

## SHOW RULES

### General

1. All shows are conducted under the Rules and Regulations of Cats Queensland Inc.
2. Entry fees **must** accompany the entry form, and the Declaration must be signed by the exhibitor. Entries not shown **MUST** be paid for. No refunds will be made. Cheques etc **MUST** be drawn in favour of the club or body conducting the show.
3. The club reserves the right to refuse any entry without stating a reason.
4. The club reserves the right to replace contracted Judges, or appoint additional Judges if required, for any reason

### Entering Our Shows

5. All pedigreed exhibits, including kittens aged four months or older, **MUST** be registered and a copy of their current registration certificate attached to the entry form. All exhibits domiciled in Queensland, **MUST** be registered with a recognised Queensland Governing Body. Interstate exhibits **MUST** be registered with a recognised council in the state in which those exhibits are domiciled.
- Sa. Cats that have been shown in pedigreed classes, whether entire or desexed are permitted, where appropriate, to be shown in the Companion section however, once shown in Companions, they can **NEVER** be shown in the pedigrees section again. Cats that have been shown in Companion classes **CANNOT** be shown subsequently in Pedigree classes.
- Sb. CQI Registered / Pedigreed exhibits that have "**PET ONLY**" on their pedigrees **CAN NOT BE SHOWN** in ANY class.
6. Registration 'pending' **WILL NOT** be accepted for exhibits over four months of age.
7. **All** entries for kitten exhibits and **All** Companion exhibits must include a copy of their current vaccination certificate with its sticker attached when entered in a Cats Queensland Inc. show for the first time. Vaccinations must occur at least 2 weeks before the show.
8. **Entries for ENTIRE ADULT EXHIBITS will not be accepted unless they are owned by registered breeders.**
9. **All** exhibits **MUST** include a copy of their most up to date pedigree to be entered in the show. Exhibits **CANNOT** be reclassified for colour or pattern during judging **BUT ONLY AFTER** all the judging is completed. Reclassification may then be made after completion of examinations by, and the agreement of, three qualified judges. A pedigree must be provided when reclassification is sought.
10. **All** exhibits must have front and back claws clipped. It will be at the judge's discretion whether any exhibit in breach of this rule will be penalised.
11. **All** exhibits must be brought to the show in a suitable carry cage, not on leashes or carried in arms.
12. **Only** exhibits that have been entered are permitted in the show hall unless prior arrangement has been made with the show manager. If prior arrangements have been made, a vaccination certificate must be sighted.
13. The age of each exhibit will be calculated to be the actual age on the day of the show and shown on judges' slips.
14. When benching time is listed on the schedule, exhibits **MUST** be benched by advertised time. If an exhibitor arrives after the stipulated time, and judging has commenced, the exhibitor must forfeit being judged in that ring and wait until the judge has completed the finals in that particular ring, before benching their exhibit/s.
15. **No cat is to be entered in shows if it has a history of fractious behaviour.** It is the exhibitor's **duty of care** not to expose any judge or official to injury by any exhibit. Judges are not required to restrain or judge any exhibit showing any signs of aggression. Owners are not permitted to handle their cats while judging is occurring.
16. **Female** cats obviously in kitten and lactating queens without their Litters **MUST NOT BE SHOWN.**
17. Unilateral or bilateral cryptorchids over the age of nine months may not be shown. Any person knowingly contravenes this Rule may have their exhibit disqualified and all entry fees forfeited.

