entries without giving reasons to the exhibitor but in case of such refusals all entry and other monies must be returned to the sender.
- e. see Section 4, Rule 11a (Amended 25.06.2014 Title list only, 17.06.2015, 21.02.2018)
- f. A cat may compete for only one Certificate. Cats without a title should enter the appropriate Breed Class (pedigree section) or Colour Class (household pet section). Those with a title must enter the class for which the title qualifies them, or the class for the title they have already achieved. Titled cats may enter the Breed/Colour Class to compete for Best of Breed only. (Amended 22.02.2012, 17.7.2021)
- g. Pedigree Titles (see Section 3, Rule 6d, Section 4, Rule 11b) (Amended 22.02.2012)
- h. Preliminary breed exhibits shall be eligible for entry in the appropriate Assessment class plus miscellaneous and club classes offered for the appropriate breed type/group.
- i. If the standard of points is not included in the current GCCF Standard of Points booklet, the responsibility for the provision of the SOP rests with the exhibitor. The standard should be placed on the pen for the use of judges. This applies both to Preliminary status breeds and to any breeds where additional colours/patterns have been added to an existing class.
- j. Household Pet Titles - See Section 3, Rule 6f; Section 4 Rule 11 c (Amended Various dates)
- k. Show managers, assistant show managers and members of their households may not exhibit in competition at their own shows. Section managers and members of their households may enter their own shows but may not enter the section which

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they are themselves managing. A section manager is defined as someone who is a breed(s) section manager.

8. Judges

- a. Show managements must obtain the written consent (email is acceptable) of all judges to officiate at the show and must acknowledge them in writing (email is acceptable) before announcing their names in the schedule. This written consent must include the Breed, Grand, Imperial Grand, Olympian and Assessment classes for which they are to be scheduled. Judges should not be booked more than one year in advance of the show. If for any reason a judge is unable to fulfill their engagement in Olympian, Imperial Grand, Grand, Breed or Assessment classes, the fact is to be announced, together with consequential changes in the judging list, on a board prominently placed at the entrance to the show hall. (see Section 3, Rule 4a) (Amended 22.02.2012)
- b. Judges should be asked to judge a maximum of 70 (Student Judges 30, Specialist Breed Provisional 40) exhibits at any event (single show or back-to-back). Each cat in Assessment classes will count as 2 exhibits. At any event where there is more than one show management team there should be consultation between show managers to avoid overloading any judge with certificate classes. (Amended 15.06.2016, 26.10.24)
- c. The show management shall reimburse judges promptly for reasonable expense. (Student Judges are not eligible for expenses) (Amended 26.10.24)
- d. Judges (and members of a judge's household) may not exhibit in competition at shows at which the judge is engaged nor at shows held at the same venue on the same day, in the category in which they are judging i.e. a judge in the pedigree section may enter in competition the "Household Pet" section and a judge in the "Household Pet" section may enter in competition the pedigree section. (Amended 27.10.2010)

9. Overseas (Non-GCCF) Judges (see Section 3, Rule 3)

Clubs shall be free to invite senior judges to judge in this country, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Clubs must notify the Office of all invitations and a completed "non-GCCF judge" form must be supplied to the Office, with the schedule, for each engagement.
- b. Invitations are to be made only to judges who are fully qualified with their own organisation(s) for the GCCF judging they are engaged to do (see 2:9e for detail). A brief outline of the qualifications/experience of the overseas judge should be included in the schedule. (Amended 14.06.2017)
- c. These rules shall in no way prevent judges living overseas from becoming full GCCF judges under Article 7 (16) of the Byelaws and Rule 1a Section 3 of the Rules.
- d. The show management shall provide each overseas judge who is invited to officiate with a copy of the current GCCF Rules, the current Standard of Points for each breed they are to judge in Certificate and miscellaneous classes, a copy of the Code of Conduct for GCCF Judges and a copy of the official non-GCCF judge form. (Amended 22.02.2012)
- e. An overseas judge must not judge Breed classes, including Assessment classes, for breeds, colours or patterns which are not recognised by the organisation for which he/she is currently a full judge. Eligibility to judge title classes should be determined by the same criteria applied to GCCF judges. (Amended 22.02.2012, 21.10.2015)

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- f. Judges on the GCCF Judge list, but who are resident abroad, may not be invited as overseas judges.

10. Withdrawals and Countersignatures

- a. Exhibits may be withdrawn before judging starts from classes in which (a) the judge is changed from the judge named in the schedule (b) classes are amalgamated unless such amalgamation was announced as a possibility in the schedule. In cases of such withdrawal, the exhibitor shall be entitled to claim refund of entry fees for all classes from which the exhibit is withdrawn. Claims for refunds must be made within seven days of the date of the show. (see Section 4, Rule 12)
- b. Except in so far as the conditions under which entry was made may be changed, exhibits may not be withdrawn from competition after entering the show hall unless such withdrawal is sanctioned by the show manager. In case of such sanctioned withdrawal, entry and penning fees will be forfeited. (see Section 4, Rule 13)
- c. In the event of a change of judge of an Olympian, Imperial Grand, Grand, Breed or Assessment class occurring after the closing date of the show, and provided that the exhibitor informs the show manager, prior to judging, that a certificate has previously been awarded by the replacement judge, the show manager shall appoint one other judge who shall judge the cat and, if the cat is considered worthy, countersign the certificate, which shall then count towards title status. If the judge appointed to consider a cat for countersignature does not consider the cat to be worthy of the award, no further judge may be requested to consider that cat for countersignature of the same certificate. (Amended 22.02.2012)
- d. If the replacement judge at the first show has also previously been booked for a subsequent show, the closing date of which is before the date of the first show and where the actual entry has been made and received before the date of the first show, then at the subsequent show this judge can be regarded as a replacement judge for the purpose of requesting a countersignature.
- e. When a cat which has been awarded a certificate at the Supreme Show, has been awarded the equivalent certificate by the same judge, at any time in advance of the Supreme OR during the following three months, then at the Supreme (if in advance) OR one subsequent show this judge can be regarded as a replacement judge for the purpose of requesting a countersignature. (Amended 29.6.24)
- f. Reserve Grand, Reserve Imperial Grand and Reserve Olympian certificates are also eligible for countersignature under the conditions stated in Rules 10c, 10d and 10e above if a Grand/Imperial Grand/Olympian Certificate has already been awarded by the replacement judge, to allow for possible disqualification of the Grand/Imperial Grand/Olympian certificate winner. (Amended 22.02.2012)

11. Catalogue

After the closing date for entries the show managements shall prepare a show catalogue which shall include:

- a. The name of persons comprising the show management, judges, Best-in-Show Panels, Best of Variety judges and duty veterinary surgeon(s) (see Rule 13 below) plus the date and venue of the show and the address of the show manager.
- b. A list of the names of all exhibitors together with the numbers of the pens allotted to them. Note: Show management may offer to include additional details, such as postal

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and/or email addresses, entirely at its discretion. If this service is provided exhibitors must request inclusion of any such personal information with their show entry. (Replaced 21.02.2018)

- c. The classes with the names of the entries and exhibitors. Details of breeding, the names of the sire and dam, the date of birth and the sex of the cat if the class is for exhibits of both sexes. The full breed number as on the entry form shall also be included where cats of more than one colour appear in the same class.

Note 1: Non-GCCF titles may not be included before the name of the exhibit or of its sire and dam, but may be placed in brackets after the name.

Note 2: (IMP) after a cat's name on its registration certificate to indicate an imported cat is not a part of the name of a cat. "Imported" plus the name of the country or registering body from whence the cat was imported may be included after the cat's name at the show manager's discretion. (see Section 4, Rule 8a)

- d. A list of the prizes offered.
- e. An acknowledgment that the show is being held under licence of the GCCF.
- f. Manuscript additions to show catalogues are not permissible, but printers' errors may be corrected. Any such correction must not be an addition or substitution of any exhibit for which proof of entry cannot be validated, or a change of exhibitor/owner, with the exception of changes from single to joint ownership or vice-versa provided that in the case of joint ownership at least one of the owners has signed the declaration. Any such corrections must be incorporated in the marked catalogues sent to the GCCF, but need not be incorporated in any other catalogues. (see Section 4, Rule 8a) (Amended 26.02.2014)
- g. A notice that any complaint related to the show must be forwarded to the Show Manager within 7 days. If the complaint is related to the show management, the complaint may be forwarded to the GCCF Office. (Added 23.10.2013)
- h. A notice that unacceptable or aggressive behaviour towards any Show Official, Judge, Steward, Exhibitor or any other person WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. Any such behaviour will result in the removal of those responsible (and their cats) from the show venue. This behaviour may result in disqualification and/or disciplinary action by the GCCF. It is advised that notices to this effect should also be displayed prominently in the Show Hall. (Added 23.10.2013)

12. Judges books and veterinary paperwork

- a. The sex and date of birth or age of all exhibits shall be included in the information given to judges for Best in Show, Best of Breed and all classes and shall be included on paperwork given to veterinary surgeons.
- b. The full breed number of all exhibits, as on the entry form, shall be included in the information given to judges for Best in Show, Best of Breed and all classes where cats of more than one breed or colour appear in the same class.

