

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE FELINE FIFe



AGENDA OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

30+31.05.2019 9.00–18.00

Hotel Saffron Bratislava Slovakia

AGENDA

I. Welcome	speech	of the	President
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- 2. Roll call of the Delegates
- 3. Election of two Scrutineers and three Supervisors for the Minutes of the GA 2019
- 4. Drafting of the Minutes
- 5. Approval of the Agenda
- 6. Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly 2018 in Monte Gordo (PT)
- 8. Report of the General Secretary to be distributed at the meeting
- 9. Report of the Treasurer to be distributed at the meeting
- 10. Report of the two Controllers...... to be distributed at the meeting
- 11. Discussion on the reports of the Treasurer and the two Controllers
- 12. Discharge of responsibility:
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- a) Election of a President for a period of 3 years

Candidate:

- Mrs. Annette Sjödin (SE) is proposed for this function by SVERAK (SE), KKÖ (AT),
 Felis Belgica (BE), CCU (CN), ČSCH-SCHK (CZ), 1. DEKZV (DE), Felis Danica (DK),
 EKL-Felix (EE), Felis Britannica (GB), FFG (GR), SFDH (HR), Felis Hungarica (HU), ANFI (IT),
 LFA-Bubaste (LT), Felis Moldova (MD), FFM (MX), Felikat (NL), Mundikat (NL), NRR (NO),
 CPF (PT), FAF-FR (RO), Felis Russica (RU) and ZFDS (SI)
- b) Election of a General Secretary for a period of 3 years

Candidate:

- Mr. Eric Reijers (CZ) is proposed for this function by ČSCH-SCHK (CZ), KKÖ (AT),
 Felis Belgica (BE), CCU (CN), 1. DEKZV (DE), Felis Danica (DK), EKL-Felix (EE),
 Felis Britannica (GB), FFG (GR), SFDH (HR), Felis Hungarica (HU), ANFI (IT), LFA-Bubaste (LT),
 Felis Moldova (MD), FFM (MX), Felikat (NL), Mundikat (NL), NRR (NO), CPF (PT), FAF-FR (RO)
 SVERAK (SE) and ZFDS (SI)
- c) Election of 3 Members of the Breeding & Registration Commission for a period of 3 years

Candidates in alphabetical order:

- Mr. Ole Amstrup (DK) is nominated by Felis Danica (DK), SFDH (HR), NRR (NO), CPF (PT) and SVERAK (SE)
- Mrs. Maria Myrland (NO) is nominated by NRR (NO), KKÖ (AT), Felis Danica (DK), CPF (PT) and SVERAK (SE)
- Mrs. Cecilia Wennergren (SE) is nominated by SVERAK (SE), Felis Danica (DK), NRR (NO) and CPF (PT)

d) Election of 5 Members of the Disciplinary Commission for a period of 3 years

Candidates in alphabetical order:

- Mrs. Britta Kjellin (SE) is nominated by SVERAK (SE), NRR (NO) and CPF (PT)
- Mrs. Anne Paloluoma (FI) is nominated by Suomen Kissaliitto (FI), Felis Belgica (BE), ASFE (ES), LFA-Bubaste (LT), CPF (PT) and SVERAK (SE)
- Mr. Herbert Steinhauser (AT-ÖVEK) is nominated by ÖVEK (AT), Felis Belgica (BE),
 1. DEKZV (DE), ASFE (ES), SFDH (HR), CPF (PT) and SVERAK (SE)
- Mr. Joeri Vanrusselt (BE) is nominated by Felis Belgica (BE), NFFe (BG), ASFE (ES), LFA-Bubaste (LT), CPF (PT) and SVERAK (SE)
- Mrs. Marina Vinkel (EE) is nominated by EKL-Felix (EE), AFA (AR), FFH (CH), FFG (GR),
 Felis Hungarica (HU), ANFI (IT), LFA-Bubaste (LT), FAF-FR (RO), Felis Russica (RU), ZFDS (SI)
 and UFU (UA)
- Mrs. Paula van de Wijngaart (NL-Mundikat) is nominated by Mundikat (NL), Felis Belgica (BE), ASFE (ES), CPF (PT) and SVERAK (SE)

e) Election of 6 Members of the Judges & Standards Commission for a period of 3 years

Candidates in alphabetical order:

- Mrs. Britta Busse (DE) is nominated by Felis Danica (DK), Felis Belgica (BE), EKL-Felix (EE), ASFE (ES), FFF (FR), Felis Britannica (GB), SFDH (HR), Aristocat (LI), LFA-Bubaste (LT), FFM (MX), Mundikat (NL), NRR (NO), FPL (PL), CPF (PT), FAF-FR (RO), SVERAK (SE), FFS (SK) and UFU (UA)
- Mr. Gerardo Fraga y Guzmán (ES) is nominated by ASFE (ES), CCU (CN), SFDH (HR), Felikat (NL), NRR (NO), CPF (PT), SVERAK (SE) and FFS (SK)
- Mrs. Satu Hämäläinen (FI) is nominated by Suomen Kissaliitto (FI)
- Mr. Steven L. Jones (NO) is nominated by NRR (NO), KKÖ (AT), Felis Belgica (BE), CCU (CN), Felikat (NL), CPF (PT), SVERAK (SE) and FFS (SK)
- Mrs. Donatella Mastrangelo (IT) is nominated by FFS (SK), Felis Belgica (BE), Felis Danica (DK), ASFE (ES), SFDH (HR), Felikat (NL), NRR (NO), CPF (PT) FAF-FR (RO) and SVERAK (SE)
- Mrs. Katia Pocci (IT) is nominated by ANFI (IT), AFA (AR), Felis Belgica (BE), Felinolog (BY), CCU (CN), Felis Danica (DK), EKL-Felix (EE), FFF (FR), Felis Britannica (GB), SFDH (HR), LFA-Bubaste (LT), CPF (PT), FAF-FR (RO), Felis Russica (RU) and ZFDS (SI)
- Mr. Aliosha Romero (IS) is nominated by KKI (IS), NRR (NO), FFS (SK) and SVERAK (SE)
- Mrs. Marie Westerlund (SE) is nominated by SVERAK (SE), KKÖ (AT), ASFE (ES), Felikat (NL), NRR (NO), CPF (PT) and FFS (SK)

f) Election of 5 Members of the Show Commission for a period of 3 years

Candidates in alphabetical order:

