

# **GCCF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

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Any person who incurs a fixed penalty may request in writing within 28 days of the date of the letter from the GCCF Office advising of the breach of rule(s) that the complaint be preferred to the Disciplinary Committee as an alternative to accepting the fixed penalty, but must understand that, if the case is found proved, the penalty may be higher and costs may be applied.

Whenever a formal complaint has been proved in whole or in part (including the imposition of a fixed penalty) the order shall, subject to paragraph 12 (12) (d) of the GCCF Bye-Laws, be published as soon as practicable in the official publication of the Council or on the Council website.

**NB.** The rules quoted are as they have now been amended and re-numbered.

### BYE-LAWS

#### GCCF Bye-Laws Clause 5 (3)

*Every Member Club shall send to the Council Office before the 1<sup>st</sup> May in any year:*

- (a) A copy of the accounts of the Club which have been examined and signed by a suitable independent person for the previous year in the form of an Income and Expenditure Account with a supporting Balance Sheet, including an analysis of the subscription income and a statement of paid up members including life members. (Note: 'Previous year' in this context means the Club financial year completed prior to 1<sup>st</sup> May.)*
- (b) The names of the Officers and Members of the Committee of the Club for the current year, none of whom may be an officer or committee member of any non-member organisation whose activities include the registration and/or licensing or holding of shows for pedigree cats, without the prior consent of the Board.*
- (c) An up-to-date copy of the Club's Rules or if no alterations have been made since the last return, a statement to this effect.*
- (d) The name of the Club's delegate or delegates and any substitute delegate or delegates for the next Council year which shall run from 1<sup>st</sup> June each year.*

*\*If any member Club without due reason acceptable to Council fails to comply with this sub paragraph the Club shall not send a delegate or delegates to the Council during the following year. Member Clubs who have a problem completing the return for any reason should inform the Board in writing prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> for assistance. Those that do not and have to be contacted in order to obtain all or part of the listed paperwork will be charged an administrative fee.*

**Penalty:** Fine of £50. Non payment of fine will result in a proposal to Council to suspend the Club from membership of the GCCF.

#### GCCF Bye-Law Clause 12 (1)(c)

*Any conviction by a court of Justice of any offence against any act, statute, by-law or regulation relating to the protection, treatment or welfare of any animal or animals.*

**Penalty:** Where the Court has banned the defendant from keeping animals, the defendant will be suspended from the GCCF for the same period of time as applied by the Court. Once the ban by the Court has been lifted, the defendant may apply to the Disciplinary Committee to have the GCCF suspension lifted.

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### RULES SECTION 1 – THE REGISTER

#### **Failure to supply a Certificate of Entirety to GCCF Office**

*Section 1, Rule 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 deposited with the GCCF prior to registration of their first litter of kittens. 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.*

*Applies where stud is not owned by the person who is registering the kittens.*

**Penalty:** Stud owner informed in writing that unless Certificate of Entirety is supplied to GCCF Office within 28 days the following shall apply: Fine £50, suspension until Certificate of Entirety supplied and fine paid.

A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty a third breach three times the penalty etc.

#### **Change from Active to Non-Active without the permission of the legal owner.**

*Section 1, Rule 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)*

**Penalty:** First offence: Fine £50 suspension until paid, a second breach will result in double the penalty, a third breach three times the penalty etc.

#### **Failure to transfer a cat to the active register when a written commitment to do so, once a health and/or DNA test(s) has been satisfactorily completed, has been supplied to the owner at the time of sale.**

*Section 1, Rule 1h*

*When DNA tests and/or health checks are mandatory for active stats 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. 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.*

**Penalty:** First offence: Breeder informed in writing that unless application to change status of kitten/cat is received by GCCF Office within 28 days the following shall apply. Fine £50, suspension until the transfer is made and the fine paid, a second breach will result in double the penalty, a third breach three time the penalty etc. (Amended 26.02.2021).

#### **Failure to declare a kitten**

*Section 1, Rule 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.*

**Penalty:** First offence: Breeder to be warned for failing to declare all the litter. Second breach: Fine of £25 per kitten and suspension until paid. Subsequent offences will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee. (Amended 26.02.2021).