13. Veterinary Matters

- a. The show management shall engage the services of at least one veterinary surgeon with previous experience of veterinary duties at cat shows. At shows with more than 60 cats there must be two or more veterinary surgeons, commensurate with the

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number of entries. Suitable facilities shall be provided for the purpose of examining each exhibit prior to its admission to the show hall. At all shows held under GCCF licence at least one veterinary surgeon shall remain in the show hall until 1.00 pm and preferably until judging has been completed (see Section 5, Rule 1a)

- b.** The show management should issue written invitations to veterinary surgeons, stating the date of the show, the venue, the times of attendance and the remuneration to be offered. (see Section 5, Rule 1b)
- c.** The show manager must obtain full details of a local veterinary practice available to treat emergencies which cannot be dealt with at the show.
- d.** The show management must ensure that veterinary surgeons are conversant with Section 5 of the GCCF Rules and that they are provided with a copy of the official veterinary code. (see Section 5, Rule 2a)
- e.** The show management must ensure that the duty veterinary surgeon(s) are supplied with the official GCCF rejection forms, the additional forms for Section B, C & D rejections plus other necessary documentation in addition to the above. (see Section 5, Rule 2b) (Forms updated 15.06.2016)
- f.** An adequate number of quarantine pens shall be available for the reception of suspect exhibits. These pens must be situated in such a position that the public cannot have access to them. It must be possible to separate the pens so that cats suspected of infectious conditions are not close to other cats. The room must be adequately heated and ventilated. If the quarantine pens are occupied they must be checked at regular intervals, these checks to be recorded.
- g.** If a cat is removed to isolation following rejection by a duty veterinary surgeon after judging has commenced, information regarding the section under which the cat is rejected should be available to the adjacent exhibitors through the show manager and the duty vet should explain the potential risks involved, to the adjacent exhibitors. (see Section 4, Rule 7d)
- h.** The show manager must appoint a show official to be in charge of veterinary matters at the show; in the absence of the owner or owner's representative, it shall be their duty to move to isolation any cat which, in the duty veterinary surgeon's opinion, requires removal from the show hall. This official shall ensure that cats in isolation are checked at regular intervals and a record kept.
- i.** If any cat which is resident in a country other than England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands or Eire has been entered in the show, the show management shall ensure that the microchip of that cat is checked against its importation documents before admitting the cat into the show. If the microchip cannot be read or does not conform with the documentation, that cat shall be excluded from the show.
- j.** Requests to a duty veterinary surgeon to examine a cat during the show must be made by the show management either directly or, in the case of requests from judges or stewards, on official slips provided by the show management. Any other person who may have reasonable grounds for thinking that such an examination is desirable must apply to the show management. (see Section 5, Rule 6)
- k.** A duty veterinary surgeon must ensure that all rejection paperwork is completed and the required copies supplied to the show manager. (see Section 5, Rule 7)

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- l.** A duty veterinary surgeon who rejects an exhibit during the show must inform the show manager immediately and advise whether the cat may remain in its pen but be withdrawn from competition (only permissible for exhibits rejected under Section A) or must be removed from the show or placed in isolation. (see Section 5, Rule 8)
- m.** Decisions made by a duty veterinary surgeon in pursuance of his duty at the show shall be accepted without question. (see Section 5, Rule 9)
- n.** When a veterinary surgeon is not readily available the show manager alone is empowered to take decisions concerning the well-being of cats. (see Section 5, Rule 10)
- o.** In exceptional circumstances, where the well-being of the cats would otherwise be compromised, and with the approval of the duty veterinary surgeon(s) the show management may vary the rule relating to the examination of cats prior to entry to the show. Under these circumstances the show management may permit exhibits and their vaccination certificates to be inspected by persons considered by the duty veterinary surgeon(s) to be competent to do so. (see Section 5, Rule 11)

14. Awards and Placings (see Section 3, Rule 5)

- a.** In each class, cats are to be judged in competition with each other against the Standard of Points for the breed or breeds concerned and are placed in order of merit. In the Olympian Class, after the certificate winner and the reserve (if awarded), placings must be recorded to 5th position. Note: written critiques for publication are required for the certificate winners only, which need not describe the cats in full. A reason for the award or withholding each certificate is sufficient (Amended 27.10.2010, 15.06.2016, 04.10.2017, 24.2.24)
- b.** Only one first prize may be awarded in any class. Judges may withhold first, second, third or any other prizes offered and may, subject to the approval of the show management, award additional prizes if this is warranted by either the number or quality of the exhibits.
- c.** Judges must sign all copies of award slips and state thereon prizes withheld, and certificates awarded or not awarded. Any neuter breed class slip signed by a Junior Judge must also be signed by a Full Judge. However, the certificate is counted towards a title as from the Junior Judge and not the Full Judge. (Amended 26.10.24)
- d.** Full Judges, Specialist Breed Judges (breed adults, kittens and neuters) and Junior Judges (breed neuters and kittens only) are authorised to award certificates to first prize classes at Championship shows only. Awards are to be made relative to the Standard of Points. A judge must not award any certificate if in his opinion the first placed exhibit is not of sufficient merit to attain the title Champion/Premier/Kitten Champion. At Championship and Sanction shows. Merit certificates may be awarded to Preliminary status exhibits which, in the Full Judge's opinion, conform sufficiently to their Standard of Points to be considered an asset to the breed. (Amended 22.02.2012, 26.10.24, 23.2.25)
- e.** Judges in the Household Pet Section are authorised to award certificates to first prize-winners in Colour adult neuter classes at Championship shows only. Awards are to be made relevant to the Presentation, Condition, Temperament and Personality of the exhibit. A judge must not award any certificate if in his opinion the first placed exhibit is not of sufficient merit to attain the title Master cat. If the certificate is not awarded, the slip must be marked MC/NA. (Amended 22.02.2012, 26.02.2014)
- f.** See Section 4:11c (Added 14.06.2017)

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- g. No person other than the show management, or a person acting under their direction, may remove an award slip from the board. Anyone so doing shall have all of his/her exhibits disqualified and shall forfeit all entry fees. (Renumbered 14.06.2017)

15. Grand Classes (see Section 3, Rule 6)

- a. An Olympian, Imperial Grand Challenge, Grand Challenge, Imperial Grand Premier or Grand Premier Certificate, as appropriate, may be awarded even if there is only one cat in the class providing the judge considers it of high enough quality to attain the relevant title. If the certificate is not awarded the slip must be marked "OL N/A", "IGC N/A", "GC N/A" etc. (Amended 22.02.2012)
- b. If the above certificate is awarded, one reserve certificate may be awarded to the cat which, in the opinion of the judge, would merit the appropriate title in case of disqualification of the certificate winner. There shall be no further placings.
- c. If, in the opinion of the judge, the first placed cat is not of high enough quality to merit the title of Olympian adult, Imperial Grand Champion, Grand Champion, Olympian Neuter, Imperial Grand Premier or Grand Premier, as appropriate, a Reserve certificate cannot be awarded. (continued over page)

The judge may award a 1st and 2nd prize and state in writing that the certificates have not been awarded. If no placings are given this must be stated. (Amended 22.02.2012)

- d. An Olympian Master, Imperial Grand Master or Grand Master certificate, as appropriate, may be awarded even if there is only one cat in the class providing the judge considers it of high enough quality to attain the relevant title. If the certificate is not awarded, the slip must be marked "OM N/A", "IGM N/A" or "GM N/A" as appropriate. (Amended 22.02.2012, 26.02.2014)

16. Best in Show

- a. Best-in-Show or Best of Variety, where held, shall be confined to: an adult, kitten and neuter from each of the sections. (Amended 15.06.2016).
- b. Cats eligible for Best in Show or Best of Variety are: Olympian Adult, Imperial Grand Challenge, Grand Challenge, Challenge, Olympian Neuter, Imperial Grand Premier, Grand Premier, Premier, first placed Merit Class winners and Best of Breed/Best Opposite Sex winners. Kitten Certificate class winners are eligible for nomination provided that Best of Breed, if offered, has been awarded. The opposite sex kitten to the Best of Breed winner is also eligible provided the Best of Opposite Sex, if offered, has been awarded. Where Breed classes kitten are split by age or colour, the winner of the split class is eligible provided that Best of Breed/Best Opposite Sex, if offered has been awarded. (Amended 28.6.26)
- c. Show managements may direct BOV judges to select from all of the cats at 16b, (but not any in addition to these), or from a more restricted list to a minimum of Best of Breed winners only. The nomination and judging process for BOV must be published in the schedule and show catalogue. (see Section 3, Rule 7) (Amended 22.02.2012, Amended and separated from clause (b) 15.06.2016)
- d. The BOV results must be displayed for exhibitors at a point that is deemed practical by the show management. (Added 15.06.2016)
- e. Where Best Exhibit in Show is held, the Best Neuter shall be considered against the Best Adult and Best Kitten for Best Exhibit in Show. (Renumbered 15.06.2016)
- f. An overall BIS winner will be awarded a further certificate for the title it is working towards. Should the OBIS be an Olympian, or aiming for this, then the certificate will

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count as a breed Olympian certificate if the show is a breed show, or an all-breed Olympian if it is an all-breed show, at the level it is working towards.

The award will be validated by the GCCF office and the certificate will be signed and sent from there. It will count towards the total required, regardless of whether the BIS judge was eligible to judge the winner's breed or title class. (Added 15.06.2016, Amended 15.02.2017, and 27.2.19)

17. Best of Breed. (See Section 3, Rule 8)

- a. Best of Breed awards when offered shall be awarded in all three categories of exhibits: entire cats, kittens and neuters.
- b. The decision on Best of Breed shall be made by the Breed (i.e. not Olympian, Imperial Grand/Grand) class judge. (Amended 22.02.2012)
- c. Cats to be considered for Best of Breed shall be the winners of the Breed classes for that breed and cats of that breed that are entered in the Olympian, Imperial Grand Champion/Grand Champion/Imperial Grand Premier/Grand Premier classes and not in the Breed class, with the exception of cats withdrawn, by their exhibitor(s), from such consideration. A written report from the judge that gives a reason for the BOB award to the winner, or for withholding it, is sufficient. Exhibitors who require an opinion on an individual cat should meet and discuss it with the judge when their judging is finished. (Amended 22.02.2012, 24.2.24)
- d. Any cat which has had the Breed class first prize, Challenge, Premier, or Kitten Champion Certificate withheld is not eligible for Best of Breed. (Amended 22.02.2012, 23.2.25)
- e. The Breed class judge must not withhold Best of Breed if, on that day, he/she has awarded any certificate to a cat considered for that Best of Breed. (Amended 22.02.2012)

18. Rejection List

Prior to the show, the show management shall check the exhibitor list against the official Rejection List supplied by the GCCF. No cat owned by, or living at the same address as, any exhibitor included on this list may be permitted to attend the show unless a clearance has been accepted by the GCCF Office prior to the show. The show management shall also check the official list of cats banned from showing for biting/scratching and ensure that no cat included on that list is admitted to the show.