- Mrs. Thea Friškovec (CH) is nominated by ZFDS (SI), KKÖ (AT), Felis Belgica (BE), Felinolog (BY), FFH (CH), CCU (CN), 1. DEKZV (DE), Felis Danica (DK), EKL-Felix (EE), ASFE (ES), FFF (FR), Felis Britannica (GB), FFG (GR), ANFI (IT), LCC-FFL (LU), CFCA (LV), Felis Moldova (MD), Mundikat (NL), NRR (NO), FPL (PL), CPF (PT), FAF-FR (RO), Felis Russica (RU), SVERAK (SE) and UFU (UA)
- Mr. Boris Lupan (RU) is nominated by CFCA (LV), NFFe (BG), CCU (CN), Felis Moldova (MD) and FAF-FR (RO)
- Mr. João Noronha Carvalho da Silva (PT) is nominated by CPF (PT), KKÖ (AT), FFF (FR), NRR (NO) and SVERAK (SE)
- Mr. Nicolas Revenant (FR) is nominated by FFF (FR), NRR (NO) and CPF (PT)
- Mrs. Waltraut Sattler (DE) is nominated by 1. DEKZV (DE), NFFe (BG), Felinolog (BY), FFH (CH), CCU (CN), Felis Danica (DK), ASFE (ES), FFF (FR), FFG (GR), SFDH (HR), Aristocat (LI), LFA-Bubaste (LT), LCC-FFL (LU), FFM (MX), NRR (NO), CPF (PT), FAF-FR (RO), FFS (SK) and UFU (UA)
- Mrs. Riikka Turpeinen (FI) is nominated by Suomen Kissaliitto (FI)
- Mrs. Gøran Vinje (NO) is nominated by NRR (NO), KKÖ (AT), Felis Danica (DK), FFF (FR), CPF (PT) and SVERAK (SE)

g) Election of 1 Assistant Controller for a period of 2 years

Candidates in alphabetical order:

- Mrs. Mia Tuomivirta (FI) is nominated by Suomen Kissaliitto (FI)
- Mrs. Ursula Sagurski (DE) is nominated by 1. DEKZV (DE)

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- b) Determination of the monthly allowance General Secretary 01.01.2020 31.12.2020
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24. **Close of the General Assembly**

By order of the Board, Annette Sjödin - President

Eric Reijers - General Secretary

PROPOSALS

Abbreviations	Abbreviations used			
BC	Breed Council			
BRC	Breeding & Registration Commission			
DC	Disciplinary Commission			
HWC	Health & Welfare Commission			
JSC	Judges & Standards Commission			
SC	Show Commission			

Legend	
Additions	in bold and italics
Deletions	strikethrough
Moved text	in italics only
Unchanged text	in normal print

Proposals regarding the Statutes (qualified - 3/4 majority)



Suomen Kissaliitto r.y.

(FI) Suomen Kissaliitto

FI	Suomen Kissaliitto	Proposal 1	Statutes	§ 5.3 + 6.1
Limit	of 6 conse	cutive years for	Board and Commission Member	ers

5.3

The members of the Executive Board are elected for a period of three years.

One third of the members of the Executive Board shall stand for re-election annually.

Outgoing Board members shall be eligible for re-election, unless they have already been in office for a period of six consecutive years (2 periods). At least one year should pass after the maximum of 2 periods in office before the same person can candidate again for any position in the Executive Board.

Should a Board member be unable to fulfil his duties, due to retirement, resignation disability or unability, the Executive Board is entitled to co-opt a substitute for the remainder of that term of office.

6.1

The Commissions shall consist of individuals selected for their abilities an elected by the General Assembly for a period of 3 years. Such individuals must be members of a FIFe member.

Outgoing commission members shall be eligible for re-election, unless they have already been in office for a period of six consecutive years (2 periods). At least one year should pass after the maximum of 2 periods before the same person can candidate again for a position in the same commission.

Motivation

Suomen Kissaliitto would like to see a wider presentation and circulation of members in the FIFe governing bodies, which would bring forward the best possible distribution of knowledge and skills in the Federation. New ideas and fresh ways of thinking would be more than welcome.

The restricted number of office periods per person would also allow individuals with ambition and qualities to obtain functions within the different governing bodies.

The counting of office periods (years) would start from 1.1.2019.



Sveriges Kattklubbars Riksförbund

(SE) SVERAK

SE	SVERAK	Proposal 1	Statutes	§ 5.4
Nom	inations of car	ndidates at the G	eneral Assembly	

The executive board shall notify Members of all elections and eventual vacancies. Nominations of candidates must reach the Executive Board no later than sixty (60) days prior to the date of the General Assembly. The names of all candidates will be listed on the agenda. No other candidates shall be eligible for election, unless there are no nominated candidates for a certain position. If, for any reason, a position lacks candidates, Members attending the General Assembly can nominate candidates for this position.

Motivation

According to the FIFe rules the only way to nominate a candidate to a position in FIFe is to send nominations no later than 60 days prior to the GA. In the case of a position lacking nominations or the suggested candidate changes his/her mind shortly before the GA, the position will not be filled until the next GA, which could cause potential problems. SVERAK thinks that it should be possible to nominate candidates at the GA in the case where there is no suggested candidate available.

SE	SVERAK	Proposal 2	Statutes	§ 6.1 + 7.1
Elect	tions for comm	nissions and (ass	istant) controllers	

6.1

The Commissions shall consist of individuals selected for their abilities and elected by the General Assembly for a period of three years. Such individuals must be members of a FIFe Member. For commissions with 3 or 6 members, 1/3 of the members shall stand for re-election annually. For commissions with 5 members, 2 members shall stand for election in the first year, 1 in the second year and 2 in the third year.

7.1

Two Controllers and two Assistants, elected by the General Assembly for a period of three years, shall control the accounts and the balance sheet of the FIFe and subsequently prepare a report on their findings for the General Assembly. They may not be members of any other official body of the FIFe.

Regarding the election of Controllers and Assistant Controllers; the first and second years one

Controller will stand for election and in the third year the Assistant Controllers will stand for election.

The Controllers have the right to inspect the books and other documents kept by the treasurer at any time.

