Dear Judge

SHOW RESTRUCTURE
ANALYSIS BY SECTION OF JUDGE ELIGIBILITY FOR BREED, GRAND & IMPERIAL CLASSES

The show structure revision will bring some changes, and those planning shows and putting together schedules need to be sure that they are allocating classes correctly to their invited judges. Lists have been prepared, but it’s easy to make mistakes when copying so you are all asked to check against your own name and point out where there are errors, or ask if you are not sure of your entitlement. It’s probable sections 2 and 4 will raise the most issues as eligibility is very much on a case by case basis.

The general principles for allocation are:
1. There is no difference to breed lists at this stage.
2. No one should lose their entitlement to judge a higher certificate class. Therefore, if you are qualified for a Grand or an Imperial class in a section it does not matter if additional breeds have been added to that Grand group, or if some of the breeds you counted towards the entitlement have been moved to another section.
3. If not already entitled in the multi-breed sections (2, 4 & 5 you need to be on half the breed lists of a Grand group to judge the Grand class and must judge all of the Grands in a section to be eligible for the Imperial. In others existing conditions apply.
4. Breeds that are at Preliminary level (assessment classes only) do not count towards this total. They are shown with green text.

Notes for the sections:

Section 1 (Persian LHs and Exotics)
a) This section is losing one its two Persian Grand Classes. Therefore, you may be asked by a Show Manager to stand down from this class if two judges have already been booked for a show in the 2018-2019 show season.
b) Some Specialist Persian judges (Sp) can do the Grand (and possibly the Imperial) in the section because they were already qualified to do so at the time the Persian BACs amalgamated, but others were not on the required individual lists at this time, and chose not to take on more. Please check that if you are doing a PER Grand you have not lost it.

Section 2 (Semi-Longhairs)
a) There are 8 breeds with championship status, and the Nebelung at preliminary level.
b) There will be 3 Grand Groups, so one new Grand class.
c) If you already judge the Imperial you retain eligibility even if you cannot award a Grand in one of the three groups. Please check your status in this respect.
d) If you already judge the Birman Grand you retain that right even though the breed is in a group with others and you are not on the list for those breeds.
Section 3 (British SH, British LH, Chartreux, Manx, Selkirk Rex)
   a) Manx will remain with the British SH Group Committee and be judged in the BSH Grand class – as it is currently.
   b) You must be on the Selkirk Rex list (at present) to be eligible to judge the Grand for the breeds in the non-BSH Grand group.
   c) You must be eligible for both Grands to be able to judge the Imperial (as now).

Section 4 (The current Foreign breeds excluding the Asians, Australian Mist, Suffolk & Tonkinese)
   a) 14 breed lists, 12 breeds at championship status and two at assessment level, plus 2 more with name recognition only, so not in competition and no lists at present.
   b) If you are currently eligible to judge the Foreign Imperial you retain this right, although some of your qualifying breeds have moved out of the section.
   c) To judge a Grand class, you should be on the list for least half of the breeds in the Grand group, or be eligible because previously qualified.

Section 5 (Burmese, and Asians, Australian Mist and Tonkinese)
   a) All Burmese judges retain the right to judge the Burmese Grand and the section Imperial.
   b) Judges qualified to judge the Grand of the other breeds must also be qualified to judge Burmese to judge the Imperial.

Section 6 (Balinese, Orientals, Siamese and Suffolk)
   a) Two sections have been combined. Therefore, you may be asked by a Show Manager to stand down from an Imperial if two judges have already been booked for a show in the 2018-2019 show season as there will be one Imperial only.
   b) The Oriental and Suffolk are one Grand group, with all Oriental judges retaining the right to judge the Grand. If SUF are at Championship status by June the SUF judges must also be qualified to judge Orientals to judge the Grand.
   c) Siamese and Balinese are the other Grand group of the section. Judges must be on both lists to judge the Grand (as at present).
   d) You must be eligible to judge both Grands to be qualified to judge the section Imperial, or retain the right to judge an Imperial because you are already qualified to judge the Oriental or Siamese/Balinese section Imperial.

The information is on the website at:
https://www.gccfcats.org/Show-Information/Judges-Stewards
I hope the section details show how the principles work out in practice, but look forward to your comments and corrections. Thank you for any time you can give to make checks so we can be right from the beginning.

Yours sincerely

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