19. Disqualifications (see Section 3, Rule 9)

- a. See Section 4, Rule 20 (Amended 15.06.2016)
- b. See Section 4, Rule 21b
- c. See Section 4, Rule 22 (amended 21.10.2015, 29.6.24)
- d. If a breach of Section 4, Rules 16, 17 or 18, is brought to the attention of the show manager, he/she shall inspect the pen in question and, if possible, ensure that the pen equipment is corrected prior to judging. If, in the opinion of the show manager, the breach was a deliberate attempt to identify the exhibit to judges, the exhibit must be disqualified. In the event of such a disqualification of an exhibit all fees and awards shall be forfeited and any person concerned or connected with penning the exhibit may be liable to disciplinary action.
- e. A judge must inform the show manager if any exhibit is not the breed or sex stated in their judge's book. The show manager must check the entry form for that exhibit and take one of the following actions:

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- a. If there is a printer's error, the show manager must correct all relevant judges' books.
- b. If it is evident that the exhibit has been incorrectly penned, the show manager must rectify the situation and inform all relevant judges.
- c. If the exhibit is not the breed or sex (male/female) as stated on the entry form the show manager must disqualify the exhibit from all classes, after checking with the owner, if possible, that the entry form is correct. In the event of such a disqualification of an exhibit all fees and awards shall be forfeited.
- d. If the exhibit appears to be a colour or pattern other than as stated on the entry form, the show manager shall not disqualify the cat but leave any decision to the judge.
- f. A judge must disqualify from any class any exhibit which, in their opinion, is ineligible for the class in question (incorrect breed, sex or colour) despite matching the description in the judge's book, after checking with the show manager that the class description is correct. The disqualification will apply to that class only.
- g. A judge may disqualify from any class any exhibit which, in their opinion, is very undersized for its age or in very poor condition. Prior to such disqualification the judge must request the show manager to check the entry form to ensure that the correct age has been transcribed. A duty veterinary surgeon should be consulted to decide if the exhibit should be rejected under section A, or may be permitted to be judged in other classes.
- h. A judge may mark as "wrong colour", "wrong pattern" or "does not conform to SOP", unless otherwise instructed by the SOP, any exhibit which, in their opinion, is incorrectly identified by colour/pattern in their judge's book after first requesting the show manager to check the entry form to ensure that there has been no transcription error. This does not constitute a disqualification.
- i. See Section 4, Rule 19a
- j. See Section 4, Rule 19b

20. Post-show paperwork

- a. The show management shall, within three working days of the closure of the show, send to the GCCF Office copies of the rejection forms for each cat rejected from the show and a catalogue. These form the Rejection List.
- b. The show management shall, within three working days of the closure of the show, send to the GCCF Office copies of all biting/scratching certificates issued at the show, together with any explanatory paperwork.
- c. The show management shall, within seven days of the closure of the show, send to the GCCF Office one fully marked, certified copy of the catalogue, together with a list of names and addresses of all exhibitors. The catalogue should be complete with Breed, Grand, Imperial Grand, Olympian, Assessment and Overall Best in Show where offered, class results, and the Household Pet equivalents. All Breed, Grand, Imperial, Olympian, Assessment and Overall Best in Show where offered, class judge changes must be marked. (Amended 21.10.2015, 21.02.2018, 29.6.24)

Note: This rule does not apply to STAR shows.

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- d.** The show management shall, within seven days of the closure of the show, send to the Office the completed paperwork giving details of vets, vet nurses and/or any assistance supplied by the show manager, together with the Duty Vet and isolation logs whether used or not.
 - e.** The show management shall, within seven days of the closure of the show submit to the Investigation Committee, in writing, all relevant details of any alleged breach of Section 4, Rule 22 of these Rules.
 - f.** The requested, relevant results shall be sent within 28 days to each of the secretaries (or other designated officials) of all clubs that supported the show by guaranteeing classes or offering special prizes.
 - g.** The show management shall retain all entry forms and award slips for a period of 12 months after the audited/independently examined income and expenditure account and balance sheet have been produced. The show management shall supply to the Club Treasurer a copy of the audited/independently examined show accounts for them to send to the GCCF Office.
 - h.** The show management are strongly recommended to retain all financial records relating to the Show activity, these to include the entry forms, for a period of six years.
- 21.** Clubs holding shows under licence from the GCCF shall, within 7 days submit a list of all judges who judge at their show. (See Section 3 Rules 4d) (Amended 17.2.10)
- 22.** See Section 4, Rule 29

END OF SECTION 2

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SECTION 3

JUDGES AND STEWARDS

Judges are advised to obtain a copy of the GCCF Code of Conduct for Judges

1. Appointment as a Judge

Judges are to be appointed by the relevant Judge Progression Group or the Committee (Panel) of Judges (see Byelaw 7(15)). In the case of a new breed, appointments will be in accordance with Rules Section 1:43e) and 48d). (Amended 24.2.24)

- a. All judges appointed to the GCCF judges list shall have complied with the requirements of the GCCF Judging Programme with the exception of appointments to lists for new breeds or hair type (see 1:433 & 1.48d) (Amended 26.10.24)
- b. All GCCF judges of first instance shall be appointed to the rank of student or specialist breed (provisional) judge. Their subsequent promotion to junior and full judge, or to remove provisional status shall be at the discretion of their Judge Progression Group. Progression to promotion must be within the time frames designated within the Judging Programme unless the Judge Progression Group allows an extension or it is so determined by a Committee of Judges following the approved Complaints and Appeals Process (Amended 17.06.2015, 24.02.24, 26.10.24)
- c. In the case of existing judges being proposed for a further list(s), the appointment to the new list(s) shall be as junior judge, except in the case of judges appointed to lists for cats of new breed or hair types who will be appointed as full judges until Championship recognition is granted by Council. (Amended 17.06.2015, 24.2.24), 26.10.24)

Note: Full details of the GCCF Judging Programme are available from the GCCF Office and include information about initial registration into this scheme which is the first requirement for anyone wishing to become a judge.

2. Student Judges, Breed Specialist (Provisional) Judges & Junior Judges

Whilst in training, all designated judges are authorised to officiate at any GCCF show and judge according to the Judging Programme. After the allowed period and training the relevant Judge Progression Group may promote the candidates to the rank of full or breed specialist judge. Following promotion such judges are authorised to officiate at all shows for all relevant classes. A judge can award certificates as specified in the judging programme and when he/she is a full judge on the relevant GCCF list, or a Specialist or Emeritus judge of the breed concerned. (Amended 17.06.2015, 24.2.24, 26.10.24)

Note. The term "Certificate" includes Kitten Challenge, Challenge Certificates, Premier Certificates, Grand Challenge, Reserve Grand Challenge, Grand Premier, Reserve Grand Premier, Imperial Grand Challenge, Reserve Imperial Grand Challenge, Imperial Grand Premier, Reserve Imperial Grand Premier, all Olympian, UK Grand Challenge, UK Grand Premier Certificates, and Merit Certificates unless otherwise stated. (Amended 24.2.24, 23.2.25)

3. Overseas (Non-GCCF) Judges (see Section 2, Rule 9)

Clubs shall be free to invite senior judges to judge in this country, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Clubs must notify the Office of all invitations and a completed "non-GCCF judge" form must be supplied to the Office, with the schedule, for each engagement.

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- b. Invitations are to be made only to judges who are fully qualified with their own organisation(s) for the GCCF judging they are engaged to do (see 3.3e for detail). (amended 14.06.2017)
- c. These rules shall in no way prevent judges living overseas from becoming full GCCF judges under Article 7 (16) of the Byelaws and Rule 1a Section 3 of the Rules.
- d. The show management shall supply each overseas judge who is invited to officiate with a copy of the current GCCF Rules, the current Standard of Points for each breed they are to judge in Open or miscellaneous classes, a copy of the Code of Conduct for GCCF Judges and a copy of the official non-GCCF judge form.
- e. An overseas judge must not judge Breed classes, including Assessment classes, for breeds which are not recognised by the organisation for which he/she is currently a full judge. Eligibility to judge title classes should be determined by the same criteria applied to GCCF judges. (Amended 22.02.2012, 21.10.2015)
- f. Judges on the GCCF Judge list, but who are resident abroad, may not be invited as overseas judges.

4. Judging engagements

- a. As per Section 2, Rule 8a (Amended 22.02.2012)
- b. Judges should ensure, to the best of their ability that they abide by the restrictions on frequency of judging defined in the GCCF Code of Conduct for Judges. Other than for this reason, having accepted an invitation to a particular show, Judges should not refuse to accept classes for any breeds for which they are listed as eligible to judge. (Amended 17.06.2015, 26.10.24)
- c. Acceptance of an engagement by a judge places that judge under an obligation to both the show management and prospective exhibitors to attend and officiate at the show in question and to send within the specified time a report to the GCCF official website as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. Note: Assessment classes are considered to be Breed classes with judges' reports being sent to the GCCF Official Website (Amended 22.02.2012)
- d. Clubs holding shows under licence from the GCCF shall, within 7 days submit a list of all judges who judge at their show. (See Section 2 Rules 21) (Amended 17.2.10)
- e. At Championship shows, classes restricted to particular breed(s), colours or patterns (e.g. self/non-self) may be judged only by judges appointed to a list, or as designated in the Judging programme, which includes cats eligible to enter the class in question. (Amended 27.10.10, 24.10.24)
- f. Judges (and members of a judge's household) may not exhibit in competition at shows at which the judge is engaged nor at shows held at the same venue on the same day, in the category in which they are judging i.e. a judge in the pedigree section may enter in competition the "Household Pet" section and a judge in the "Household Pet" section may enter in competition the pedigree section. (Amended 27.10.10)
- g. The show management shall reimburse judges promptly for reasonable expense. (NB Student Judges are not eligible for expenses) (Amended 26.10.24)