Motivation

All positions within FIFe are elected for a period of three years, but the elections for the FIFe board are the only ones who are spread out over three years. All other elections - members of the Commissions and the Controllers - are elected the same year. If all members of a commission or all controllers would be changed one year it could leave FIFe in an instable situation where commission members might have to "invent the wheel" again. It also makes the GA unnecessary prolonged on the "election-year". SVERAK thinks it would be natural to divide all elections over three years instead, thus creating a stability and assure continuity in the work of the commissions and controllers.



Disciplinary Commission

DC

FIFe DC	Proposal 1	Statutes	§ 4.5
Electronic vo	ting		

The Members of the General Assembly shall vote by show of hands or by an alternative electronic voting system; if requested by a Member In the case of electing functionaries, voting shall be conducted by secret ballot.

Motivation

The current rule in the statutes is not in order with our current way of voting. In order to avoid possible discussions, art. 4.5 should be updated in line with the current electronic voting system.

FIFe	DC	Proposal 2	Statutes	§ 8.1
Disci	plinar	y Powers		

The Executive Board can, upon recommendation of the disciplinary Commission, apply the following disciplinary measures: call to order, reprimand, fine, temporarily **suspend** expel from all or from certain events.

Only the General Assembly has the power to permanently expel a Member (as per article 2.8).

Motivation

This is just a correction in the wording used.

FIFe DC	Proposal 3	Statutes	§ 8.2
Disciplinary	Powers		

Upon recommendation of the Disciplinary Commission, the Executive Board is empowered to impose a disciplinary measure against any Member of the FIFe or against any individual chosen by FIFe to carry out certain duties, and against any judge.

The Member, or individual or judge concerned shall be entitled to a hearing.

Any Member, or individual or judge who is the object of a disciplinary measure may appeal to the General Assembly. This appeal must be addressed to the Executive Board within (30) days following receipt of the decision; such decision must indicate the appeal procedure and deadline.

The implementation of a decision against which an appeal has been filed, shall be deferred.

Motivation

It is our belief that a judge has always been "an individual" concerned, however as the first paragraph of the article makes a clear distinction between an individual chosen to carry out certain duties and a judge, we feel this may cause confusion in the implementation of the second paragraph.

Therefore, the same logic should be also be in the following paragraphs of the article concerned and the word judge should also be added. Everybody who is the object of a disciplinary measure, including judges, should have the right to appeal against the measures taken by the board.



Judges & Standards Commission

JSC

FIFe	JSC	Proposal 1	Statutes	§ 8.1 + 8.2 + 8.3
Disci	plinary	Powers		

8.1

The Executive Board can, upon recommendation of the disciplinary Commission, apply the following disciplinary measures: call to order, reprimand, fine, temporarily *suspend* expel from all or from certain events. Only the General Assembly has the power to permanently expel a Member (as per article 2.8).

8.2

Upon the recommendation of the Disciplinary Commission, the Executive Board is empowered to impose a disciplinary measure against any Member of the FIFe or against any individual chosen by the FIFe to carry out certain duties, and against any judge.

The Member, er-individual concerned or judge shall be entitled to a hearing.

Any Member, **er**-individual concerned **or judge** who is the object of a disciplinary measure may appeal to the General Assembly. This appeal must be addressed to the Executive Board within thirty (30) days following receipt of the decision; such decision must indicate the appeal procedure and deadline. The implementation of a decision against which an appeal has been filed, shall be deferred.

8.3

Decisions, containing their motivation, shall be notified to the person concerned by registered letter *or by email with confirmation of receipt*. Disciplinary decisions may be communicated to FIFe Members.

As a consequence of this proposal the following additional change to the Judges and Student Judges rules is required:

1.6 - Complaints against Judges

Written complaints lodged against Judges are to be dealt with by the FIFe Board in accordance with the procedures laid down in the FIFe Statutes § 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3. The complaint must be a detailed and

accurate report sent by a FIFe Member within two months of the event in question. The complaint must be presented in one of the three official FIFe languages (\rightarrow FIFe Statutes § 6.3).

If it is deemed necessary by the FIFe Board, the case will be submitted to the Disciplinary Commission whowill, in turn, inform the Board of its findings (→ FIFe Statutes § 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3).

Remark

The second paragraph of FIFe Judges Letter of Commitment to FIFe shall be modified as follows:

I understand that any infringement of the abovementioned rules will be dealt with individually by the board of FIFe *in accordance with the procedures laid down in the FIFe Statutes § 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3.*

New Letters of Commitment are to be sent to all FIFe Judges for their signature.

Motivation

In the case of a disciplinary action against a FIFe Judge, the same procedure shall be followed as for all other individuals/members.



The Board

FIFe Board Proposal 1 Statutes § 5.1

Duties of Vice Secretary / Vice Treasurer in case of absence of Gen. Secretary / Treasurer

f) The Vice Secretary, respectively, Vice Treasurer fulfils the duties of the General Secretary, respectively, Treasurer in case of his absence.

Motivation

A provision is made in § 5.1.b that the Vice President fulfils the duties of the President in case of his absence. The same applies to the Vice Secretary resp. Vice Treasurer in case of absence of the General Secretary resp. Treasurer.

FIFe Board	Proposal 2	Statutes	§ 8.2
Disciplinary po	wers		

Upon the recommendation of the Disciplinary Commission, the Executive Board is empowered to impose a disciplinary measure against any Member of the FIFe or against any individual chosen by the FIFe to carry out certain duties, and against any judge.

Motivation

Even though the Board believes that article 8.2 of the Statutes, which has been an integral and unchanged part of the FIFe Statutes for more than 30 years, is correctly formulated it can be the subject of discussion and contention. The FIFe is a federation of Members, of national Members, which are clubs or federations themselves as can be read in article 1 of the FIFe Statutes. Consequently, all articles in the Statutes relate to national Members or board-members, commission members and controllers, in other words, individuals elected by the FIFe General Assembly. The Statutes are the written laws of a legislative body, in this case FIFe, which must be respected by the national Members and elected officials. All articles in the FIFe statutes relate exclusively to national Members and/or elected officials. We invite you to read the mere 10 pages of the Statutes to establish this for yourself.

Judges are not elected by the FIFe GA; they are individual members of national FIFe Members who decided themselves to pursue an education as a judge. Once they finish their education according to the prescribed rules they are appointed by the Board. The relevant rules in FIFe for judges are the FIFe Judges Rules and these must be respected by the judges.