#### **Failure to supply a properly completed Certificate of Mating**

*Section 1, Rule 3d. When a litter is registered, the application to register must be accompanied by a copy of the Certificate of Mating unless the person registering the*

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*kitten(s) is also the registered owner of the sire. The owner of the stud cat must provide a Certificate of Mating to the owner of the queen upon collection of the queen.*

*Section 1, Rule 3e. A Certificate of mating must state the registered name, breed name/breed description and registration number of the sire, together with the registered name, breed name/breed description and registration number of the dam and the dates of mating, and must be signed by the registered owner(s) or specified keeper of the sire. 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 to that cat. A copy of this letter must accompany each mating certificate when application to register is made.*

*Section 1, Rule 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 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.*

**Penalty:** Stud owner (rule 3d) or seller of kitten(s) (Rule 3f) informed in writing that unless properly completed Certificate of Mating or relevant paperwork from other registering body supplied to Office within 28 days the following shall apply: Fine £50, suspension until Certificate of Mating or other relevant paperwork supplied to the office and the fine paid. A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty a third breach three times the penalty etc.

### **Failure to notify the GCCF Office of the loan of the stud cat**

*Section 1, Rule 3dii*

*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 authorised for that person to sign mating certificates relating to that cat. A copy of this letter, paper or electronic, must accompany each mating certificate when application to register is made.*

**Penalty:** First offence: Owner informed in writing that unless an address for the stud is confirmed and authorisation supplied to the keeper and to GCCF Office within 28 days the following shall apply: Fine £50, suspension until an address for the stud is confirmed and authorisation supplied to the keeper if necessary and the fine is paid. Subsequent offences will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee. (Amended 26.02.2021).

### **Acceptance to stud of a queen registered on the Non-Active register**

*Section 1, Rule 3g. Prior to accepting a queen for mating, the owner of the stud shall establish that the queen is not registered on the Non-Active register. Note: Queens which are not registered with GCCF may be accepted for mating. A queen whose registration with another bona fide organisation is endorsed “not for breeding” should not be accepted.*

**Penalty:** Stud owner: Fine £50, suspension until paid.

A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty, a third breach three times the penalty etc.

### **Taking to stud to queen registered on the Non Active Register or endorsed “not for breeding” by another organisation (see Section 1, Rule 3g above)**

**Penalty:** Queen owner: Fine £50, suspension until paid.

A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty, a third breach three times the penalty etc.

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### **Selling a white cat or kitten**

*Section 1, Rule 1g. Note: Vendors must advise buyers/potential buyers in writing that white cats may be deaf from soon after birth in one or both ears.*

**Penalty:** Fine £100 suspension until fine paid. A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty, a third breach, three times the penalty etc.

### **Failure to supply a correctly completed pedigree**

*Section 1, rule 10a. When a cat or kitten is advertised or sold as a pedigree cat or kitten the breeder 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 cat/kitten is not registered, a copy of the mating certificate (Rule 3d) shall be supplied by the vendor to the new owner.*

**Penalty:** Supplier of cat/kitten informed in writing that unless correct pedigree supplied to Office within 28 days the following shall apply: Fine £50 (which includes £25 cost of 4 generation certified pedigree), suspension until fines paid.

A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty a third breach three times the penalty etc.

### **Failure to supply correctly completed transfer form**

*Section 1, rule 10bi. If, at the time of sale, the cat or kitten is registered the seller shall provide the purchaser 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.*

**Penalty:** Supplier of cat/kitten informed in writing that unless properly completed transfer form supplied to Office within 28 days the following shall apply: Fine £50 + transfer fee, suspension until correct properly completed transfer form supplied to Office and fines paid.

A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty a third breach three times the penalty etc.

### **Selling unvaccinated cats and kittens**

*Section 1, rule 10bii. All cats and kittens must have received two doses of vaccine three to four weeks apart, in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations against infectious enteritis (FPV), FHV and FCV ("cat Flu") at least one week prior to sale and/or leaving for a new home.*

**Penalty:** Fine £100 suspension until fine paid. A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty, a third breach, three times the penalty etc.

### **Falsifying/failing to provide proper record of genetic/veterinary test**

*Section 1, rule 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.*

**Penalty:** Fine £100, suspension until fine paid. A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty, a third breach will be referred to the GCCF Disciplinary Committee.