5. Awards and Placings

- a. As per Section 2, Rule 14a (Amended 22.02.2012, 15.06.2016, 24.2.24)
- b. As per Section 2, Rule 14b

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- c. As per Section 2, Rule 14cAs per Section 2, Rule 14d (Amended 22.02.2012)
- d. As per Section 2, Rule 14e (Amended 22.02.2012)

6. Grand Classes

- a. As per Section 2, Rule 15a (Amended 22.02.2012)
- b. As per Section 2, Rule 15b
- c. As per Section 2, Rule 15c (Amended 22.02.2012)
- d. As per Section 2, Rule 7g (see also Section 4, Rule 11b) (Amended 22.02.2012)
- e. As per Section 2, Rule 15d (Amended 22.02.2012)
- f. As per Section 2, Rule 7j (see also Section 4 Rule 11c) (Amended 22.02.2012)

7. Best in Show

See Section 2, Rule 16b & c

Note: Judges who award an Overall BIS are eligible to sign a title certificate for the winner regardless of eligibility to judge the exhibit's breed or title class. (Amended 22.02.2012, 15.06.2016)

8. Best of Breed

- a. As per Section 2, Rule 17a.
- b. As per Section 2, Rule 17b (Amended 27.06.2012).
- c. As per Section 2, Rule 17c (Amended 27.06.2012, 24.2.24).
- d. As per Section 2, Rule 17d (Amended 27.06.2012).
- e. As per Section 2, Rule 17e (Amended 27.06.2012).

9. Disqualifications (Also listed as Section 2, Rule 19)

- a. Any cat biting or inflicting injury by deliberately scratching a judge, veterinary surgeon, steward or other show official must be reported to the show manager. The show manager must withdraw the cat from all remaining classes at the show and shall inform the owner of the cat in writing, sending a copy to the GCCF Office. Awards made prior to disqualification will not be forfeited. If, in the opinion of the person reporting the injury, the cat was defending itself in exceptional and frightening circumstances, that information, provided in writing by the person reporting the incident, should be given to the GCCF Office for consideration by the Board of Directors. If the cat is reported at any subsequent show, it shall be disqualified from all future shows unless the Board of Directors rules otherwise. (see Section 4, Rule 20)
- a. No powder or other grooming substances may be left in the coat of an exhibit. The show manager upon being satisfied that this rule has been or is being broken shall disqualify the exhibit concerned from all remaining classes at the show. Awards made prior to disqualification will not be forfeited. (see Section 4, Rule 21b)
- b. Any exhibit prepared for show in any artificial manner which changes its appearance relative to the Standard of Points shall be disqualified by the show manager upon receipt of a certificate signed by two judges of the relevant breed stating that in their opinion there had been a breach of this rule. In the event of such a disqualification of an exhibit any person deliberately breaching this rule may be liable to disciplinary action and all fees and awards shall be held in abeyance until the result of such action is decided.

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Such preparation includes the uses of powder, dyes, other colouring matter or whitening or darkening substances, or any oils or greasy preparations, or any other cleaning substances which remain in the exhibit's coat during the show; it includes also noticeably trimming, clipping, singeing or rasping down of the fast coat. Any treatment, including sedation, causing temporary or permanent change in the normal appearance or physical reaction of the exhibit or any surgery (cosmetic or otherwise) leading to changed appearance or reaction is forbidden. (Amended 18.02.2015)

The show manager shall at once inform the GCCF Investigation Committee of all relevant details in writing and shall similarly inform the exhibitor concerned that this action has been taken and draw the exhibitor's attention to the provisions of this rule.

(NB An alphanumeric identification tattoo in the ear or on the inner thigh shall not be considered a change in the normal appearance of a cat). (See Section 4, Rule 22)

- c.** If a breach of Section 4, Rules 16, 17 or 18, is brought to the attention of the show manager, he/she shall inspect the pen in question and, if possible, ensure that the pen equipment is corrected prior to judging. If, in the opinion of the show manager, the breach was a deliberate attempt to identify the exhibit to judges, the exhibit must be disqualified. In the event of such a disqualification of an exhibit all fees and awards shall be forfeited and any person concerned or connected with penning the exhibit may be liable to disciplinary action.
- d.** A judge must inform the show manager if any exhibit is not the breed or sex stated in their judge's book. The show manager must check the entry form for that exhibit and take one of the following actions:

 - i) If there is a printer's error, the show manager must correct all relevant judges' books.
 - ii) If it is evident that the exhibit has been incorrectly penned the show manager must rectify the situation and inform all relevant judges.
 - iii) If the exhibit is not the breed or sex (male/female) as stated on the entry form the show manager must disqualify the exhibit from all classes, after checking with the owner, if possible, that the entry form is correct. In the event of such a disqualification of an exhibit all fees and awards shall be forfeited.
 - iv) If the exhibit appears to be a colour or pattern other than as stated on the entry form, the show manager shall not disqualify the cat but leave any decision to the judge.
- e.** A judge must disqualify from any class any exhibit which, in their opinion, is ineligible for the class in question (incorrect breed, sex or colour) despite matching the description in the judge's book, after checking with the show manager that the class description is correct. The disqualification will apply to that class only.
- f.** A judge may disqualify from any class any exhibit which, in their opinion, is very undersized for its age or in very poor condition. Prior to such disqualification the judge must request the show manager to check the entry form to ensure that the correct age has been transcribed. A duty veterinary surgeon should be consulted to decide if the exhibit should be rejected under section A, or may be permitted to be judged in other classes.

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- g. A judge may mark as "wrong colour", "wrong pattern" or "does not conform to SOP", unless otherwise instructed by the SOP, any exhibit which, in their opinion, is incorrectly identified by colour/pattern in their judge's book after first requesting the show manager to check the entry form to ensure that there has been no transcription error. This does not constitute a disqualification.
- h. Any exhibit which cannot be safely handled by a judge and/or judge's steward will be disqualified in those classes, including consideration for Best of Breed, in which it could not be handled, with forfeiture of the relevant entry fees. A judge's decision in this matter is final. (see Section 4, Rule 19a)
- i. Any cat which cannot be handled safely during judging for Best-in-Show or Best of Variety may not be considered for this award, even if it had been handled by the Best-in-Show panel judges earlier in the day. (see Section 4, Rule 19b)

10. Stewarding

The GCCF regards experience as a judge's steward as an essential part of the training of new judges and judges are expected to pass on their knowledge and techniques to their stewards. Stewards are advised to obtain a copy of the GCCF Notes on Stewarding.

Note: The minimum age for stewards is 16 years.

- a. The duties of stewards are determined by the judge concerned, but the following must be included:
- b. To check and pass to the show secretariat the detachable award slips from the judging book as soon as is practicable after the judging of a class has been completed and to keep an adequate record of all placing and absentees in each class judged.
- c. To be available for carrying to the Best-in-Show Panel any cats nominated for Best-in-Show judging.
- d. To be available to the judge, at all times, for the handling of cats and to act as messenger between the judge, secretariat and show manager.
- e. No person may steward at all for any judge under whom he or a member of his household is exhibiting in an Open, Grand, Imperial Grand, UK Grand or Assessment class. This shall also include cats not entered in the Open but to be considered for Best of Breed. This rule also applies to any person who is acting as an agent for the owner of a cat entered in a relevant class. "Agent" is defined as "any person given responsibility by the owner for the cat on show day"

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- 11. Judges are forbidden to inspect catalogues or otherwise obtain information as to the ownership or identity of exhibits until after they have completed their engagement. Necessary information with regard to the age, sex, alleged breed number of particular exhibits may be obtained from the show manager who will extract such information from the appropriate entry form.

Note: Judges must insist that any such information required by them be taken from the entry form and not from the catalogue, since the latter may be in error.

- 12. Stewards are forbidden to handle catalogues until their judge has concluded his duties.
- 13. Deleted 28.6.26.

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- 14.** Judges and stewards who have ringworm diagnosed in their catteries/household, must not attend shows until a Clearance Certificate as required by the GCCF has been obtained. (All cases of ringworm must be notified to the Veterinary Officer c/o the Office).
- 15.** Any person whose cats have been rejected under Sections C or D must not officiate as a judge or steward or in any other capacity which requires the handling of cats at shows until a Clearance Certificate as required by the GCCF has been obtained.
- 16** Any Judge and/or Steward should report any instance of unacceptable or aggressive behaviour immediately to the Show Manager for action under SECTION 2:11:h (Added 23.10.2013)

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SECTION 4

EXHIBITS AND EXHIBITORS

1. Eligibility

- a. All cats and kittens exhibited for competition at a show held under licence of the GCCF must be registered with the GCCF, with the exception of "Household Pets". (See Section 1 Rules of Registration)

Note1: A Show register will be set up for the sole purpose of permitting pedigree cats registered with overseas organisations to enter special host shows as designated by the GCCF. Cats that do not conform to the relevant GCCF registration policy may be placed on this register but the overseas registering body must be a bona fide organisation recognised by the GCCF. (Added 23.06.2011)

- b. The owner of a cat is the person so named in the GCCF register.
- c. No cat, kitten or neuter registered with the GCCF and resident in England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands, may be exhibited at any show not licensed by the GCCF except after prior notification to the GCCF Office.

Note: If no cats in that ownership or living at the same address are to be shown at shows licensed by the GCCF, the owner may notify the GCCF Office to that effect and shall not then be required to notify the Office before showing at other shows, but shall be subject to Section 6, Rule 2 and the notes on rejection in Section 4.

- d. Exhibits registered on the Reference Register are not eligible for competition, unless they were registered before the revision of the registration rules agreed in principle on 21 October 2015. Registered cats are eligible to be shown in competition in the pedigree section if their breed has Championship Status (title certificate classes) or Preliminary Status (Assessment Classes). (amended and Historical note deleted 15.02.2017)

Note: Rules 4.1d, 4.16 and 4.18 do not apply to cats on exhibition who are not being judged in any competitive class. (Amended 27.6.26.)

