

Proposals from the Show Structure Review Group

1. To approve one of the suggested formats for a restructure of the show sections to give a more balanced entry and an equality of competition. (Proposal to be taken as a whole and not by group or section.)

OPTION 1

Radical change, with major regrouping and removing miscellaneous classes :

- Regrouping of current sections into 4 new groups based on the Fife format with some movement/amalgamation of breeds.
- N.B. *consideration of a points based award for cats winning B.I.G/B.I.S*

OPTION 2

A re-structure of the existing show style

- Regrouping of the current sections into 6 sections with some movement/ amalgamation of breeds into 14 grand groups, 6 Imperial groups.

2. To allow the amendment of the Philosophy and Principles of the GCCF Judge Appointment Scheme using the guidelines below so as to be in line with the new section structure.

- Breed Advisory Committee's (BAC's) would be combined by Grand Groups (14 in total)
- They would NOT be "joint" BAC's except for the issues of a breed's Standard of Points, (SOP) breeding and registration policies. All representatives eligible to partake in discussion but the final decision in these aspects is the sole responsibility of the clubs catering for the breed in question.
- All judges would be monitored by the whole group of representatives
- All constituent clubs would send between 1 to 3 representatives dependent on the number of clubs involved e.g. 17 clubs = 1 representative per club, 5 clubs = 2 representatives per club
- Pupil Judges (PJ's) will be PJs of all the breeds catered for by the BAC

➤ Actual Promotion:

- A panel of assessors made up of at least: 1 FJ who is preferably on all the lists within the group, 1 BAC member, 1 breeder of a least one of the group's breeds, and 1 or 2 representatives unconnected to the BACs breeds.
- In cases of dispute the panel will consist of representatives from other BAC's and will have the power to request an extra assessment of a minimum of five cats across the BAC's breeds.
- Application for promotion (with letter of recommendation from BAC) to be submitted to a panel of assessors for ratification before names submitted to council for information only.

3. To allow the amendment of the Rules of Procedure for the Selection of Judges using the guidelines below so as to be in line with the new section structure.

ALL first time PJ's:

- All PJ's will be assigned a mentor - they will be able to choose from a list supplied. Mentors could be drawn from known breeders or FJs and their duties will be clearly defined.
- Submit a minimum of three *or maximum of five* tutorials on each individual breed in BAC's with three or more breeds
- Submit full reports on all kittens judged in the open classes and/or a specified number from miscellaneous classes (especially in the case of minority breeds)
- To undertake a written/online examination on the SOP's of the breeds catered.
- PJ's must attend at least one breed group specific seminar and/or judge at a breed show before promotion is considered.
- PJ seminars must cover:
 - Breed SOP specifics and nuances
 - Breed comparisons
 - Basic anatomy of felines
 - Defects - how/what/where and how to examine correctly for them
- 2/3 assessments to cover all the BAC's breeds
- Assessments: 10 cats across the breeds in the group to be reported on at each assessment. They must be chosen from both the PJ and Full Judges (FJ) books and to include both adults and kittens where possible.
- May be done at seminars or while stewarding
- All assessments to be undertaken with BAC approved judges.
- All FJ's on the BAC's list may be asked, being on the BAC as a representative is not a guarantee that appointment as an assessing judge will be forthcoming.
- Any FJ chosen by the BAC to undertake assessments must be notified before their names are distributed. Any FJ so approached may refuse.
- All assessing judges to be reviewed either yearly or every third year?
- Specific expectations to be agreed on procedures and expectations of assessment
- PJ's not to be held back if they never encounter some of the rarer breeds..e.g. Manx/Singapura/Turkish

Current tutorial and assessment forms to be redesigned to ensure they are more informative and fit for purpose. Role of Assessment judge to be defined

Full Judges:

- Ongoing training - to attend at least one seminar every second year for any grand group on if not judging regularly (*"regularly" to be defined*) or at least once every four years if judging regularly.
- To be notified if a BAC wishes them to be either an assessment or mentor judge. Role to be reviewed as agreed and will have the option to refuse.

- Should Full Judges be licensed? Renewal every five years?

Possible training approaches:

- Full day Shadow judging - FJ will pick any class/es (min. 3 max.5 if small classes) in their book that includes cats of the BAC group. Minimum of 2 classes wherein the concentration is on placings and explanation of factors other than the SOP on placings.
- PJ's to undertake Neuter classes with the FJ doing the Adult breed class to countersign
- Group tutorials at shows, especially for the rarer breeds, PJ's can attend whether judging/stewarding or showing
- Individual breed tutorials at seminars
- Individual tutorials when stewarding for the FJ doing the breed class

4. To allow the amendment of the Rules of Procedure to ensure that no judge is disenfranchised by any section changes using the guidelines below.

- PJ's will automatically become PJ's on all the breeds within a group BAC
 - e.g. Asian/Tonkinese/Australian Mist
Russian/Korat/Abyssinian/Singapura/Snowshoe

Grands:

- e.g.- FJ on Ragamuffin but not on the Ragdoll or Birman.....if the judge was able to do the grand that any one of these breeds was in prior to reclassification, they will be able to undertake the "new" grand. However for any breed within the grand that they are not on the list of, they will be granted provisional FJ status able to award CC's to all of the breeds in the grand group but will be monitored by the group BAC for a period of twelve months during which time they will have to submit at least 10 reports on cats of those breeds, undertake 1 tutorial and 1 assessment. Note: this only applies to a judge that "gains" the grand class however any judge that previously had the ability to do the group in question but is not a full judge on any breed now within the group may also choose to follow the same path and gain FJ status on those breeds.
- Full status will be gained at the end of the twelve months however should the Group BAC be extremely dissatisfied at the understanding of the judge in question at the end of this period, the said judge will become a PJ of the group BAC for a further twelve month period and they will be required to submit a further tutorial for each of the breeds they are not a FJ of, 1 assessment to cover the relevant breed/breeds and have attended a breed seminar.
- It is possible that there may be a few judges whose case will have to be dealt with in a slightly different manner...for example a personalized programme.
- This format will apply at Imperial level also although it is not expected to be as much of an issue at this level.
- Qualification for the Olympian remains as is.

- All Full Judges in the relevant section go onto the list of a new breed

Specialist Judges:

- May chose to stay with the status quo which may mean that they forfeit their ability to do a higher class

Or

- They may choose to submit between 5 - 10 reports (to be determined by the relevant BAC group) and 2 assessments to cover the breeds in their BAC group to qualify them for the higher title class

5. To allow the amendment of the GCCF Rules of Procedure for the Training of Stewards using the guidelines below.

- Only one level - GCCF steward
- Once achieved automatic move to PJ upon application to the relevant group BAC
- Supervision would be under the aegis of GCCF

Minimum number of certificates required:

- 3 per section plus 6 for the group BAC breeds they wish to apply to for PJ status = 24
- 1 - 2 tablework certificates
- Proven attendance at a seminar for each level

Seminars: to be run at least once a year - if possible twice! - to be held at venues that cover both the north and south of the UK.

1.

- Show procedure
- Judge care
- Handling of the different breeds
- Reading cats body language

2. To cover:

- Veterinary defects and basic examination techniques
- Importance of SOP and its use at shows
- Report writing
 - Full/skeleton reports
 - Nuances
 - Placings and explanation for them
 - Terminology
 - Avoiding "sameness"

A certificate of attendance for any seminar attended will be issued when the PJ has submitted a written precis of aspects of learning achieved. Copies to be lodged with GCCF.

GCCF cover the costs and be responsible for running both Pupil Judge and Steward Seminars.

Possible waiving of number/type of certificates required if candidate has progressed through the YES scheme?