

12) Disciplinary Powers

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- a) Upon receipt of a formal complaint from the Investigation Committee, the Council Office on behalf of the Disciplinary Committee shall arrange to notify the defendants of the terms of the complaint and as soon as practicable thereafter of the time and place fixed for the hearing. The Disciplinary Committee shall give the defendant the opportunity of being heard before it. (Amended 18.2.04)
- b) The Investigation Committee shall appoint one of its number or a member of an Member club to present the formal complaint before the Disciplinary Committee or shall allow the complainant to present such complaints, if he so wishes.
- c) The Disciplinary Committee may instruct a Solicitor or brief Counsel to act or advise it on the hearing of a formal complaint.
- d) The complainant, if required, shall attend the hearing of the formal complaint together with any witnesses who have agreed to appear to give evidence in support of the complaint. Failure to do so may render the persons concerned liable to a fine of £100 (within the meaning of Bye-Law 12(4)(c)(ii)), such fine to be decided by the Disciplinary Committee at that time. (Amended 1.1.02)
- e) All witnesses required shall be notified not less than fourteen days before the date fixed for the hearing of the formal complaint by the Disciplinary Committee and those witnesses called by the Committee of the Council aforesaid shall be paid their travelling and subsistence expenses and loss of remuneration by the Council.
- f) **If the defendant, or any other person required to do so, fails to attend a hearing, the Disciplinary Committee may proceed with the hearing in such manner as it considers appropriate, including proceeding to make findings and to issue orders.**
- g) **The Disciplinary Committee and the Appeals Committee may adjourn a hearing for such period and upon such terms as it considers appropriate.**

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(b) If the defendant be a person at any time bound by these Byelaws and the Rules

made thereunder:

(i) ~~Suspension of the defendant concerned from exhibiting at, taking part in or having connection with any Cat Show. During any period of such suspension a defendant shall not be eligible to become or remain a member of any Member Club. Except where the Disciplinary Committee orders otherwise the Council shall not register any cat or the progeny of any cat owned by a defendant suspended in accordance herewith and similarly the Council shall not register the transfer of any cat to or from the ownership of any such defendant during the period of suspension. No such progeny born during the period of suspension shall be registered at any time. Provided always that the Board of Directors may in its absolute discretion allow the registration of any cat aforesaid or the transfer from the ownership of such defendant of any aforesaid where it is satisfied that not to do so would be deleterious to the welfare of the cat or would cause hardship or injury to an innocent third party who had acted at all times in good faith. Should the suspended owner be the breeder~~

of the cat an administrative prefix will be substituted for the registered breeder's prefix, if one such is on record as part of that cat's name.

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Any suspension or disqualification under this Byelaw 12(4) may be imposed for such a period or periods as the Disciplinary Committee shall order. During any period of suspension under Byelaw 12(4)(b)(i):

- (A) a defendant shall not represent themselves as being in any way affiliated with or connected to the Council;**
- (B) a defendant shall not be eligible to become a member of any Member Club, but shall nonetheless remain bound by the Rules and Byelaws of the Council;**
- (C) except where the Disciplinary Committee orders otherwise, the Council shall not:**
- I. register any cat or the progeny of any cat owned by a defendant;**
 - II. register the transfer of any cat to or from the ownership of any such defendant; or**
 - III. register at any time the progeny of any cats that are born or conceived during the period of suspension,**

provided always that the Board of Directors may in its absolute discretion allow the registration of any cat or the transfer from the ownership of such defendant where it is satisfied that not to do so would be deleterious to the welfare of the cat or would cause hardship or injury to an innocent third party who had acted at all times in good faith. Should the suspended owner be the breeder of the cat an administrative prefix will be substituted for the registered breeder's prefix, if one such is on record as part of that cat's name; and

(D) a defendant shall not:

- I. be permitted to access their GCCF account;**
- II. procure a third party to operate a GCCF account on their behalf; or**
- III. administer, operate or be connected to the GCCF account of any other person bound by the Rules and Byelaws of the Council.**

For the avoidance of any doubt, during any period of suspension or disqualification a defendant shall remain bound by the Rules and Byelaws of the Council.

As prepared by the GCCF's Solicitor to aid the work of the Disciplinary Committee by allowing DC to stipulate the course of action for meetings in certain circumstances (3) and clarifying the terms of conditions of suspension (4).