- e. Registration and transfer applications must be received by the GCCF not less than 10 days prior to the show. The date of receipt by the GCCF of such applications shall be the relevant date. (Amended 18.02.2015)
- f. Cats which are not normally resident with their registered owner should be transferred into the ownership of their keeper if they are to be shown. Exhibitors are reminded that in the event of rejection, all exhibits in the same registered ownership may also be rejected and clearance may be required for both households.
- g. A Show register will be set up for the sole purpose of permitting pedigree cats registered with overseas organisations to enter special host shows as designated by the GCCF. Cats that do not conform to the relevant GCCF registration policy may be placed on this register but the overseas registering body must be a bona fide organisation recognised by the GCCF. (see Also Section 1: 12d) (Added 23.06.11)

2. Household Pets

- a. Show managements are authorised to offer classes for "Household Pets", as defined below.
- b. Household Pets may be divided into two groups:
 1. Non-Pedigree Pets - cats of traditional "moggie" appearance, which are unregistered cats of unregistered or unknown parents.

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2. Pedigree Pets - cats of pedigree appearance with known, unknown, full or half pedigree backgrounds.

They may be registered or unregistered but neither registration numbers nor prefixes will be used when entering as a Pedigree Pet in the Household Pet Section. The requirements for showing Pedigree Pets will be the same as those for Non-Pedigree pets.

Note: in each of the above definitions 'pedigree' refers to a pedigree breed recognised by GCCF. Cats with physical anomalies that are the basis of a breed, or those descended from wild species outcrosses that may be recognised by other organisations, could be rejected at vetting-in or not judged in their certificate class. See also Section 4 rule 4c. (See Section 2 Rule 5h) (Note added 15.06.2016)

- c. Household Pets are either "Long/Semi-Longhair" or "Shorthair" and breed or varietal names, or breed numbers allocated to registered cats must not be applied to them in show classifications, schedules or catalogues. (See Section 2 Rule 5i)
- d. All Household pets aged 6 months or over exhibited at shows held under GCCF licence must be neutered. (amended from 9 months June 2009)

3. Declaration

In order to exhibit in any shows held under GCCF licence the registered owner(s) must sign the official entry form for the show, or in the case of online show entry the electronic signature of the user ticking to agree to the declaration as given below will be accepted, providing the user's postal address has been verified and related to their email as part of the online enrolment process, and abide by and subscribe to the following declaration: (Amended 26.02.2014)

- a. I/We am/are the registered owner(s) of the cats and/or kittens named on this form and I/we agree to be bound by and submit to the Byelaws and Rules of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy presently in force and to any additional rules formulated specifically for this show, provided on/y that the latter do not conflict with the former; and/or I/we shall have applied for registration/transfer at least 10 days before the show. (Amended 18.02.2015)
- b. (1) No cat owned by me/us or living at the same address will be exhibited at or entered for any show or public exhibition held less than thirteen days prior to or following the date of this show/exhibition. NB. The owner of a cat is the person so named in the GCCF register (Section 4 Rule 1b)
(2) I understand that I may enter a cat into no more than two shows on a single day, regardless of how many shows are combined into a single event. (Added 24.12.24)
- c. Infection or infestation
 - (1) In the event of ear mite infestation being diagnosed in my/our cattery/household by a veterinary surgeon, no cat owned by me/us or living at the same address will attend any show/exhibition until such time as all the cats owned by me/us and/or living at the same address have been examined by a veterinary surgeon and pronounced free from ear mite infestation.
 - (2) In the event of ringworm infection being diagnosed in my/our cattery/household by a veterinary surgeon, I/we will inform the GCCF Office and neither I/we not any cat owned by me/us or living at the same address will attend any show/exhibition until a Clearance Certificate, as required by the GCCF, has been obtained. I/we understand that these restrictions will also apply if Ringworm is diagnosed in any

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cat/kitten exhibiting skin lesions within 7 days of leaving my/our cattery/household.
(Amended 26.06.13)

- (3) In the event of any other infectious disease, with the exception of Feline Leukaemia Virus, Feline Immunodeficiency Virus or Feline Infectious Peritonitis, being diagnosed by a veterinary surgeon in my/our cattery/household, no cat owned by me/us or living at the same address will attend any show/exhibition until at least one month after all cats owned by me/us and/or living at the same address have been examined by a veterinary surgeon and pronounced free from any evidence of the disease in question. (Amended 28.10.23).
- (4) Cats showing a positive reaction to the Feline Leukemia Virus blood test or the Feline Immunodeficiency Virus blood test must not be shown. NB. Council strongly recommends that all cats should be tested regularly. Vaccination against Feline Leukemia is also available.
- (5) Following a veterinary diagnosis of Feline Infectious Peritonitis in my cattery/household no cat will be shown until at least one month after the death or completion of treatment for any sick cat. (Added 28.10.23.)
- (6) No cat from my cattery/household will be shown for at least one month after I have imported a cat from any overseas area defined by the GCCF Veterinary Advisory Committee as having a particular risk of infection. (The current list of areas is available from the GCCF website and Office). (Added 28.10.23)

- d. I agree to abide by any decision regarding rejection made by a duty veterinary surgeon.
- e. To the best of my knowledge, the cat(s) entered for this show has/have not been subjected to any surgery to correct any defect listed in the GCCF Standard of Points.
- f. If the registered owner is aged under 18, the declaration must be countersigned by a parent/guardian.

4. Health & Welfare (see Section 5, Rule 4)

- a. Queens who are pregnant, or could be pregnant, lactating or who have kitted within the past 12 weeks may not compete and must not be exhibited at any show or exhibition and a duty veterinary surgeon is instructed to reject any queen in these conditions. (Amended 21.10.2015)
- b. Monorchid and cryptorchid adult males are not acceptable exhibits and a duty veterinary surgeon is instructed to reject them.
- c. Exhibits which have been declawed, exhibits that have had some or all of their eyebrows and /or eyelashes cut or plucked out, together with polydactyl cats, folded ears, curly tails and any other abnormality are not acceptable exhibits and a duty veterinary surgeon is instructed to reject them. With the exception of declawing, this does not apply to exhibits (pedigree and non-pedigree) in the household pet section. (Amended 23.06.2011 & 18.02.2015)
- d. An exhibit showing any signs of infectious or contagious disease will be rejected under Section B,C or D of the GCCF Veterinary Rejection form.

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- e. Cats which show obvious signs of lack of attention to hygiene, or in the opinion of the veterinary surgeons are in an unfit condition for show, will be rejected under Section A of the GCCF Veterinary Rejection form.
- f. Any cat or kitten which in the opinion of the judge is very under-developed or in very poor condition shall be disqualified from competition.
- g. Blind cats may not be exhibited at shows licensed by the GCCF.
- h. Any cat or kitten rejected by a duty veterinary surgeon or disqualified by a judge on grounds of condition should be reported to the GCCF Office by the show manager when the veterinary rejection slips are returned.
- i. Any cat which cannot be handled safely for examination will be rejected.
NB. Exhibitors must trim their cat's claws, if necessary, prior to the show. (Amended 15.06.2016)

5. Vaccinations – See Section 5 rule 3

- 6. Exhibits must arrive at the show hall in a suitable container (top-opening recommended) and must be accompanied by the owner or the owner's agent. The owner or his agent must be within call throughout the period of the show except for those times when the hall is cleared for judging. All cats must be removed from pens prior to dismantling but must not be removed during the period of the show without the explicit permission of the show manager.

7. Entry

- a. Exhibits must be presented on arrival at the show for examination before entering the penning area and must be so presented during the times stated in the show schedule. Late arrivals may be refused entry.

Evasion or attempted evasion of this rule will lead to disciplinary action by the GCCF. All decisions of a duty vet are final and no appeal will be entertained.
- b. Any cat which is resident in a country other than England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands or Eire must have its microchip checked against its importation documents before admission into the show. If the microchip cannot be read or does not conform with the documentation, that cat shall be rejected from the show and all fees shall be forfeited.
- c. Any exhibits rejected under Sections B, C or D, see rule Section 5:4h
- d. If a cat is removed to isolation following rejection by a duty veterinary surgeon after judging has commenced, information regarding the section under which the cat is rejected should be available to the adjacent exhibitors through the show manager and the duty vet should explain the potential risks involved to the adjacent exhibitors. (see Section 2, Rule 13g) See "Notes on Rejection" at the end of this Section.

8. Show entry, classes, titles and withdrawals

- a. Every exhibit must be identified on the entry form exactly as recorded on the registration or transfer certificate relating to it with the following exceptions: any GCCF title achieved by that exhibit (see Section 4, Rule 11b) must be claimed and will then form part of that exhibit's name. If the sire and/or dam of the exhibit has achieved and claimed a GCCF title since the registration of the exhibit, this may also be included on the entry form. Notes to this follow overpage /.....