Proposals regarding the General Rules



Breeding & Registration Commission

BRC

FIFE BRC Proposal 1 FIFe General Rules § 2.7
Report on breeding and registration statistics (new article)

A Member of the FIFe must submit statistics showing the number of cats bred and registered resp. imported and registered in the Member's Pedigree Book divided by breeds. The statistics must be sent to the General Secretary by the end of January. The Breeding and Registration Commission shall forward a report to the General Assembly regarding cats and breeds bred within FIFe and its Members based on the statistics received.

Motivation

In order for the Commissions to have a relevant tool to follow the development of the breeds within FIFe, the Members must submit statistics which can be used to report on the development of the individual breeds.

Proposals regarding the Standards & the EMS List



Český Svaz Chovatelů – Sdružení chovatelů koček

(CZ) ČSCH-SCHK

CZ ČSCH-SCHK	Standards, Gen. Part & EMS List	BAL/SIA
Change of EMS code		

We suggest changing the EMS code for "Foreign White" from BAL w 67 to OLH w 67 and of SIA w 67 to OSH w 67.

Remark

If this proposal is carried, the EMS codes BAL/SIA w 67 need to be replaced to OLH/OSH w 67 in the standard of category 4, the EMS list and all other documents.

Motivation

Article 3.6 of the Show Rules states that a cat competes at shows according to its physical appearance (phenotype). Cats must also be judged on phenotype. However, when you judge a BAL/SIA w 67, you do not see a cat that resembles a BAL or SIA. This cat looks like a white Oriental with deep blue eyes. There is no point-colour to consider nor is there any contrast to comment on and we do not understand how judges can allocate the 20 points associated with these features in the category 4 SOP to these cats. We suggest using the EMS code, which resembles the phenotype of the cat and not the genotype.



Fédération Féline Française

(FR) FFF

FR	FFF	Proposal 1	Standards, Gen. Part & EMS List	RAG
Char	nges to	the Ragdoll standard	d – head shape	

Head/	Shape/	Medium size, broad	Mittlere Größe, breite	De taille moyenne, en
Kopf/	Form/	modified wedge.	modifizierte Keilform.	forme de large triangle aux
Tête	Forme	Slightly rounded, never	Leicht gerundete gebogene	contours arrondis. Front
		domed forehead (not	Stirn (nicht gewölbt), nie	légèrement arrondi (non
		domed) showing a gentle	gewölbt, zeigt einen	bombé) courbé, jamais
		transition to a flat	sanften Übergang zu einer	bombé , montrant une
		plane between the ears.	flachen Stelle zwischen	transition en douceur à un
			den Ohren.	plan plat entre les oreilles.
		Good height in profile.	Gute Höhe im Profil.	Bonne hauteur en profil.
		The height from nose to	Der Abstand von der	La hauteur a partir du
		flat plane in between the	Nase zu der Ebene	nez et jusqu'au plat de a
		ears should represent no	zwischen den Ohren	tête ne sera pas plus
		more than half of the	sollte nicht mehr als die	grande que la moitie de
		head height	Hälfte der Kopfhöhe	la hauteur de la tête
			betragen.	entière.

Motivation

<u>Head:</u> Several changes were proposed to clarify this point that seems one of the most important to keep the Ragdoll look moderate and to keep the look distinct from Persian and British.

- 1. We propose to change the word "round" with the word "curved".
- 2. The word round is highly confusing and does not really describe the forehead of the Ragdoll, since round is always connected with the geometrical shape that is the circle. Round might be very well adapted to Persians, British, Siberians but we believe is not suitable for Ragdolls. Moreover, the adjective "slightly" in front of the word "round" is very often forgotten. This forget might be understandable because semantically is incorrect to use the word "slightly" together with the word "round". We believe the word "curved" is more appropriate, because it gives the logical image of a curve that can have the property of being "slight" and that can correspond to the shape of the forehead of the Ragdoll.
- 3. We propose also to take the sentence "not domed" out of the brackets and substitute with "never domed".
- 4. The reason for this clarification is, that often sentences in brackets are forgotten and seem to be a detail. Now, the forehead of a Ragdoll is never domed and this is not a detail, so this sentence deserves to have all the importance needed in the standard.
- 5. We propose to explain better the "height of the forehead" by a sentence that describes exactly how high the forehead should be. It seems very important to give a limit to the height of the forehead; the look of the Ragdoll should be moderate and moderate means to have a lower and an upper limit. The tendency these last 10 years was to promote foreheads that were higher and higher with years and with judgments. To keep the Ragdoll look equilibrated it is important to precisely give an upper limit and because of the equilibrium, we agreed on having the head of the Ragdoll separated in two zones that are equal in size. The area below the nose and the area above the nose should be of equal size. This modification is not only a guarantee that the head of the Ragdoll remains equilibrated but it is a very easy characteristics that will be remembered by judges and breeders.

DRAWINGS OF A STANDARD RAGDOLL HEAD EARS NOT TOO HIGH OR LOW SET NOT TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL HEAD HEIGHT Line EYES-EARS ALIGNEMENT NOSE-CHIN

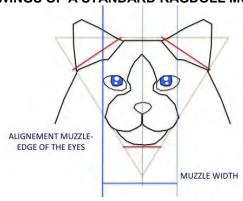
F	R	FFF	Proposal 2	Standards, Gen. Part & EMS List	RAG
C	har	nges to	the Ragdoll standar	d - cheeks, chin and muzzle	

Head/	Cheeks,	Cheeks well developed,	Gut ausgebildete	Joues bien développées
Kopf/	Chin,	tapering to a rounded	Wangen, die sich zu einer	se prolongeant par un
Tête	Muzzle /	well-developed, fairly	gerundeten, gut	museau arrondi
	Wangen,	broad muzzle of medium	entwickelten	moyennement, assez
	Kinn,	length (never narrow) and	und relativ breiten	large de longueur
	Schnauze /	a well-developed chin,	Schnauze von mittlerer	moyenne museau large
	Joues,	aligned with the nose.	Länge verjüngen (nie	(jamais étroit), bien
	Menton,		schmal).	développé tout comme le
	Museau		Gut entwickeltes Kinn	menton, <i>qui est aligné</i>
			in einer Linie mit der	avec le nez.
			Nase.	

