

SHOW RULES, PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS

The show is held under the Rules of The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy and is open to all. A copy of these Rules is obtainable from the GCCF Office at 5 King's Castle Business Park, The Drove, Bridgwater, Somerset TA6 4AG. These Rules must be read by all, for they are not repeated herein, but will be strictly applied. Ignorance of any Rule will not be accepted as excuse of their breach.

STATUS OF ERRORS - WHAT TO EXPECT

MINOR ERRORS. These warrant a notification for your reference if the error occurs more than once and it is apparent that registration details were available at the time of entry or before the date of the show. Continuous repetition of the same error after notification will be referred to the Executive Committee.

Examples of minor errors include:

- (a) spelling errors
- (b) separation of cats names that should be one word, and vice versa
- (c) administrative/breeder's prefix omitted from, or partially incorrect name given.
- (d) overseas title preceding the name of an exhibit, sire or dam, etc.
- (e) full breed number known but not given
- (f) Sire and Dam reversed (revised 5.1.94) or named incorrectly
- (g) breeder joint when single and vice versa

INCORRECT DATE OF BIRTH. This is usually classed as a minor error unless it affects an entry into classes based on age groups, when it could warrant disqualification of the exhibit from such classes; but if the incorrect date of birth affects the age suitability as a whole, then the exhibit will be disqualified from the show.

NB AGE LIMITS: Kittens - **not less than 14 weeks** and under 9 calendar months on date of show.

Adults - not less than 9 calendar months on date of show

INCORRECT NAME OF EXHIBIT/OWNER/BREEDER. If registration/transfer details were obviously available at the time of entry or before the date of the show, disqualification is inevitable. The following discrepancies are those which usually arise:

EXHIBIT • Totally incorrect name or names

REGISTERED OWNER/
EXHIBITOR

- Joint when they should be single and vice versa

- Declaration not signed by registered owner(s)

N.B. The exhibitor(s) must be the registered owner(s) of the cat and not necessarily the person who actually takes the cat to the show

BREEDER • Totally incorrect name or names

N.B. The breeder of a cat is **always** the registered owner of the dam on the date of the cat's birth.

INCORRECT or INELIGIBILITY OF CLASS ENTRY. These will be disqualified from the class concerned — so always check with the Show Manager if in doubt about which classes to enter. If a breed number is changed officially, it is important that you notify the Show Manager immediately. Exhibits entered in the Grand class must have qualified on or before the published closing date of the show.

CAT REGISTERED ON THE REFERENCE REGISTER. No cat registered on this Register is eligible to be shown and therefore these entries will be disqualified.

The only exception to this is when a new breed becomes recognised; and then, cats of the breed may be shown even if they are registered on the Reference Register as long as this was the only reason for the Reference registration.

Exhibitors may appeal against any disqualification resulting from show checking, giving their reasons. The appeal will be referred to the Executive Committee if considered valid and, if not, a letter of explanation will be sent to the exhibitor(s). The above advice, however, is aimed to keep your show entries trouble-free, not to mention the show checking.