18. No exhibit can be removed from the show or from its designated cage to another, without the consent of the show manager. **EXHIBITS CANNOT LEAVE THEIR SHOW CAGES UNTIL ALL JUDGING IS FINALISE D.** Challenges WILL be withheld if exhibits are removed from their show cages. No exhibit or exhibition kitten/cat can be removed from the show hall until the close of the show, without the EXPRESS PERMISSION of the Show Manager.
19. Each exhibit is to be presented in its own cage, except for litters.
20. All reasonable care will be taken of exhibits. Cats Queensland Inc and organising clubs, their officials and members accept NO responsibility for any loss or damage to any person, feline or property.
21. The placing of any and all items into another exhibitor's cage is strictly prohibited without the exhibitor's express consent. [3/4/2021] **NO BEHAVIOUR MODIFYING ENHANCEMENTS OR MEDICAL PRODUCTS ARE PERMITTED TO BE USED IN THE SHOW HALL.**
22. Cage decorations – no dangling lights are permitted in or on the exhibits cage and only one 'dangling' toy or decoration is permitted at the rear of the cage so that it does not interfere with the handling of the exhibit out of the cage. One small, flat light may be securely connected to the top, on the outside, of the show cage. Also, please ensure no feathers are within reach of exhibits as they often ingest them. [1/10/22]
23. Any person/s, who by their actions or words intimidate, harass or abuse any judge or show official are liable to disciplinary action.
24. The behaviour of all Exhibitors and Show Personnel is expected to be acceptable at all times, with good sportsmanship in evidence. Cats Queensland Inc reserves the right to take disciplinary action against any person in breach of this rule. **CQI Has a ZERO TOLERANCE to Bullying, in any form.**
25. Smoking on school grounds is not permitted. Where shows are not held on school grounds, smoking is not permitted within 4 metres of the entrance to the show hall. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted at any Cats Queensland show venue unless at a licensed venue.
26. No ribbons, rosettes, prize cards, certificates, business cards, brochures, etc are to be displayed on show cages during judging. No identifying signage should be evident on show officials clothing. All awards placed on cages are the responsibility of the exhibitor and should be removed after each ring is completed.
27. Cages must be kept clean by exhibitors prior to and after judging. Food and water may be given to exhibits but must be removed from the cage prior to each ring being judged.
28. No powder, aerosol sprays, methylated spirits, or scented herbs, etc. are allowed in the vicinity of the cages. Exhibitors or handlers must not use talcum powder or other like substances on an exhibit in the show hall. **NO BEHAVIOUR MODIFYING ENHANCEMENTS OR MEDICAL PRODUCTS ARE PERMITTED TO BE USED IN THE SHOW HALL.**
29. Ear tattoos (on altered exhibits only) or microchips under the skin will not penalise an exhibit. An exhibit that has been shaved for the purpose of PKD testing or blood testing may be shown, if a veterinary surgeon's letter stating that was the purpose is provided.
30. The entry form must contain an Exhibitor's Declaration that states: "I hereby declare that the particulars contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I enter exhibits at my own risk. I declare that I am the bona fide owner / lessee and agree to abide by the Rules of Cats Queensland Inc. under which this show is conducted. My exhibit/s have not been in contact with infectious/contagious diseases within 60 days prior to the date of this show. I understand & accept that ALL Cats Queensland Inc shows have a ZERO tolerance stance on bullying. I consent to the use, reproduction or editing of any photos taken for or on behalf of CQI at shows, without compensation to me. All negatives and positives, prints, video recordings etc. shall remain the property of Cats Qld Inc. **This MUST be signed by the exhibitor prior to bringing cats into the show hall.**
31. Mobile phones MUST be in "silent mode" inside the show venue during judging. No judge or exhibitor may answer or converse on a mobile phone in the show ring while judging is in progress.
32. No exhibitor may enter a ring while judging is in progress to attend to an exhibit, unless asked to do so by either the judge or the steward.

33. No photographs of exhibits may be taken without the prior permission of the owner. No flash photography is permitted while judging is in progress and not without the permission of the owner.

#### Kitten Exhibits

34. No kitten under the age of 12 weeks is permitted to be shown or should be in the show hall for any purpose.
35. Altered (neutered/spayed) kittens under the age of nine months will compete with entire kittens in age classes and for Best in Show Awards.
36. Litter trays without identifying marking may be left in cages for litters or young kittens during judging.
37. Litters will automatically receive a double cage at no extra cost where required. If the dam of such litter is being exhibited, she will be allocated a separate cage in her group and the judges slips will note that she has a litter entered in the show. She may be placed in with her litter only after judging or between Rings. [updated]

#### Companion Exhibits

38. Companion exhibits over the age of six months MUST be altered (neutered or spayed).
39. Companion kittens will compete with companion adults for Best In Show awards.