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- Note 1. Non-GCCF titles may not be included before the name of the exhibit or of its sire and dam, but may be placed in brackets after the name.
- Note 2. (IMP) after a cat's name on its registration certificate to indicate an imported cat is not a part of the name of a cat. "Imported" plus the name of the country or registering body from whence the cat was imported may be included after the cat's name at the show manager's discretion.
- Note 3. Errors in these details (except minor errors) will disqualify the entry, with forfeiture of all entry and penning fees. Show managements, however, are permitted to accept corrections, at their own discretion, up to the close of the show; Any such correction must not be an addition or substitution of any exhibit for which proof of entry cannot be validated, or a change of exhibitor/owner, with the exception of changes from single to joint ownership or vice-versa provided that in the case of joint ownership at least one of the owners has signed the declaration. Any such corrections must be incorporated in the marked catalogues sent to the GCCF, but need not be incorporated in any other catalogues. (see Section 2, Rules 11c, 11f) (Amended 26.02.2014)
- Note 4. Any former title, breed number, registration number or prefix may not be included before or after the name, or on the entry form, of a Pedigree Pet exhibit.
- Note 5. Any Household Pet title achieved by an exhibit must be claimed and will then form part of that exhibit's name.
- Note 6. When the title of Olympian is awarded to a cat in the pedigree or household pet section, it is sufficient to denote it is an Imperial Grand Champion/Premier or Imperial Grand Master. Therefore it is unnecessary to include these titles in the cat's name. However, if the cat has gained a UK title at the Supreme Show that must still be included before all other awards. (Added 23.10.2013 amended 26.02.2014).
- b. Exhibitors are requested to point out to the show manager any errors in regard to their own entries which may appear in the show catalogue at the earliest possible moment.
- c. Exhibits which may have been placed in wrong classes or wrongly identified as a result of errors on entry forms will be disqualified. Show managements, however, are permitted to accept corrections, at their own discretion. Errors which have occurred as typing, printing or other managerial mistakes must be corrected if pointed out at a reasonable time during the show, and/or the exhibitor compensated for any loss.
9. Exhibitors entering cats in two shows within 13 days, (excluding back to back shows) but not exhibiting at both in contravention of Rule 3b shall be reported to the GCCF Office who shall apply the appropriate sanction as defined in the published penalties listing. Persistent or deliberate breaches of this rule may render exhibitor/s liable to disciplinary action. (Amended 04.10.2017)
10. A show entry cannot be withdrawn after the published closing date of the show, which will include any extension published on the GCCF website. (Amended 21.10.2015)

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11. Titles

- a. No cat shall be eligible to enter the Olympian Adult, Imperial Grand Champion, Grand Champion, Olympian Neuter, Imperial Grand Premier, Grand Premier Class, Olympian Master, Imperial Grand Master, unless it has attained the relevant qualifying status, on or before the closing date for entries, as stated in the schedule, or any extension to this published on the GCCF website, although upgrades after that date may be taken at the show manager's discretion. (Amended 25.06.2014 Title list only) (Amended 17.06.2015, 21.02.2018)

- b. Pedigree Titles
 - i. The titles of Grand Champion, Champion, Kitten Champion, Grand Premier and Premier shall be attained by the awarding of three Grand Challenge/Challenge, Kitten Challenge/Grand Premier/Premier certificates, as appropriate, by three different judges at shows licensed by the GCCF. The three Kitten Challenge certificates must have been awarded on the three different dates. (Amended 23.2.25)
 - ii. The titles of Imperial Grand Champion and Imperial Grand Premier shall be attained by the awarding of five Imperial Grand Challenge/Imperial Grand Premier certificates, as appropriate, by five different judges at shows licensed by the GCCF.
 - iii. The title of Olympian shall be attained by the awarding of five Olympian Certificates from five different judges. Awards of Bronze/Silver/Gold will be given requiring five certificates to progress each level. Certificates may be obtained from the same judge in different levels. At least four certificates at each level must be won at All-Breed shows, not more than one won at a non-All-Breed Show may count at each level. If extra certificates are gained at non-All-Breed Shows at any level, they are not carried forward to the next level. Note: An All-Breed Show for this purpose is one that has certificate classes for all GCCF sections. (see Section 3, Rule 6d, Section 2, Rule 7g (Amended 22.02.2012, 29.10.22)

- c. **Household Pet Titles** (Also listed as Section 2 Rule 7j & Section 3, Rule 6f;) Titles may be claimed for Household Pets (Pedigree Pets & Non-Pedigree Pets) when the appropriate number of certificates has been gained, if the cat is registered with GCCF. A Non-Pedigree will require pet registration, a Pedigree Pet may use its pedigree registration number or pet registration, if not previously registered.(Amended 14.06.2017)
 - i. The titles of Master, Kitten master and Grand Master shall be attained by the awarding of three Kitten Master, Master/Grand Master certificates, as appropriate, by three different judges at Championship shows licensed by the GCCF. The three Kitten Challenge certificates must have been awarded on the three different dates. (Amended 26.02.2014, 23.2.25)
 - ii. The title of Imperial Grand Master shall be attained by the awarding of five Imperial Grand Master certificates by five different judges at Championship shows licensed by the GCCF. (Amended 26.02.2014)

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- iii. The title of Olympian Master shall be attained by the awarding of five Olympian Master Cat Certificates from five different judges. Awards of Bronze/Silver/Gold will be given requiring five certificates to progress each level. Certificates may be obtained from the same judge in different levels. At least four certificates at each level must be won at All-Breed shows, not more than one won at a non-All-Breed Show may count at each level. If extra certificates are gained at non-All-Breed Shows at any level, they are not carried forward to the next level. Note: An All-Breed Show for this purpose is one that has certificate classes for all GCCF sections. (Amended 22.02.2012, 26.02.2014, 29.10.22.)
 - iv. The Coventry and Leicester Cat Club, in recognition of their work initiating the concept of titles for Household Pet Cats, shall be allowed to retain their own special title of "Ultimate" cat gained by titled cats winning two certificates in different years at the Coventry and Leicester Cat Club's annual Championship Show. (Council: October 2008) The title may be used by an exhibitor but as a "club" title it will not be required to be listed on certificates or in catalogues. (Added 26.02.2014 Amended 25.06.2014),
12. Exhibits may be withdrawn before judging starts from classes in which (a) the judge is changed from the judge named in the schedule (b) classes are amalgamated unless such amalgamation was announced as a possibility in the schedule. In cases of such withdrawal, the exhibitor shall be entitled to claim refund of entry fees for all classes from which the exhibit is withdrawn. Claims for refunds must be made within seven days of the date of the show. (see Section 2, Rule 10a)
 13. Except in so far as the conditions under which entry was made may be changed, exhibits may not be withdrawn from competition after entering the show hall unless such withdrawal is sanctioned by the show manager. In case of such sanctioned withdrawal, entry and penning fees will be forfeited. (see Section 2, Rule 10b)
 14. If the Standard of Points for the breed to be exhibited is not included in the current GCCF Standard of Points booklet then it is the exhibitor's responsibility to provide a copy with the show entry. This applies both to Preliminary status breeds and to any breeds where additional colours/patterns have been added to an existing class. (Further information should be available from the specialist breed club).
 15. No entries for any show held under the rules of the GCCF of cats and/or kittens which have been disqualified by an order of the Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the provisions of Article 12(4) of the Byelaws may be made during the period of such disqualification. Any entry made in contravention of this rule shall result in the forfeiture of all fees and awards and may render any person concerned or connected with such entry liable to disciplinary action.

See also Section 6. Miscellaneous Rules.

Presentation

16. Every exhibit must be provided with a white sanitary tray and clean, plain white or near-white blanket or blankets without distinctive marking or edging, which may be arranged in such a manner as to assist the comfort of the cat. Cellular blankets are not allowed but white Vet-bed or like material may be used if preferred.

When a breach of this rule is drawn to their attention, show managers may disqualify any exhibit appearing with a dirty, coloured or otherwise distinctive blanket. All fees and awards relating to any exhibit thus disqualified shall be forfeit.

Note: Rules 4.1d, 4.16 and 4.18 do not apply to cats on exhibition who are not being judged in any competitive class. (Amended 27.6.26.)

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- 17.** A hot water bottle or heat reflecting material or a cool pack may be used but must be concealed by the blanket. No other articles or decorations may be placed in or on the pen until judging has been completed. The only exception to this rule is that a white container with water must be placed in the pen. Containers with food and one small toy may be placed in the pen after the time announced for the admission of the public. Food containers, if used earlier, must be removed before judging. Failure to do so may result in the disqualification of the exhibit by the show manager and in this event all fees and awards shall be forfeited.
- 18.** Apart from the current show award cards competitive pens must not carry any advertisement or other printed or manuscript matter which might indicate the ownership of the cat except that a judge or show manager may affix a note if a cat is found to be dangerous to handle or is withdrawn from competition.

Note: Rules 4.1d, 4.16 and 4.18 do not apply to cats on exhibition who are not being judged in any competitive class. (Amended 27.6.26.)

Disqualifications

- 19a.** Any cat which cannot be safely handled by a judge and/or judge's steward will be disqualified in those classes, including consideration for Best of Breed, in which it could not be handled, with forfeiture of the relevant entry fees. A judge's decision in this matter is final. (Also listed as Section 2, Rule 19i)
- 19b.** Any cat which cannot be handled safely during judging for Best-in-Show or Best of Variety may not be considered for this award, even if it had been handled by the Best-in-Show panel judges earlier in the day. (Also listed as Section 2, Rule 19j)
- 20.** Any cat biting or inflicting injury by deliberately scratching a judge, veterinary surgeon, steward or other show official, or displaying extremely threatening behaviour that indicates this could happen, must be reported to the show manager. The show manager must withdraw the cat from all remaining classes at the show and shall inform the owner of the cat in writing, sending a copy to the GCCF Office. Awards made prior to the disqualification will not be forfeited. If, in the opinion of the person reporting the injury or behaviour, the cat was defending itself in and/or there were exceptional and frightening circumstances, that information, provided by the person reporting the incident, should be given to the GCCF Office for consideration by the Board of Directors. If the cat is reporting at any subsequent show for biting or deliberately scratching, it shall be disqualified from all future shows unless the Board of Directors rules otherwise. If more than one report of threatening behaviour is submitted then the Board of Directors may at its discretion fix a term of exclusion from showing. If there is any further report of injury or behaviour subsequent to a fixed term of exclusion there will be disqualification from all future shows, unless the Board of Directors should consider there are extenuating circumstances and set a further term of exclusion. (Also listed as Section 2, Rule 19a) (Amended 15.06.2016)
- 21a.** The use of grooming aids in the show hall other than the use of a clean brush and comb or cloth is prohibited.
- 21b.** No powder or other grooming substances may be left in the coat of an exhibit. The show manager upon being satisfied that this rule has been or is being broken shall disqualify the exhibit concerned from all remaining classes at the show. Awards made prior to disqualification will not be forfeited (Also listed as Section 2, Rule 19b)