Motivation

<u>Cheeks, Chin, Muzzle:</u> We propose to add the adjective "fairly" to the wording "broad muzzle" to avoid, that the muzzle of the Ragdoll become larger and larger. We do think, that the size of the muzzle should be moderate to be distinguishable from muzzles of BSH and BLH and to respect the equilibrium of the Ragdoll head. Fairly means moderate and clearly describe what we think is the good size of the Ragdoll muzzle. We propose to delete "never narrow" as this feature has been added to the Fault List.

DRAWINGS OF A STANDARD RAGDOLL MUZZLE



FR	FFF	Proposal 3	Standards, Gen. Part & EMS List	RAG
Char	nges to t	the Ragdoll standard	d - list of faults	

Faults/ Fehler/	Head/Kopf/ T. te	Narrow or Round	schmal oder rund	Etroite ou ronde
Fautes	Muzzle/ Schnauze/ Museau	Too large or too narrow	Zu breit oder zu schmal	Trop large ou trop étroit
	Forehead/ Stirn/Front	Domed	gewölbt	Bombé
	Nose/ Nase / Nez	Stop, roman nose	Stop, römische Nase	Stop, nez romain
	Ears/ Ohren/ Oreilles	Large or small ears; pointed ears. Too low or too high set ears.	breite oder schmale Ohren, spitze Ohren, zu niedrig oder zu hoch angesetzt.	Larges, petites, pointues. Trop basses ou trop hautes.
	Eyes/ Augen/ Yeux	Almond or round in shape	mandelförmig oder rund	En amande ou ronds
	Neck/ Hals/Cou	Too long and too skinny	zu lang und zu dünn	Trop long ou trop fin
	Body/ K rper/ Corps	Cobby body; narrow chest.	gedrungener Körper, schmale Brust	Cobby; poitrail étroit.
	Legs/ Beine/ Membres	Short legs; lack of tufting	kurze Beine, Fehlen der Haarbüschel an den Pfoten	Courtes, Sans touffes de poil entre les doigts.

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Tail/ Schwanz/	Short	kurz	Courte
Queue Coat/ Fell/ Fourrure	Short Coat (seasonal). Wooly coat. Undercoat	kurzes Fell (saisonbedingt), wolliges Fell, Unterfell	Courte (selon la saison). Laineuse. Présence de sous- poil.

Motivation

List of faults: Lastly, we propose that the List of Faults should be back in the Ragdoll standard.

The fault list is not a redundancy of the standard but is the key of a clarification, especially for new breeders and new judges that ignore the evolution of the written standard. In fact, the fault list was present before 2010 and disappeared in 2010, since 9 years "roman nose", "cobby body" etc are no more faults. The result is that we see nowadays more and more Ragdolls with Roman nose and cobby bodies.

Accordingly with the standard proposition for the HEAD SECTION, we propose to add to the list:

- Head: Narrow head and round head.

Both narrow (undertyped) and round (overtyped) heads should be faulty.

- Forehead : domed.

A domed forehead should be a fault.

- Muzzle: Too Large or too narrow.

This is to avoid both under-typed or over-types muzzles.

- Ear set: too low or too high set ears.

To clarify the EAR SECTION, it is important to add to the fault list that both too low (overtyped) or too high (undertyped) set ears are both a fault. Ears in Ragdoll should be set in harmony with the head. Nowadays some Ragdolls have extremely small and low set ears, this is as much of a fault as large and high set ears.

- Eyes: Almond or round in shape.

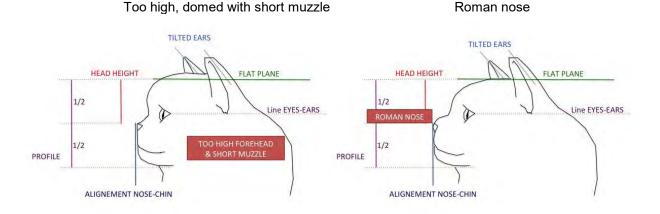
To clarify the EYES SECTION, we add "round shape eyes" as a fault, as for other characteristics of the Ragdoll, the equilibrium stay in the moderate shapes. Eyes that are round are a fault as much as eyes that are almond shape.

- Coat: Short coat (seasonal), wooly coat, undercoat

To clarify the COAT SECTION, we add "wooly coat and undercoat".

One of the unique characteristics of the Ragdoll that makes this breed so popular is the non-matting silky fur with no undercoat. This silky non-matting fur falls on the body naturally and breaks when the cat moves, in other cat fancy organisations this fur is described to be "bunny like". It is important to keep this characteristic intact, as this is unique for the Ragdoll.

EXAMPLES OF A NON STANDARD FOREHEAD





Nederlandse Vereniging van Fokkers & Liefhebbers van Katten "Felikat"

(NL) FE

NL	Felikat	Proposal 1	Standards, Gen. Part & EMS List	DRX
Char	nges to the	Devon Rex star	ndard	

Head/ Kopf/ Tête	Cheeks/ Backen/ Joues Nose/ Nase/ Nez	Very prominent cheek bones, full cheeks Very short, with the rounded forehead giving the impression of a stop	Sehr hervortretende Backenknochen, vollen Wangen Sehr kurz, mit der gerundeten Stirn den Eindruck eines Stopps vermittelnd	Pommettes très proéminentes, joues pleines Très court, donnant l'impression d'un stop avec le front arrondi.
Ears/ Ohren/ Oreilles	Shape/ Form/ Forme	Very large, very wide at the base tapering to rounded tips. Well covered with fine hair; with or without hair growing from a crease behind the ears to form ear muffs.	Sehr groß, sehr breit am Ansatz, zu gerundeten Spitzen zulaufend. Gut mit feinen Härchen besetzt; mit oder ohne behaarte Hautfalten am hinteren Ohransatz (ear muffs).	Très grandes, très larges à la base, s'effilant vers des extrémités arrondies. Bien recouvertes de poils fins avec ou sans poils sortant des plis en arrière des oreilles et formant comme un protège-oreille.
	Placement/ Platzierung/ Emplacement	Set very low	Sehr tief angesetzt	Placées très bas

Motivation

- A very short nose is a big risk for the undesirable and detrimental Brachycephalic Airway Syndrome.
- In Europe and the world at large, the welfare of animals has (rightfully so) become an important matter. In many countries the law forbids breeding for an extreme type that inhibits health and welfare of animals.
- Kirlee, the foundation-father of the Devon Rex was not very extreme.

By adopting the change in the standard, breeders will not be encouraged to extreme type-breeding. Health and welfare of the Devon Rex will therefore not be jeopardized in that respect.

