

CODE OF ETHICS

Judges

All Cats Qld Inc. Judges sign and agree to be bound by the Cats Queensland Inc. Code of Ethics.

- J. CoE.1** Judges shall hold membership with Cats Qld Inc.
- J. CoE.2** Judges must be a **Current Financial Member** of Cats Qld Inc **but** may belong to specialist clubs affiliated with another controlling body. Should a Cats Qld Inc Judge be a member of a specialist club affiliated with another controlling body, the Judge shall not hold a position on the Executive of that club.
- J. CoE.3** Judges shall register all of their cats and kittens with Cats Qld Inc.
- J. CoE.4** Judges must always present themselves and their cats at shows, (also if showing should bench their own cats with discretion) and cat-related functions in an exemplary manner.
- J. CoE.5** Judges shall strive to achieve standards of professional conduct and display attitudes that will create mutual respect towards their colleagues and others. This may include providing constructive feedback to one another as Judges.
- J. CoE.6** Cats Qld Inc. Judges are to be completely unbiased in their judging.
- J. CoE.7** Judges should possess an exemplary manner and shall endeavour to make themselves available to any exhibitor or member of the public to provide information on cat breeds, promoting education of breeds, listening to and advising on cat related matters including constructive criticism of exhibits (if applicable).
- J. CoE.8** Judges shall not judge any exhibit that has been domiciled with them during a period of three months prior to a show.
- J. CoE.9** There should be no conflict of interest with any decision made on the floor or with your governing body on a personal or affiliate level.
- J. CoE.10** Judges should be able to justify all judging decisions made when questioned by either an exhibitor or a show official.
- J. CoE.11** Judges shall notify the **Secretary Cats Qld Inc.** of all appointments accepted.
- J. CoE.12** Judges shall not solicit judging assignments.

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- J. CoE.13** Judges may not cancel appointments to take up other appointments after a contract has been signed.
- J. CoE.14** Judges should be aware of the requirements of Cats Qld Inc and inviting clubs when accepting appointments if there is a time rule in place, noting that such rules are developed to ensure variety of judges for exhibitors. (The current position is that Judges may judge at alternate Cats Qld Inc shows or judge alternate groups at successive shows.)
- J. CoE.15** Cats Qld Inc Judges may only judge at a show operated by a recognised body in Australia, i.e. bodies affiliated with either ACF or CCC of A. **Please check recognition status for newer organisations.**
- J. CoE.16** Judges may only judge at overseas shows conducted by recognised bodies. Judges should check with the CCC of A Secretary if they are unsure of the status of overseas bodies.

*These requirements below are taken directly from the CCCA Minimums for Judges Document.

- J. CoE.17*** It is the responsibility of each Judge to ensure that their qualifications remain current and that they are up to date with new or uncommon breeds.
- J. CoE.18*** To remain on the active CCCA Judges list, each Judge must complete at least three assignments annually, averaged over three years, including at least one assignment per year within their own control body. The three annual assignments required will not include judging of any companion animals, domestic or household pets.
- J. CoE.19*** Each Judge should also attend the annual CCCA Judges Conference as well as at least one compulsory seminar or a total of seven hours of training annually, whichever is the greater, as assigned by the tutor judges of the control body to which they are accredited. If the judge is unable to attend either the CCCA Judges Conference or the locally assigned seminar, the judge must complete either an open-book examination, prepare a presentation on a specific or new breed of cat, or attend a refresher course.