### **Failure to supply Certified Pedigree**

*Section 1, Rule 10d. All persons exporting any registered cat or kitten shall upon despatch apply for a registration/transfer and, if required, a Certified Pedigree of such cat or kitten. Failure to do shall be an offence under Clause 12 of the Bye-Laws.*

**Penalty:** Supplier of cat/kitten informed in writing that unless Certified Pedigree applied for, with correct payment, within 28 days the following shall apply: Fine £60, suspension until Certified Pedigree applied for and fines paid.

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A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty a third breach three times the penalty etc.

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### SECTION 2 – SHOW MANAGEMENT

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered + disqualification from future show management until any fine imposed is paid.

#### **Holding a competitive show or exhibition without a show licence or making changes without GCCF permission.**

*Section 2, Rule 1a. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's Warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered

*Section 2, Rule 1d. 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 in the first place be referred to the show manager.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's Warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered

*Section 2, Rule 1e. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered

#### **Acting as a Championship show manager when not qualified.**

*Section 2, Rule 2b. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered

#### **Using an unsuitable venue.**

*Section 2, Rule 3a. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered

#### **Penning Aisles less than 1.8m.**

*Section 2, Rule 3b. Apart from any greater limitations imposed by local regulations, aisles should be not less than 1.8 metres wide.*

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**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered

### **Failure to be aware of emergency arrangements at venue.**

*Section 2, Rule 3c. It is the responsibility of the show manager to be aware of the arrangements in case of emergency.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered

### **Use of excessively hot or cold halls and failure to ensure a proper environment for the cats.**

*Section 2, Rule 3d. Cold or inadequate ventilation are unacceptable conditions in a show hall. Clubs must ensure adequate heating (at least 60 degrees F/15.1 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered

*Section 2, Rule 3e. There should be a rigid and non see-through division between and behind pens.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered

*Section 2, Rule 3g. 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 to use cool pads/ice packs under their cat's 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered

### **Failure to provide appropriate lighting**

*Section 2, Rule 3f. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered

### **Failure to supply schedule to GCCF Office and/or BAC Secretaries**

*Section 2, Rule 4. 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 ....*

*Section 2, Rule 4i. 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.*

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**Penalty:** Show Manager informed in writing that unless schedule supplied within three weeks the following shall apply: Fine £20, official Show Manager's warning.  
Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered

### **Failure to include correct information in schedule**

*Section 2, Rule 4a. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered

*Section 2, Rule 4b. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered

*Section 2, Rule 4c. A list of classes offered to exhibitors, with the judge engaged for each class.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered

*Section 2, Rule 4d. The date and venue of the show and the closing date for entries. No show shall be of more than one day's duration.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

*Section 2, Rule 4e. The entry fees required and the prizes to be offered.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

*Section 2, Rule 4f. The instruction that exhibitors should possess a current copy of the GCCF Rules, plus such extracts from the GCCF Rules and/or Constitution as may be required from time to time.*

**Penalty:** Official show manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

### **Failure to include correct declaration on entry form**

*Section 2, Rule 4h. 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, Rule 3, Section 4.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered

### **Failure to provide the correct classes**

*Section 2, Rule 5a. Breed, Grand, Imperial Grand, Olympian and Assessment classes shall be provided as required by the GCCF for the show season in question, for the*



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*breed(s) catered for by the club holding the show. Classes for any additional breeds must have been approved by the Board of Directors of the GCCF.*

*Note 1: Adult and Neuter Breed, Grand, Imperial and Olympian classes at Championship show may only be split or amalgamated with the permission of the Board of Directors.*

*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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered

*Section 2, Rule 5b. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered

*Section 2, Rule 5c. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered

*Section 2, Rule 5d. At Championship shows, Assessment classes shall be provided for each breed group which included 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered

*Section 2, Rule 5k. Colour, Grand Master, Imperial Grand Master and Olympic 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered

### **Scheduling judges to classes for which they are ineligible**

*Section 2, Rule 5f. At Championship, 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.*

**Penalty:** Official show manager's warning.

A refund of show entry fees to all exhibitors in an Open class that have been allocated and judged by a GCCF judge not eligible to judge the class.