Nose: too short, evokes a health danger.

Cheeks: prominent, is prominent enough.

Ears: large and low set are the maximum possible goals, given the amount of space on the head.



Vereniging "Mundikat"

(NL) Mundikat

NL Mundikat	Proposal 1	Standards, Gen. Part & EMS List	General Part
Registration of t	abby pattern fo	r van (01) and harlequin (02)	

We propose a change for the registration of the tabby pattern for van (01) and harlequin (02) cats. This change is purely for registrational purpose and will not affect shows.

General Part p. 74 & 76 Van (01) & Harlequin (02) > Coat colour > agouti (replace existing text by): If the tabby pattern is known or can be clearly defined either as shaded, shell or as tabby blotched, mackerel, spotted or ticked, the patterns are registered with the appropriate EMS code for tabby pattern (11, 12, 22, 23, 24 or 25). If the tabby pattern cannot be clearly defined, cats will be registered with EMS Code 01 21 (van) or 02 21 (harlequin).

Motivation

When the tabby pattern is known or clearly visible it should be possible to register the correct genetic tabby pattern, it is important to breeders to maintain the desired tabby pattern. We see no reason to not apply the correct registration of the tabby pattern when this is clearly visible. Registration should reflect the genetics of the cat.



Clube Portugues de Felinicultura

(PT) CPF

PT	CPF	Proposal	Standards, Gen. Part & EMS List	SBI
Chai	nges to t	he Sacred Birman	standard	

SCALE OF POINTS / PUNKTESKALA / ÉCHELLE DES POINTS

Head/ Kopf/ Tête	general shape, cheeks, nose, jaws and teeth, forehead, chin placement and shape of the ears	allgemeine Form, Wangen, Nase, Kiefer und Gebiss, Stirn, Kinn Platzierung und Form der Ohren	forme générale, joues, nez, mâchoires et denture, front, menton, forme et placement des oreilles	20
Ears/Ohren/ Oreilles	shape and placement	Form und Platzierung	forme et placement	5
Eyes/ Augen/	Shape and colour	Form und Farbe	Forme et couleur	5
Yeux	shape	Form	Forme	5
	colour	Farbe	Couleur	5
Body/ Körper/ Corps	shape, size, bone structure legs and shape of paws	Körperbau, Größe, Knochenbau Beine und Form der Pfoten	forme, taille, ossature membres et forme des pattes	20
Tail/ Schwanz/ Queue	length and shape	Länge und Form	longueur et forme	10 5
Coat/ Fell/	body colour and points	Körperfarbe und Points	couleur du corps et points	10
Fourrure	quality and texture, length	Qualität und Textur, Länge	qualité et texture, longueur	10
Gloves/ Handschuhe/	on the front feet	an den Vorderbeinen	sur les membres antérieurs	5
Gantage	on the hind feet	an den Hinterbeinen	sur les membres postérieurs	4
	gloves	Handschuhe	gants	5
	gauntlets	Sporen	éperons	5
	uniformity and symmetry of gauntlets and gloves	Gleichmäßigkeit und Symmetrie der Sporen und Handschuhe	régularité et symétrie des éperons et des gants	5
Condition/ Kondition/				5

Motivation

The Sacred Birman shows a special morphology, which is unique for the breed.

The aims of this proposal are:

- 1. to give EQUAL significance on ALL the specific features of the breed, especially on those characteristics that can be handled with selective breeding.
- 2. to conform the scale of points of Sacred Birmans to those ones of similar breeds (colourpointed cats with special white markings, as like as i.e. ragdoll).



Federatia Asociatiilor Feline "Felis Romania"

(RO) FAF-FR

RO FAF-FF	Proposal	Standards, Gen. Part & EMS List	BLH/BSH
Golden tipped	d (*y 11) and golde	en ticked tabby (*y 25)	

Addition of remark L in the table of recognized varieties

GOLDEN TIPPED	BLH/BSH n/a y 11	D, G, H, <u>L</u>
GOLDEN TABBY	BLH/BSH n/a y 22/23/24/25	D, G, <i>L</i>

Addition of explanation of remark L under the table of recognized varieties:

Remarks/ Anmerkungen/	L		BLH/BSH *y 11 and *y 25 der gleichen Farbe	BLH/BSH *y 11 and *y 25 de la même couleur
Remarques			werden zusammen in	sont jugées ensemble
		the same class	derselben Klasse gerichtet	dans la même classe

Motivation

All cats are judged by phenotype. In our General Part of Standards are very clear descriptions of pattern *25, ticked tabby with very illustrative drawing of a ticked tabby coat, and of *11, shaded: BLH/BSH tipped with very illustrative drawings of individual hair in different varieties and a tipped coat. Since golden ticked tabby varieties were recognised most of shown cats in these colour varieties do not really show clear ticked tabby markings as required for a ticked tabby cat, which only increase with the age of a cat. Therefore, most of cats shown in both varieties: golden tipped and golden ticked tabby, are changed from show to show or class to class to different varieties, from *25 to *11 and back again. All these permanent colour changes are very confusing and disappointing for exhibitors.

For these reasons BLH/BSH golden tipped and ticked tabby varieties of the same colour should be judged together in the same class, and for judging purposes solely.



Health & Welfare Commission

HWC

FIFe HWC	Proposal	Standards, Gen. Part & EMS List	EXO/PER
Changes in th	ne Exotic/Persian	standard	

SCALE OF POINTS / PUNKTESKALA / ÉCHELLE DES POINTS

Head/ Kopf/	General shape, breadth and length of the nose,	Allgemeine Form; Breite und Länge der Nase,	Forme générale, largeur et longueur du nez, stop,	25
Tête	stop, jaws and teeth, forehead, chin Placement, size and shape of the ears Shape, size and	Stop, Kiefer und Gebiß, Stirn, Kinn Platzierung, Größe und Form der Ohren Form, Größe und	mâchoire et denture, front, menton Emplacement, grandeur et forme des oreilles Emplacement, forme et	30
	placement of the eyes	Platzierung der Augen	grandeur des yeux	
Eye colour/ Augenfarbe/ Couleur des yeux				15 10

Motivation

There has lately been a lot of concern among the public and many breeders about the health of pets with brachycephalic heads. This change would be a way to emphasize the importance of a well balanced head shape in the Exotic and Persian cats. To give 15 points just to the colour of the eyes seems very much when there are many important characteristics in the shape of the head, eyes, jaws and teeth that should be considered when judging these breeds. The change would give a good signal for everyone that not only the cat with the most fantastic eye colour should win but that judges also have to consider the overall balance and harmony of all the other features of the head.