#### Vetting

40. When a schedule states that there will be no vetting at the show, the Show Committee may reserve the right to refuse entry to, or judging of, any exhibit it considers NOT IN SHOW CONDITION. When schedule states vetting, then the vet's decision **will** be final.

#### Pedigreed Awards

41. All adult cats regardless of title will compete for challenges in Open Classes for each breed/colour (male, female, altered male, altered female). However, in the case of a PDGC, four Platinum challenges are available to be awarded – one each for Males, Females, Altered Males and Altered Females. The winning cats must have been placed in the top five in show to receive the award. Platinum DGC who receive 10 awards may apply for the title of CQ Supreme Champion. Higher titles are also available. [Updated 2015]
42. CCC of A Certificates may only be awarded to the best titled Male, Female, Altered Males and Altered Females of each in Group [i.e. Longhair or Shorthair] if they are placed in the final Top 10.
43. In the event of a withheld challenge in an open class or first place declined in a kitten class, no Best in Section or Best of Breed will be awarded if that exhibit is the sole entry in its breed/colour section, nor can it be placed in the Top 10.

#### Judging

44. **The** judge's decision as to the quality of the exhibit is final. The judge is empowered to withhold any award in any class or special award if, in the judge's opinion, the exhibit does not possess sufficient merit.
45. **An** exhibit which is unable to be judged / assessed will receive a UTJ and will be disqualified from that ring only. This only applies to the ring in which it was applied. It does not have a cumulative effect towards disqualification. A yellow UTJ card should be affixed to the front of the cage as a warning to following judges, one copy is to be made available to the owner and one given to the Show Rep.
46. **If** an exhibit is marked **BFL** in any ring in a multi-ring show, it is automatically disqualified from subsequent rings on that day. The judge will place a RED CARD on the exhibit's cage so following judges or personnel will not attempt to handle the exhibit. A second copy of the RED CARD will be handed to the exhibit's owner. A third copy of the RED CARD showing all details of the exhibit will be handed to the show manager, who in turn will advise the Cats Queensland Inc Management Committee with regard to the issuing of the RED CARD.
47. Notification shall also be sent to CCC of A detailing the exhibit that was deemed BFL. Any cat that shows aggression towards people, particularly any cat that bites or deliberately scratches someone, is to be automatically declared **BANNED FOR LIFE [BFL]**. Any cat that is ruled **BFL** must not be removed from its cage until it is transferred to its carry cage to go home. Any cat declared **BFL** is unable to be shown again, either in CQI shows or any other show, anywhere in Australia.

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48. **Judges** shall be instructed to disqualify an exhibit on which there is colouring matter or excessive powder or evidence of the exhibit having been dyed.

#### Complaints

49. All complaints regarding the show must be in writing, accompanied by a fee of \$20.00, and in the hands of the show manager within seven days of the show. Fees are refundable if upheld. No complaint against the running of the show will be considered by Cats Queensland Inc unless lodged in accordance with this Rule and accompanied by the full fee.

#### Show Personnel Information

50. A well-stocked first-aid kit will be provided at every show. The show manager will know its location and should be approached by any exhibitor, official or judge requiring first-aid materials.
51. A laminated copy of the Show Rules and Regulations will be displayed in a conspicuous position at every Cats Queensland Inc show.
52. Following the holding of a show by a Cats Queensland Inc affiliated club, the complete set of Judge's slips from each show along with 2 UNMARKED CATALOGUES are to be given to the Council Secretary or Registrar on the day of the show. A fully marked catalogue will be kept by the Secretary and the Registrar of Cats Queensland Inc for a minimum of 12 months from the completion of each show year.
53. The name of the Cats Queensland Inc representative will be listed in the catalogue. The Show Representative will notify Council of any BFL cards awarded and shall be responsible for notifying Council of any noteworthy practices or problems identified.
54. The following awards MUST be noted on judges' slips at Cats Queensland Inc shows in each Group: BEST, RESERVE, 3rd, 4th and 5th placed CATS, KITTENS and ALTERS. Reserve CCCA winners should also be noted.
55. A judge may not judge an exhibit bred by her/him unless a period of three months has elapsed since the exhibit has left the judge's residence.
56. Any judge who is judging at the show on the day, may exhibit in any section or ring other than the one in which she/he is judging. Judges may act as stewards at shows at which they are not officiating in their capacity as a judge.
57. At Cats Queensland Inc, we are committed to providing the best possible learning opportunities for our training and probationary judges. At our shows, you are likely to see judges in training "shadowing" visiting judges and learning as much as possible from these differing opinions. While we do not want to slow judging down, please be aware that some discussion may take place about features of a breed and/or a specific exhibit. This will be an open discussion and should not be seen as anything more than a training opportunity. You will be made aware, prior to judging, that shadowing is occurring in the ring. We thank you for your understanding.