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### **Providing inappropriate prizes and failure to publish monetary prizes**

*Section 2, Rule 6. 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 services may not be offered as a prize.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

*Section 2, Rule 6a. The amount of money to be awarded in any class shall be decided by the show management and must be published in the schedule.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

*Section 2, Rule 6b. Support at 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

*Section 2, Rule 6c. Show managers offering awards for Breed Class winners shall offer similar awards for first placed Merit winners in Assessment classes.*

**Penalty:** Official show manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

### **Taking entries too late for inclusion in catalogue and failing to return money to refused entries.**

*Section 2, Rule 7d. 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). Show managements are authorised to refuse entries without giving reasons to the exhibitor but in cases of such refusal all entry and other monies must be returned to the sender.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning. Entry fees and other monies must be returned to sender.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

### **Show management/household entering in competition at their own show**

*Section 2, Rule 7k. 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 they are themselves managing. A section manager is defined as someone who is a breed(s) section manager.*

**Penalty:** Fine £100, disqualification from show. Disqualification from future show management until fine paid.

### **Failure to confirm details on engagement in writing**

*Section 2, Rule 8a. 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 fulfil their engagement in*

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*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).*

**Penalty:** Official show manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

### **Failure to reimburse judges for expenses**

*Section 2, Rule 8c. The show management shall reimburse judges promptly for reasonable expense.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

### **Judges (or their household) competing at show when judging**

*Section 2, Rule 8d. Judges (and members of a judge's household) may not exhibit in competition at show 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.*

**Penalty:** Fine £100. Suspension until fine paid. Disqualification from show.

### **Failure to supply "non-GCCF judge" form to GCCF Office**

*Section 2, Rule 9a. 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.*

**Penalty:** Fine £20, official show manager's warning. Disqualification from future show management until fine paid.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

### **Inviting overseas judges who are not on the relevant list.**

*Section 2, Rule 9b. Invitations are to be made only to senior judges, i.e. judges who have been on the relevant lists as a full judge for at least three years. A brief outline of the qualifications/experience of the overseas judge should be included in the schedule.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

### **Not providing correct paperwork to overseas judge.**

*Section 2, Rule 9d. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

### **Overseas Judges judging Open classes for breeds and colours not recognised by organisation for which they are a full judge.**

*Section 2, Rule 9e. 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.*

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**Penalty:** Official show manager's warning.

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### Inviting GCCF Judge resident abroad as an overseas judge

*Section 2, Rule 9f. Judges on the GCCF Judge list, but who are resident abroad, may not be invited as overseas judges.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

### Failure to include correct information in catalogue

*Section 2, Rule 11. After the closing date for entries the Show Managements shall prepare a show catalogue which shall include:*

*Section 2, Rule 11a. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

*Section 2, Rule 11b. A list of the names and addresses of all exhibitors together with the numbers of the pens allotted to them. Note: An exhibitor may request in writing that the address provided on the entry form shall be omitted from the catalogue, and the show management should ensure that this instruction is followed.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

*Section 2, Rule 11c. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

*Section 2, Rule 11d. A list of the prizes offered.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

*Section 2, Rule 11e. An acknowledgement that the show is being held under licence of the GCCF.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

*Section 2, Rule 11f. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

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### **Failing to give details of cats breed, sex and age in judges and veterinary paperwork as required.**

*Section 2, Rule 12a. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

*Section 2, Rule 12b. 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 or more than one breed or colour appear in the same class.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

### **Failing to engage enough Vets, provide the correct facilities and paperwork or arrange for a veterinary practice to treat emergencies.**

*Section 2, Rule 13a. 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 1:00pm and preferably until judging has been completed.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

*Section 2, Rule 13b. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

*Section 2, Rule 13c. The show manager must obtain full details of a local veterinary practice available to treat emergencies which cannot be dealt with at the show.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

*Section 2, Rule 13d. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

*Section 2, Rule 13e. The show management must ensure that the duty veterinary surgeon(s) are supplied with the official GCCF rejection forms, the additional form for Section D rejections plus other necessary documentation in addition to the above.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

### **Failure to provide adequate quarantine pens/facilities.**

*Section 2, Rule 13f. 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*

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*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 are to be recorded.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

### **Failure to remove to isolation cats as required by the duty vet and check isolated cats.**

*Section 2, Rule 13h. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

### **Failure to check microchip/documentation of cats from overseas.**

*Section 2, Rule 13i. 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 the 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

### **Failure to pass on requests for the duty vet or provide appropriate request slips.**

*Section 2, Rule 13j. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

### **Not accepting decisions made by duty vet.**

*Section 2, Rule 13m. Decisions made by a duty veterinary surgeon in pursuance of his duty at the show shall be accepted without question.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