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- 22.** (Also listed as Section 2, Rule 19c)
- i. Any exhibit prepared for show in any artificial manner which changes its appearance relative to the Standard of Points shall be disqualified by the show manager upon receipt of a certificate signed by two judges of the relevant breed stating that in their opinion there had been a breach of this rule. In the event of such a disqualification of an exhibit any person deliberately breaching this rule may be liable to disciplinary action and all fees and awards shall be held in abeyance until the result of such action is decided.
 - ii. Such preparation includes the uses of powder, dyes, other colouring matter or whitening or darkening substances, or any oils or greasy preparations, or any other cleaning substances which remain in the exhibit's coat during the show; it includes also trimming, clipping to shape head facial and body fur with scissors(or similar metallic grooming implements), singeing or rasping down of the fast coat, and the cutting or plucking of some or all of an exhibit's eyebrows and/or eyelashes contrary to Rule Section 4:4c (amended 29.6.24)
 - iii. Any treatment, including sedation, causing temporary or permanent change in the normal appearance or physical reaction of the exhibit or any surgery (cosmetic or otherwise) leading to changed appearance or reaction is forbidden.
 - iv. The show manager shall at once inform the GCCF Investigation Committee of all relevant details in writing and shall similarly inform the exhibitor concerned that this action has been taken and draw the exhibitor's attention to the provisions of this rule.
 - v. An alphanumeric identification tattoo in the ear or on the inner thigh shall not be considered a change in the normal appearance of a cat.
 - vi. The use of chemical contraception with veterinary supervision is acceptable in the interests of welfare and is not considered as show preparation. Exhibitors with male cats that have received hormonal injection for contraceptive purposes are advised to have evidence of this with them to show to the Duty Vet should any testicular abnormality be queried. (Amended 21.10.2015)
- 23.** Exhibitors may not receive any certificate and/or Best of Breed, Best of Variety or Best in Show awards from judges they have travelled with to that show in a private vehicle. (Amended 17.06.2015)
- 24.** All disqualifications made by show managers under any of the rules of this section of the Show Rules shall be notified to the secretary of the Investigation Committee giving all relevant details. The Investigation Committee shall record all such notifications. Persistent or deliberate breaches of the relevant rules by an exhibitor resulting in such disqualification may render such exhibitor liable to disciplinary action.

During the Show

- 25.** Exhibitors must vacate the judging area when required to do so by the show management, and must not re-enter until the doors are opened to the public, unless requested to do so by the show management.
- 26.** Exhibitors are forbidden to enter into conversation with any judge under whom they are exhibiting and deliberately draw attention to the fact that they are exhibiting under that judge until after the judge's engagement is completed.
- 27.** Exhibitors are reminded that the decisions of the judges are final. Any attempt to influence such decisions or to identify a cat or ownership of a cat to a judge at a show before that judge's engagement has been completed, may render the offender liable to disciplinary action.

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28. Exhibitors or their agents must not remove any exhibit from its pen whilst judging of any class in which it is entered is in progress except by direction of the show manager or other official on pain of disqualification and forfeiture of entry fee.
29. Exhibits must not be removed from the exhibition before the declared time for closure of the show, except that exhibitors may apply for earlier removal when making their entry. Such early removal may be made at the discretion of the show manager. The show manager may disqualify any exhibit so removed without their consent. In the event of such disqualification the exhibitor may be liable to disciplinary action and all fees and awards shall be held in abeyance until the result of such action is decided. (Amended 24.10.12)
30. Show prize monies may be paid out on the day of the show on the declared and contingent liability of the exhibitor that, in the event of disqualification, all prize monies and certificates shall be returned to the show manager concerned. Failure of any prize-winner to comply with this rule may result in disciplinary action. (Also listed as Section 2, Rule 22)
31. All persons using the show hall or any areas used in conjunction with the show must note that unacceptable or aggressive behaviour **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED**. Any such behaviour may result in the removal of those responsible (and their cats if appropriate) from the show venue. This behaviour may result in disqualification and/or disciplinary action by GCCF. The Show Manager is to inform the GCCF Investigation Committee of any such behaviour within 5 days of the show, giving the relevant facts in writing, and must also inform the person concerned that this action has been taken, and draw their attention to the provisions of this rule. A form will be provided to Show Managers to assist them to obtain the relevant facts. (Added 23.10.2013, amended 22.10.2014)

NOTES ON REJECTION AT SHOWS

(see Section 3, Rules 14,15 and Section 4, Rules 4a-4h, 5, 7a-7d)

- Note 1. Rejection from a show means only that the cat showed signs indicating that it might have an infectious or contagious disease, or that it was not in a suitable condition to be shown and is **NOT A DIAGNOSIS** of any particular disease.
- Note 2. It is carried out for the protection of the cat itself and/or for the protection of other cats present at the show or for the protection of the breed.
- Note 3. Cats will be rejected under Section A for fleas, pregnancy, lactation, undersize, poor condition, trauma (e.g. clawed eye), distress, signs indicating presence of drugs, gross malformation in pedigree cats (including monorchidism in adults, cryptorchidism in adults, polydactyly, folded ears, curly tails, or severe expression of any of the standard faults in the SOP booklet) or if they have been declawed. They will also be rejected if it is not possible to examine them safely. No clearance is required but the cat may not be shown again until the reason for rejection is no longer present.
- Note 4. Cats will be rejected under Section B for ear mite infestation or for dirty or waxy ears indicative of possible ear mite infestation. In-contact cats will be examined using an auroscope and may be admitted to the show if their ears are clean.
- Note 5. The exhibitor will be issued with a rejection form and a special clearance form which details the tests that must be carried out **WITHIN SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE SHOW** (on the rejected cat(s) only at this stage) before the Clearance Certificate can be completed and sent, together with the rejection form, to the GCCF Office.
- Note 6. Cats will be rejected under Section C if they show signs of possible infectious disease including ocular or nasal discharge, mouth or tongue ulcers, diarrhoea or vomiting, enlarged lymph nodes, raised temperature, etc. All in-contact exhibits will also be rejected. The exhibitor will be issued with a rejection form and clearance

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form. The exhibit must be examined by a veterinary surgeon NOT LESS THAN SEVEN DAYS after the show and certified free of the symptoms for which it was rejected or ANY OTHER signs of infectious disease, using the clearance form which, together with the rejection form, must then be sent to the GCCF Office. If the exhibit requires treatment for any infectious disease then all cats owned by the exhibitor and/or living at the same address must be examined by a veterinary surgeon and the clearance form signed when all can be certified free of symptoms of the infection. (amended 22.10.2014)

- Note 7. Cats will be rejected under Section D if they show any skin lesions indicative of possible ringworm, including areas of missing or broken hair or any scabs. All in-contact exhibits will also be rejected. The exhibitor will be issued with a rejection form and a special clearance form which details the tests that must be carried out WITHIN SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE SHOW (on the rejected cat only at this stage) before the Clearance Certificate can be completed and sent, together with the rejection form, to the GCCF Office.
- Note 8. Any exhibitor whose cat is rejected under Sections B, C or D should consider their cattery/household to be in quarantine from the date of the show until they receive the official GCCF acceptance of their Clearance Certificate. Their cats may not attend shows nor may they sell kittens or take or accept queens to stud.
- Note 9. Official GCCF acceptance of Clearance Certificates must be received before exhibiting at any show
- Note 10. The GCCF Veterinary Officer may be contacted through the GCCF Office.

END OF SECTION 4

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SECTION 5

VETERINARY SURGEONS

1. Invitations

- a. The show management shall engage the services of at least one veterinary surgeon with previous experience of veterinary duties at cat shows. At shows with more than 60 cats there must be two or more veterinary surgeons, commensurate with the number of entries. Suitable facilities shall be provided for the purpose of examining each exhibit prior to its admission to the show hall. At all shows held under GCCF licence at least one veterinary surgeon shall remain in the show hall until 1.00 pm and preferably until judging has been completed.(see Section 2, Rule 13a)
- b. The show management should issue written invitations to veterinary surgeons, stating the date of the show, the venue, the times of attendance and the remuneration to be offered. (see Section 2, Rule 13b)
- c. Fees or honoraria paid to veterinary surgeons whose services are retained by show managements are outside the jurisdiction of the GCCF and any dispute which may arise concerning such matters must be settled by the parties concerned.

2. Attendance

- a. The show management must ensure that veterinary surgeons are conversant with Section 5 of the GCCF Rules and that they are provided with a copy of the official veterinary code. (see Section 2, Rule 13d)
- b. The show management must ensure that the duty veterinary surgeon(s) are supplied with the official GCCF rejection forms, the additional forms for Section B, C & D rejections plus other necessary documentation in addition to the above. (see Section 2, Rule 13e) (Forms updated 15.06.2016)
- c. Veterinary surgeons officiating at shows held under GCCF licence must attend at a suitable time to examine exhibits before they are permitted to enter the show hall.
- d. Examination prior to entry is to ensure, so far as is possible, that no cat suffering any infectious or contagious disease, or from infection with endoparasites or ectoparasites, is admitted to the show hall.
- e. Veterinary surgeons and assistants must not smoke whilst handling cats.

3. Vaccinations

A) All cats exhibited at shows held under GCCF rules must have a current certificate of vaccination against Feline Calicivirus (FCV), Feline Herpes Virus (FHV) and Feline Panleukopenia* (FPV). (*Previously termed feline Infectious Enteritis)

- i. The primary course (first set of 3 vaccinations) in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation, and/or WSAVA*guidelines, must have been completed more than seven days before the show. (Amended 29.6.24

Note 1: PRIMARY COURSE

THE PRIMARY COURSE IS DEFINED AS THE FIRST TWO DOSES OF VACCINE ADMINISTERED 3-4 WEEKS APART PLUS A THIRD DOSE (1st ADULT VACCINATION) GIVEN 12 MONTHS LATER.

Kittens and previously unvaccinated cats may be shown after the first two doses of the primary course provided the second dose was given more than 7 days before the show.

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Kittens or cats who have received two doses of a primary course with an interval of more than 6 weeks between them will be rejected under Section A.