Judges & Standards Commission

JSC

FIFe JSC Proposal 12 Standards & General Part EMS code 25
Description of Homozygote Ticked Tabby (25)

The JSC proposes to add the following description for the Homozygote Ticked Tabby (25) to the General Part of the Standards, taking it from the colour description of the ABY/SOM.

Coat colour/ Fellfarbe/ Couleur de la fourrure

Body colour:

as described below, with darker ticking according to the corresponding colour varieties.

Ground colour:

as described below.
Underside of the body and chest and innersides of the legs uniformly coloured with the ground colour, harmonizing with the upper parts of the body, without any ticking, bars, unbroken necklaces or markings on stomach or belly.
Darker shading along the spine.

White or off-white is only permitted above the lips, beside the nostrils and down the chin as long as it does not extend to the chest.

The tips of the ears are in the same colour as the ticking.

The back of the hind feet is dark, hairtufts between the toes are in the same colour as the ticking.

The colour of the tail is an extension of the darker shading along the spine and ends in a solid dark tip, coloured with the colour of the ticking, without any rings.

Körperfarbe:

Wie hierunten angegeben, mit dunklerem Ticking der entsprechenden Farbvarietät.

Grundfarbe:

Wie hierunten angegeben. Körperunterseite und Brust und Innenseite der Beine einheitlich in der Grundfarbe gefärbt, harmonisierend mit dem oberen Teil des Körpers, ohne jegliches Ticking, Streifen, geschlossenen Halsketten oder Markierungen am Bauch. Dunklere Schattierung längs der Wirbelsäule.

Weiß oder gebrochenes Weiß nur oberhalb der Lippen, an den Nasenflügeln und am Kinn so weit erlaubt, als es sich nicht bis auf die Brust erstreckt.

Ohrspitzen in derselben Farbe wie das Ticking. Sohlenstreifen an den Hinterbeinen sind dunkel. Haarbüschel zwischen den Zehen in derselben Farbe wie das Ticking. Die Farbe am Schwanz setzt die dunklere Schattierung entlang des Rückgrates fort und endet in einer einfarbigen dunklen Schwanzspitze, entsprechend dem Ticking gefärbt, ohne jegliche Ringe.

Couleur du corps:

comme décrit ci-dessous. Ticking plus foncé en harmonie avec la couleur de base correspondante.

Couleur de base:

comme décrit ci-dessous.
Dessous du corps, poitrine
et faces internes des
membres de couleur
uniforme (couleur de base).
Cette couleur est en
harmonie avec le dessus du
corps, sans ticking, rayures,
colliers fermés ni marques
sur le ventre et le poitrine.
Une ligne plus foncée court
le long de l'épine dorsale.

Du blanc ou blanc cassé n'est toléré qu'au-dessus des lèvres, près des narines et sur le menton, s'il ne s'étend pas jusqu'au poitrine.

Les plumets sont de la couleur du ticking.
La semelle des membres postérieurs est foncée et les touffes interdigitales sont de la couleur du ticking.
La ligne foncée (de la couleur du ticking) de l'épine dorsale se prolonge jusqu'à l'extrémité foncée de la queue. La queue n'est pas annelée.

If the proposal is carried, as a consequence we propose to delete the colour description of the ABY/SOM and leave the reference to the description in the General Part of the Standards for Homozygote Ticked tabby (25).

Motivation

The current description for the ticked tabby pattern is the heterozygous expression. In certain breeds (e.g. BSH) where ticked tabby is now recognised, the homozygous expression is preferred by breeders and needs to be described.

Proposals regarding the Breeding & Registration Rules



Associazione Nazionale Felina Italiana



IT	ANFI	Proposal 1	Breeding & Registration Rules	§ 6.3
Ben	gal (BEN)			

When breeding Bengals:

- Bengals cats must have a DNA test for PRA-b, unless both parents are proven to be free from PRA-b
- These breeding principles are to be followed:

PRA-b free x PRA-b carrier

PRA-b free x PRA-b free

- Cats to be tested according to this rule must be identifiable by microchip or tattoo. These
 must be clearly stated on the test's result certificate
- Test results must be registered and published in accordance with § 3.5.1
- The breeder must inform buyers of Bengal cats about the PRA-b disease and the registration policy.

Motivation:

Progressive retinal atrophy of Bengal (PRA-b), causes an autosomal recessive blindness specifically in Bengal cats, which is rapidly spreading. It has been demonstrated in several peer reviewed articles that around 40% of Bengals are affected. Being autosomal recessive, two copies of the mutant DNA variant are required for the cats to be blind. Carriers can only be detected by the DNA test, which is commercially available. To avoid the use in breeding of blind and carrier cats, and in consideration of the availability of the DNA test, ANFI proposes to introduce the PRA-b test as mandatory.

IT	ANFI	Proposal 2	Breeding & Registration Rules	§ 6.27
Tha	i (THA)			

Crossbreeding is not allowed

Only recognised colors shall be used.

Cinnamon, fawn, silver, golden and white are not permitted; offspring in these colors must be registered as XSH * <THA>

Smoke/silver/golden and white variety and/or spotting are not allowed for breeding. THA Pedigree from other association with SIA as ancestor are allowed for breeding ONLY if are just SIA without any other breed.

Only THA imported from Thailand may be entered in the novice class for recognition. Their origin must be officially proven by documentation.

Motivation

Thai is a new recognised breed in FIFe. Forbidding the registration of Thai from other associations will mean the drastic decrease and the weakness of the breed. Plus, inhibit breeding with Thai from other associations will mean pauperise the gene pool, increase the inbreeding in despite to the health of this breed.



Nederlandse Vereniging van Fokkers & Liefhebbers van Katten "Felikat"

(NL) FE

NL	Felikat	Proposal 2	Breeding & Registration Rules	DRX/SPH
Cor	npulsory Cl	MS test for DRX/SP	PH	(new art.)

The DNA-test for Congenital Myasthenic Syndrome (CMS) is obligatory for all registered Devon Rex and Sphynx breeding animals.