### **Allowing ineligible cats to go forward to Best in Show.**

*Section 2, Rule 16a. Best in Show or Best of Variety, where held, shall be confined to; Persian, Semi Long Hair, British, Foreign, Burmese, Oriental and Siamese.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

*Section 2, Rule 16b. Cats eligible for Best in Show or Best of Variety are: Olympian Adult, Imperial Grand Challenge, Grand Challenge, Challenge, Olympian Neuter, Imperial Grand*

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*Premier, Grand Premier, Premier, Intermediate certificate, first placed Merit Class winners and Best of Breed/Best Opposite Sex winners. Kitten Breed 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 class kittens 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. This does not prevent show managements from restricting nominations to Best of Breed winners only. If nominations are restricted to Best of Breed winners, this should be stated in the schedule.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

*Section 2, Rule 16c. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

### **Failure by the Show Manager to inform IC/Exhibitor of breach of Section 4 Rule 22**

Section 2 rule 19c (See Section 4 Rule 22)

### **Failure to supply show returns, fully marked catalogue, rejection forms, biting certificates etc in the required time and/or failure to reply to queries in respect of these within 28 days**

*Section 2, Rule 20a. 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.*

**Penalty:** Fine £20, official Show Manager's Warning. Disqualification from future show management until fine paid.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

*Section 2, Rule 20b. 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.*

**Penalty:** Fine £20, official Show Manager's warning. Disqualification from future show management until fine paid.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

*Section 2, Rule 20c. 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 details of any addresses that have been omitted from it by exhibitor request (Rule Section 2, Rule 11b) The catalogue should be complete with Open, Grand, Imperial Grand and Assessment class results. All Open, Grand, Imperial and Assessment class judge changes must be marked.*

**Penalty:** Fine £20, official Show Manager's warning. Disqualification from future show management until fine paid.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

*Section 2, Rule 20e. 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.*

**Penalty:** Fine £20, official Show Manager's warning. Disqualification from future show management until fine paid.

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*Section 2, Rule 20f. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official show manager's warning. Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered. (Amended 26.02.2021).

### **Failure to supply Household Pet administrator with required marked catalogue**

*Section 2, Rule 20d. The show management shall, within seven days of the closure of the show, send to the Household Pet Title Administrator one marked copy of the catalogue complete with all Household Pet Open, Grand and Imperial Grand Master class results. All Open, Grand and Imperial class judge changes must be marked.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

### **Failure to retain entry forms or give Club treasurer copy of the show accounts.**

*Section 2, Rule 20g. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official Show Manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

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## SECTION 3 – JUDGES AND STEWARDS

### **Awarding a certificate when not qualified**

*Section 3, Rule 2. Whilst in training, pupil judges are authorised to officiate at any GCCF show but must not judge classes in which any certificates may be awarded. After a suitable period as a pupil, the nominating Breed Advisory Committee may request the GCCF to promote the pupil to the rank of full judge. Following such promotion the full judge is authorised to officiate at all shows for all relevant classes. A judge can award certificates only if he/she is a full judge on the relevant GCCF list or a Specialist or Emeritus judge of the breed concerned.*

*Note. The term "Certificate" includes 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, UK Grand Challenge, UK Grand Premier Certificates, Intermediate and Merit Certificates unless otherwise stated.*

**Penalty:** First offence: Official warning. Second breach: A fine of £50 to be paid within 28 days, disqualification from judging until fine paid. Subsequent offences will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee. (Amended 26.02.2021).



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### **Overseas Judges – Failure to notify office, supply correct paperwork to the Judge or allocate incorrect classes**

*Section 3, Rule 3a. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager’s warning.

Official Show Manager’s warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

*Section 3, Rule 3b. Invitations are to be made only to senior judges, i.e judges who have been on the relevant lists as a full judge for at least three years.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager’s warning.

Official Show Manager’s warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

*Section 3, Rule 3d. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager’s warning.

Official Show Manager’s warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

*Section 3, Rule 3e. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager’s warning.

Official Show Manager’s warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

*Section 3, Rule 3f. Judges on the GCCF Judge list, but who are resident abroad, may not be invited as overseas judges.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager’s warning.