## DEFINITION OF CLASSES

**ADULT:** An entire exhibit 9 months and over on show day.

**KITTEN:** An exhibit over 12 weeks and under 9 months on show day.

**UTTER:** All living progeny of the same birth, over 12 weeks and under four (4) months on the day of the show, belonging to one or joint breeders.

**ALTER:** Male or female cat/kitten that has been desexed.

**COMPANION:** An exhibit that has not been entered in any classes other than domestic pet classes. It is judged on the CCC of A official standard which includes condition, quality of coat and temperament only. All exhibits MUST BE DESEXED BY 6 months of age.

**OPEN:** All exhibits (except PLATINUM DGC and higher) 9 months and over must be entered in this class. Challenge certificates are awarded in the Open class.

**CHAMPION:** An exhibit that has been granted Champion status by a recognised governing body. This title is gained by being awarded 60 or more challenge points.

**GRAND CHAMPION:** An exhibit that has been granted Grand Champion status by a recognised governing Body. This title is gained by being awarded an additional 60 or more challenge points.

**DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION:** An exhibit that has been granted Double Grand Champion status by a recognised governing body. This title is gained by being awarded an additional 60 or more challenge points.

**BRONZE DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION:** An exhibit that has been granted Bronze Double Grand Champion status by a recognised governing body. 100 challenge points are required to attain a title at this level.

**SILVER DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION:** An exhibit that has been granted Silver Double Grand Champion status by a recognised governing body. A further 100 challenge points are required to attain a title at this level.

**GOLD DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION:** An exhibit that has been granted Gold Double Grand Champion status by a recognised governing body. A further 100 challenge points are required to attain a title at this level.

**PLATINUM DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION:** Exhibit that has been granted Platinum Double Grand Champion status by a recognised governing body. 10 Gold Certificates won at Cats Queensland Inc Shows are required to progress to PDGC level.

**SUPREME CHAMPION:** Ten awards won at Platinum DGC level are required to progress to Supreme Champion. [Amended December 2014]

**SAPPHIRE SUPREME, EMERALD SUPREME, RUBY SUPREME AND DIAMOND SUPREME** all require an additional 10 awards for each level.

ALL exhibits with a title of Platinum Double Grand Champion and above compete together in their groups - Longhair and Shorthair, for one award per ring / per male, female. Alter male and alter female - i.e there is ONE AWARD per ring in the longhair group for males with titles Platinum DGC and above, ONE AWARD per ring for females with titles Platinum DGC and above and the same for Alter Male and Alter Females - therefore 4 awards per ring, per group.

CCC of A AWARDS: Only pedigreed exhibits with the title of CHAMPION or above can compete for this award. There is ONE awarded per ring, per group for eligible males, females, alter males and alter females. Therefore, per ring and per group, 4 awards can be given. The cat requires 10 awards to progress to CCC of A Champion. Each subsequent level requires a further 10 awards. ONLY BREEDS THAT ARE FULLY RECOGNIZED BY CCC OF A ARE ELIGIBLE TO WIN SUCH AWARDS.

### COMPANION AWARDS

Companions also receive awards to allow them to gain titles in a similar way to pedigree exhibits. Companions DO NOT receive points but rather have to win a number of points for each level.

**COMPANION OF MERIT** requires 10 awards won at Cats Queensland Inc Shows.

**COMPANION OF HONOUR** requires 10 awards won as a COM at Cats Qld shows.

**COMPANION OF EXCELLENCE** requires a further 10 awards won as a COH at Cats Qld shows.