Manufacturers recommend that the third dose of the primary course (1st Adult Vaccination) is given by 12 months after the first two doses. This dose must have been given more than 7 days before the show. (Some vaccine guidelines now recommend a 3rd dose is given to kittens at 16 weeks but this is not compulsory for kittens attending GCCF shows.)

- a) Kittens or cats who have two doses of a primary course with an interval of more than 6 weeks between them will be rejected under section A.
- b) Adult cats who have received **only** the **two kitten doses** with the 2nd kitten vaccination more than 12 months and 7 days before the show will be rejected under Section A.
- c) Adult cats who have received **three doses** of a primary course with an interval of 12-15 months between the 2nd kitten and the 1st Adult Vaccination **will not be rejected**.
- d) Adult cats who have received three doses of a primary course with an interval of more than 15 months between the 2nd kitten vaccination and first Adult Vaccination will be rejected under Section A.

ii Booster vaccinations against FCV, FHV and FPV must be given at the manufacturer's recommended intervals and/or WSAVA* guidelines. Where a variable interval of 1-3 years for FCV and FHV is recommended the minimum interval applies. i.e all cats attending shows MUST receive annual booster against FCV and FHV. (Amended 29.6.24)

For boosters only note: Exhibitors are advised to leave at least a week between a booster vaccination and show attendance to allow the vaccine to take effect and in case of any adverse reaction. (Amended 05.10.2016.)

Note 2: BOOSTER VACCINATIONS IN ADULT CATS WHO HAVE COMPLETED A 3 DOSE PRIMARY COURSE

Every adult cat attending a GCCF show must have had a minimum of a Flu (FCV,FHV) booster in the 12 months and 7 days preceding the show. Cats whose last booster was given more than 12 months and 7 days before the show will be rejected under Section A) Once a cat has completed the 3 doses of the primary course a single booster is deemed adequate to restore full immunity regardless of the interval from the previous vaccination. Therefore in cats who have received the 3 dose primary course vets are instructed to check only the latest booster entry for both Flu (FCV, FHV) and FPV, and other booster entries do not need to be checked. A booster interval of 3 years for FPV only is acceptable with appropriately licensed vaccines where the flu components (FCV,FHV) can be given separately.

AMENDMENTS TO NOTE 2A) THAT GIVE A TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF THE BOOSTER VACCINATION INTERVAL IN ADULT CATS WHO HAVE COMPLETED A 3 DOSE PRIMARY COURSE

VALID FROM 06/11/2021 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO TEMPORARY SHORTAGE OF FELINE VACCINES

Every adult cat attending a GCCF show must have had a minimum of a Flu (FCV,FHV) booster in the 15 months and 7 days preceding the show Cats whose last booster was given more than 15 months and 7 days before the show will be rejected under Section A.

NB: The existing rules in relation to the 3-dose primary course and FPV vaccination in adult cats will still apply. (Amendments & temporary note 6.11.21)

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B) The certificate must have been issued by a veterinary practice/hospital and all the vaccination entries signed by a Veterinary Surgeon or by a listed Veterinary Nurse under the direction of a Veterinary Surgeon.

Note 3: Exhibitors are advised to check that the vet or listed veterinary nurse has signed and correctly dated each entry. The entry should include a sticker showing the brand, batch number and expiry date of the vaccine. A hand written entry is acceptable but must include all the details from the original sticker

C) Cats unaccompanied by a vaccination certificate will also be rejected under Section A unless the exhibitor undertakes to provide proof of vaccination, valid for that show, by sending the certificate to the GCCF Office within seven days of the show. Failure to do so will lead to disqualification from the show and the cat's name will be placed on the rejection list until proof of vaccination is received in the Office.

Note 4: Electronic (scanned or photographed) copies are now accepted by the GCCF office but copies must show the cat/owner details and those of the veterinary practice issuing the certificate as well as the signed vaccination entries.

Note 5: **REPLACEMENT CERTIFICATES** When a certificate is lost the owner must get a replacement from their veterinary surgeon clearly labelled as such, which must comply with the GCCF rules and be clearly labelled as a replacement.. (Notes added 19.6.19)

(See Section 2 Rule 7c, Section 4 Rule 5)

4. Rejections (see Section 4, Rules 4 & 7)

- a. Queens who are pregnant, or could be pregnant, lactating or who have kitted within the past 12 weeks must be rejected. (Amended 21.10.2015)
- b. Cryptorchid and Monorchid cats over 9 months of age must be rejected.
- c. Exhibits which have been declawed, exhibits that have had some or all of their eyebrows and /or eyelashes cut or plucked out, together with polydactyl cats, folded ears, curly tails and any other abnormality are not acceptable exhibits and a duty veterinary surgeon is instructed to reject them. With the exception of declawing, and damage to eyebrows and/or lashes, this does not apply to exhibits (pedigree and non-pedigree) in the household pet section. However, pedigree pets of breeds that will not be recognised by GCCF, because of a harmful genetic mutation and/or where the resultant structural anomaly is the key feature upon which the breed is based, or cats resulting from a species outcross, cannot be shown in the pedigree pet section of GCCF shows and should be rejected. (Amended 23.06.2011, 18.02.2015 & 15.06.2016).
- d. An exhibit showing any signs of infectious or contagious disease must be rejected under Section B, C or D of the GCCF Veterinary Rejection form.
- e. Cats which show obvious signs of lack of attention to hygiene, have sharp untrimmed claws, or in the opinion of the veterinary surgeons are in an unfit condition for show, must be rejected under Section A of the Veterinary Rejection form. Note: Exhibitors should be allowed the opportunity to trim claws prior to a rejection, but should not expect the veterinary surgeon to do this for them at vetting-in. (Amended 15.06.2016)
- f. Blind cats may not be exhibited at shows licensed by the GCCF.
- g. Any exhibit which might require rejection must be examined by a duty veterinary surgeon.
- h. Any exhibits rejected under Sections B, C or D of the Veterinary Rejection form before or during a show by a duty veterinary surgeon must be removed from the show hall.

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Exhibits rejected under Section A may be removed from the show hall or may be permitted to remain in the hall but withdrawn from competition. All fees will be forfeited. An exhibitor must declare to the Duty Vet if an exhibit(s) from the same household is/are present at any other show(s) on the same day, and take action to ensure their withdrawal when rejected under Section C or D. For rejections under Section B the exhibitor must take action to ensure that cats at any other show(s) are subjected to an examination of the ears by the duty vet of that show in accordance with the Notes on Rejection at Shows. (Amended 22.10.2014)

5. Duty Veterinary Surgeon

One or more of the veterinary surgeons officiating at shows held under GCCF licence will be known as the duty veterinary surgeon(s) and must also:

- a. Remain until 1.00 pm. and preferably until judging has been completed. The show manager must obtain full details of a local veterinary practice available to treat emergencies which cannot be dealt with at the show.
 - b. Be the signatory to all rejection forms, both prior to and during the show. In his absence a rejection form can be signed by any qualified veterinary surgeon.
 - c. Ensure that if a cat is rejected under Section C or D, all exhibits owned by that exhibitor or living at the same address are also excluded from the show.
 - d. Upon request, examine any cat at any time during the show in order to determine whether it is fit to remain on exhibition.
 - e. Advise the show management if in their opinion the owners (or owner's agents) of any cats which have been refused admission, or removed from the show during the day, should also be barred from entering the show premises or requested to leave the show.
 - f. Determine any question which may arise within the veterinary field, such as sex, possible pregnancy, use of drugs, etc., while he is present.
6. Requests to a duty veterinary surgeon to examine a cat during the show must be made by the show management either directly or, in the case of requests from judges or stewards, on official slips provided by the show management. Any other person who may have reasonable grounds for thinking that such an examination is desirable must apply to the show management. (see Section 2 Rule 13j)
7. A duty veterinary surgeon must ensure that all rejection paperwork is completed and the required copies supplied to the show manager. (see Section 2, Rule 13k)
8. A duty veterinary surgeon who rejects an exhibit during the show must inform the show manager immediately and advise whether the cat may remain in its pen but be withdrawn from competition (only permissible for exhibits rejected under Section A) or must be removed from the show or placed in isolation. (see Section 2, Rule 13l)

Decisions

9. Decisions made by a duty veterinary surgeon in pursuance of his duty at the show shall be accepted without question. (see Section 2, Rule 13m)
10. When a veterinary surgeon is not readily available the show manager alone is empowered to take decisions concerning the well-being of cats. (see Section 2, Rule 13n)
11. In exceptional circumstances, where the well-being of the cats would otherwise be compromised, and with the approval of the duty veterinary surgeon(s), the show management may vary the rule relating to the examination of cats prior to entry to the show.

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Under these circumstances the show management may permit exhibits and their vaccination certificates to be inspected by persons considered by the duty veterinary surgeon(s) to be competent to do so. (see Section 2, Rule 13o)

END OF SECTION

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SECTION 6

MISCELLANEOUS RULES

1. In the event of ringworm infection being diagnosed in a cattery/household by a veterinary surgeon, the cattery owner/householder will inform the GCCF Office. Neither the cattery owner/householder nor any cat owned by them or living at the same address will attend any show until a Clearance Certificate, as required by the GCCF has been obtained. These restrictions will also apply to a cattery/household if Ringworm is diagnosed in any cat/kitten exhibiting skin lesions within 7 days of leaving the aforesaid cattery/household.
This rule applies to all cases of ringworm and not only to those detected as a result of rejection as a show. (Amended 24.10.12, 6.11.21)
2. In the event of a cat being rejected for veterinary reasons from a show not licensed by the GCCF, the owner/exhibitor will inform the GCCF Office within 3 working days of the closure of the show with all the details For any rejection for reasons similar to the GCCF Veterinary Sections B, C and D (see Notes on rejection at shows at the end of Section 4), no cat belonging to this exhibitor and/or living at the same address may be exhibited at future shows by this owner/exhibitor until an appropriate clearance has been received and acknowledged by the Office.

End of Rules

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