Official Show Manager’s warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

### **Refusing to accept classes they are qualified to judge.**

*Section 3 Rule 4b. 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 full or pupil judges.*

**Penalty:** First offence: Official warning. Second breach: Fine £50 to be paid within 28 days, disqualification from judging until fine paid. Subsequent offences will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee. (Amended 26.02.2021).

### **Non submission of Judges show reports to the official GCCF website/publication.**

*Section 3, Rule 4c. 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 publication or website as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.*

**Penalty:** Judges will be prompted on or after the end of the 28 day period and reminded to submit the report(s) within 7 days. After the 7 days have lapsed the judge will be considered to be “late” with their report. Failure to provide a report(s) after the reminder period will be considered as a breach of the above rule. (Amended June 2014)

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First breach of this rule will result in an official warning plus Judge must submit the report for publication within 28 days of the date of the warning letter.

Second breach of this rule within the show year will result in a £25 fine, such fine to be paid within 28 days of request and relevant report/s must also be published on the GCCF Website within 28 days.

Third breach of this rule within the show year will result in a £50 fine, such fine to be paid within 28 days of request and relevant reports/s must also be published on the GCCF Website within 28 days.

Fourth breach of this rule within the show year will result in a fine of £100 and automatic suspension from judging for a minimum period of 6 months with effect from two weeks after the suspension letter

If judges fail to pay the fine and/or submit their reports within the allotted time they will be notified that they are \*suspended from judging for a minimum period of 3 months with effect from two weeks after the date of the suspension letter. If however after any period of suspension has elapsed they have still not paid the fine or submitted all the reports the suspension will continue until they do so. Any subsequent breaches of this rule will result in the matter being referred to the GCCF Investigation Committee.

Note: During a period of suspension, any contract a suspended judge has with a show is nullified, enabling affected show managers to appoint replacement judges immediately. A suspended judge may not resume judging nor accept invitations to do so until they have received a letter from the GCCF advising them the suspension is lifted. A suspended judge cannot be included in any schedule or catalogue published during the suspension period (unless already printed). Any further engagements agreed to by the judge at the time of the suspension shall be cancelled with no automatic right of reinstatement when the penalty applied has been completed. Relevant show managers will be informed of suspensions and when they are lifted.

\*In this notice 'suspension' and 'suspended' relate only to suspension from judging and no other GCCF activity.

### **Judging Open, Grand, Imperial Grand, Assessment miscellaneous classes restricted to breeds which they are ineligible to judge.**

*Section 3, Rule 4e. 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.*

**Penalty:** An official warning on the first breach. A second breach of this rule within three years will result in a fine of £10, disqualification from judging until paid if not paid within 28 days of request. A third breach of this rule will result in double the penalty, a fourth breach three times the penalty etc. A refund of show entry fees to all exhibitors in an Open class that have been allocated and judged by a GCCF judge not eligible to judge the class.

### **Judges (or their household) competing at show when judging**

*Section 3, Rule 4 f - See Section 2 Rule 8d*

### **Failure by judge/show manager to rectify errors in cat's breed/age and ensure appropriate checks are made prior to disqualification.**

*Section 3, Rule 9e. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official warning.

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*Section 3, Rule 9f. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official warning.

*Section 3, Rule 9g. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official warning.

*Section 3, Rule 9h. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official warning.

### **Failure by Stewards to help at BIS**

*Section 3, Rule 10c. To be available for carrying to the Best-In-Show Panel any cats nominated for Best-In-Show judging.*

**Penalty:** Official warning.

### **Stewarding for Judge under whom they are exhibiting.**

*Section 3, Rule 10e. 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”.*

**Penalty:** An official warning and disqualification from the show. A second breach of this rule within three years will result in a fine of £50 and disqualification from the show. A third breach of this rule will result in a fine of £100 and disqualification from the show.

### **Obtaining information about identity/ownership of exhibit prior to completion of engagement.**

*Section 3, Rule 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.*

**Penalty:** A fine of £100 to be paid within 28 days. Disqualification from Judging until fine paid. A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty, a third breach three times the penalty etc.

### **Handling catalogue by steward before end of duties.**

*Section 3, Rule 12. Stewards are forbidden to handle catalogues until their judge has concluded his duties.*

**Penalty:** Official warning.

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### **Smoking whilst handling cats**

~~Section 3, Rule 13. Judges and stewards must not smoke whilst handling cats.~~

~~**Penalty:** Fine £100 to be paid within 28 days. Disqualification from judging/Stewarding until fine paid. (Removed 26.02.2021).~~

### **Judging or stewarding before clearance from ringworm received by GCCF**

*Section 3, Rule 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).*

**Penalty:** Fine £100, suspension until paid. Disqualification from judging/stewarding for a period of six months after receipt of clearance certificate.

A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty, a third breach three times the penalty etc.

### **Officiating at a show when cats owned by them have been rejected under Sections C or D before clearance has been obtained.**

*Section 3, Rule 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.*

**Penalty:** Fine £75, suspension until paid.

A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty, a third breach three times the penalty etc.

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## **SECTION 4 – EXHIBITS AND EXHIBITORS**

### **Failure to notify GCCF Office before exhibiting at unlicensed show**

*Section 4, Rule 1c. 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.*

**Penalty:** Fine £25, suspension until paid.

A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty, a third breach three times the penalty etc.

### **Failure to neuter Household Pets over 6 months of age**

*Section 4, Rule 2d. All Household pets aged 6 months or over exhibited at shows held under GCCF licence must be neutered.*

**Penalty:** Fine £50, suspension until paid, cat disqualified from show.

A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty, a third breach three times the penalty etc.

### **Entering two shows less than thirteen days apart and exhibiting at both of them**

*Section 4, Rule 3b. No cat owned by me/us 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).*

**Penalty:** Fine £100, suspension until paid. Disqualification from the show.

A second breach of this rule within three years will result in a disqualification from showing for three months and double the penalty, a third breach will result in a three month suspension and three times the penalty etc.

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### **Exhibiting at a show and a seminar less than thirteen days apart**

**Penalty:** Fine £50, suspension until paid. Disqualification from the show.

A second breach of this rule within three years a disqualification from showing for three months and double the penalty, a third breach will result in a three month suspension and three times the penalty etc.

### **Declaration re infection etc. on back of entry form – any breach**

*Section 4, Rule 3c (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.*

*Section 4, Rule 3c (2). In the event of ringworm infection being diagnosed in my/our cattery by a veterinary surgeon, I/we will inform the GCCF Office and neither I/we nor 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 cat/kitten exhibiting lesions within 7 days of leaving my/our cattery/household.*

*Section 4, Rule 3c (3). In the event of any other infectious disease, with the exception of Feline Leukaemia Virus or Feline Immunodeficiency Virus, 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.*

*Section 4, Rule 3c (4). Cats showing a positive reaction to the Feline Leukaemia Virus blood test or the Feline Immunodeficiency Virus blood test must not be shown.*

*N.B. Council strongly recommends that all cats should be tested regularly. Vaccination against Feline Leukaemia is also available*

*Rule 3d. I agree to abide by any decision regarding rejection made by a duty veterinary surgeon.*

*Rule 3e. 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.*

**Penalty:** Fine £100, suspension until paid.

A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty, a third breach three times the penalty etc.

### **Exhibiting queens who have kitted or that may be pregnant within the past 12 weeks**

*Section 4, Rule 4a. 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.*

**Penalty:** Fine £100, suspension until paid, disqualification from showing for six months thereafter.

A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty, a third breach three times the penalty etc.

### **Failure by show manager to report any cat rejected on grounds of condition**

*Section 4 Rule 4h. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official show manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

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### **Suitable Containers; availability of owner/agent during show and unauthorised removal from pen.**

*Section 4, Rule 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.*

**Penalty:** Fine £50, suspension until fine paid. A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty, a third breach three times the penalty etc.

### **Evasion of Vetting-in**

*Section 4, Rule 7a. 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.*

**Penalty:** Fine £100, suspension until fine paid. A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty, a third breach three times the penalty etc.

### **Failure to make available necessary information to cat owners adjacent to “vetted out” cat.**

*Section 4, Rule 7d. 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 and Notes on Rejection in the GCCF Rules).*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official show manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

### **Failure by show manager to correct errors in class placements or descriptions due to managerial errors**

*Section 4, Rule 8c. 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.*

**Penalty:** Official Show Manager's warning.

Official show manager's warnings will be taken into consideration when show licences are considered.

### **Entering two shows less than thirteen days apart (excluding back to back shows) but not exhibiting at both of them**

*Section 4, Rule 9. Exhibitors entering cats in two shows within 13 days (excluding back to back shows) but not exhibiting at both shows 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.*

**Penalty:** A written warning shall be sent for the first offence. Second and subsequent breaches within three years: Fine £50, suspension until paid.

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### Unauthorised withdrawal from competition after entering show hall

*Section 4, Rule 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).*

**Penalty:** Fine £50, disqualification from the show, suspension until fine paid. A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty, a third breach three times the penalty etc.

### Entering show whilst disqualified

*Section 4, Rule 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 Clause 12 (4) of the Bye-Laws may be made during their 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.*

**Penalty:** Fine £75, suspension until fine paid. A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty, a third breach three times the penalty etc.

### Presentation and attempts to identify exhibits.

*Section 4, Rule 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 with reference to their Standard of Points*

**Penalty:** First offence: Official warning. Second breach of this rule within three years: Fine £50, suspension until fine paid. A third breach within three years will result in double the penalty, a fourth breach three times the penalty etc. (Amended 26.02.2021).

*Section 4, Rule 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 the event all fees and awards shall be forfeited.*

**Penalty:** Fine £50, suspension until fine paid. A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty, a third breach three times the penalty etc.

*Section 4, Rule 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 with reference to their Standard of Points.*

**Penalty:** Fine £50, suspension until fine paid. A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty, a third breach three times the penalty etc.

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### Use of unauthorised grooming aids in show hall

*Section 4, Rule 21a. The use of grooming aids in the show hall other than the use of a clean brush and comb or cloth is prohibited.*

**Penalty:** Fine £50, suspension until fine paid. A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty, a third breach three times the penalty etc.

### Failure by the Show Manager to inform IC/exhibitor of breach of Section 4 Rule 22

*Section 4, Rule 22. 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 has 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 results of such action is decided.*

*Section 4, Rule 22. 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 exhibitors attention to the provisions of this rule.*

*Section 4, Rule 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*

**Penalty:** Fine £100. Suspension until fine paid. A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty, a third breach three times the penalty etc.

### During the show

*Section 4, Rule 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.*

**Penalty:** Fine £50, suspension until fine paid. A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty, a third breach three times the penalty etc.

*Section 4, Rule 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.*

**Penalty:** Official warning and disqualification from show.

*Section 4, Rule 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.*

**Penalty:** Following complaint by show manager or judge: Fine £50, suspension until fine paid. A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty, a third breach three times the penalty etc.

### Early removal of exhibit from show hall without show manager's consent

*Section 4, Rule 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 managers may disqualify any exhibit so removed without their consent. In the event of such a 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.*

**Penalty:** Following complaint by show manager: Fine £50, disqualification from the show & suspension from showing until fine paid.



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A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty, a third breach three times the penalty etc.

### **Failure to return certificates and awards**

*Section 4, Rule 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.*

**Penalty:** When owner has failed to respond to request to return prize monies/certificates to show manager, owner informed in writing that unless certificates/awards returned to GCCF Office within 28 days the following shall apply: £50 fine, suspension until paid, disqualification from showing for six month thereafter. A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty, a third breach three times the penalty, etc.

### **Failure to pay show entry fees**

**Penalty:** Following complaint by show manager: Fine £50 + Entry Fee, suspension until fine and entry fees paid.

A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty, a third breach three times the penalty, etc.

### **Failure to return club cup/trophy**

**Penalty:** Following complaint by Club official or show manager: Fine £50, suspension until fine paid and cup/trophy returned or replaced.

A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty, a third breach three times the penalty etc.

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## SECTION 5 – VETERINARY SURGEONS

Section 5, Rules 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b, 6 & 9 (See Section 2 Rules 13a to 13m)

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## RULES, SECTION 6 – MISCELLANEOUS RULES

### **Failure to report ringworm**

*Section 6, Rule 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 and 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 at a show.*

**Penalty:** Fine £100, suspension until fine paid and thereafter until clearance certificate received by office.

A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty, a third breach three times the penalty etc.

### **Failure to notify office of rejection from unlicensed show**

*Section 6, Rule 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*

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*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 of the GCCF Rules), 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.*

**Penalty:** Fine £100, suspension until paid. Disqualification from showing until clearance received by office.

A second breach of this rule within three years will result in double the penalty, a third breach three times the penalty etc.

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