Specific rules:

- 1. Animals that test negative, can be used freely for breeding
- 2. Animals that are carriers of the gene, may only be mated to animals that have been tested negative
- 3. Animals with proof of negative parents can be used freely for breeding. If only 1 parent is negative, the cat may only be mated to a negative partner
- 4. Hybrid DRX and SPH (F1) from an outcross breeding program, only need proof of a negative DRX or SPH parent. Exception: unless the outcross partner is a DRX or SPH. Then both parents have to have been tested negative.
- 5. The test has to be certified by a veterinarian.

Motivation

Sphynx cats have a high percentage of Devon Rex-genes in their pedigrees; sometimes up to 50%. This is a treacherous, deadly disease that is inherited in an autosomal, recessive fashion and can therefore be bred out of the breeds within 2 generations.

The CMS-genes are still floating around in the DRX and SPH genepool: in recent years spastic kittens from both breeds have been born in different places in Europe and in the USA.

This suffering can easily be prevented.



Vereniging "Mundikat"

(NL) Mundikat

NL	Mundikat	Proposal 2	Breeding & Registration Rules	§ 9.1.3
Re-re	egistration i	n the target bre	ed - clarification	

A cat with the addition "(EMS-code of target breed)" may be re-registered in its target breed after meeting one of the following requirements:

- 1. a) being exhibited at a minimum age of 4 months during an international cat show in the "Control Class" (class 13b) and,
 - b) being judged in accordance with Show Rules § 5.4 by at least two FIFe judges whom the FIFe member must provide with a written explanation as to why the cat is presented in this class and, c) by obtaining the qualification "Excellent" (for recognised breeds) according to the target breed standard or "I" (for non-recognised breeds) according to the proposed standard (\rightarrow § 8) from both the judges.

OR

- 2. a) being judged in accordance with Show Rules § 5.4, *however outside shows and* at a minimum age of 3 months by at least two FIFe judges whom the FIFe member must provide with a written explanation as to why the cat is presented, and
 - b) by obtaining the qualification "Excellent" (for recognised breeds) according to the target breed standard or "I" (for non-recognised breeds) according to the proposed standard (\rightarrow § 8) from both the judges.

Re-registration must be marked in the RIEX register and on the pedigree by adding "(RR)" after the registration number.

Motivation

We suggest this addition to clarify that option 2 is only used OUTSIDE shows. We believe the current wording could be read incorrectly as this is only referring to Show Rules § 5.4, but the conditions are different.



Felis Russica

(RU) FRU

RU	FRU	Proposal 1	Breeding & Registration Rules	§ 3.6.5
Heal	th condi	tion		(new subart.)

Each FIFe Member is responsible for system of verification and storage information about status of health condition for every cat using for breeding purposes (except obligatory test's results, listed in Appendix I and II, which must be confirmed by official certificates of authorized laboratories).

Motivation

Cats planning only for breeding, not for show, still must correspond to the health condition of BRR applied for breeding cats (also cats with non-FIFe pedigrees).

The system of confirmation that cat is allowed for breeding accordingly to BRR (3.6.1-3.6.4) is responsibility of National FIFe-Member.



Zveza felinoloških društev Slovenije

(SI) ZFDS

SI	ZFDS	Proposal 1	Breeding & Registration Rules	§ 6.14
Maiı	ne Coon (N	MCO)		

When breeding Maine Coons:

- Main Coon cats used in breeding must have radiographic evaluation test of HD (hip dysplasia). Official testing programme based on HD estimation must be developed.
- It is recommended to do the preliminary radiographic evaluation of HD (hip dysplasia) for all Main Coon kittens, intended to be used in breeding, at the age of 4 months.
- The cats that need testing according to this rule must be identifiable by microchip or tattoo, and the microchip or tattoo ID number shall follow the test documentation to the laboratory and be clearly stated on the test result certificate.
- Test results must be registered and published in accordance with § 3.5.1.

Remark

The FIFe Health & Welfare Commission shall develop uniform official testing programme based on HD estimation for period of the first 5 (five) years.

Motivation

Hip dysplasia (HD) is a developmental disease, leading to degeneration of hip joints. Ultimately, due to abnormal strains on the joint, permanent osteoarthritis develops, which has a major welfare impact on affected cats, since it results in chronic joint pain and progressive disability due to joint deformation. Clinical signs include lameness, avoidance of physical activity, inability to move, signs of chronic joint pain, such as persistent licking of the area at the affected hip. Advanced cases must be managed with invasive surgical procedures, to ensure long-term pain free life for such animals. Furthermore, a larger demographic study was conducted on records of 2708 Maine coon cats from HD registry collected by the OFA (Orthopaedic Foundation for Animals, Loder, 2018). Overall prevalence of HD in MCO cats was approx. 25%, which is slightly lower than findings of Swedish Main Coon Cat club registry (pawpeds.com), where approx. 33% prevalence is reported. Prevalence of HD in MCO cats is therefore significantly higher than prevalence in general population, which is estimated to be around 6% as discovered in a study of 684 cats, 603 of them domestic shorthairs (Keller, 1999). According to the statistics of Swedish registry, considering results of HD estimation when breeding, leads to obvious improvements in HD status of offspring, as seen from the following table on 2988 tested cats, published at pawpeds.com:

Offspring of:	Normal	Borderline	HD degree 1	HD degree 2	HD degree 3
Parents with unknown hip status	58.9 %	3.9 %	20 %	12.6 %	4.5 %
Parents with HD tested normal hip status	76 %	3,7 %	13,7 %	5,4 %	1,2 %

References: https://pawpeds.com/healthprogrammes/hd.html; Loder RT, Todhunter RJ. Demographic of hip dysplasia in the Maine Coon cat. JFMS, 2018, 20(4), 302-307; Keller GG, Reed AL, Lattimer JC, et al. Hip dysplasia: a feline population study. Vet Radiol Ultrasound 1999; 40: 460–464.



Breeding & Registration Commission

BRC

FIFe BRC	Proposal 2	Breeding & Registration Rules	§ 3.5.2
Genetic disease	ses - clarification		

The FIFe will not **register or** recognise [...]

Add new line:

any other form of genetic mutation which results in a miniaturised cat or a fore-shortening
of the limbs of the cat.

Motivation

To clarify the registration procedure regarding dwarfed cats or other traits which should be included in the article 3.5.2.

FIFe BRC	Proposal 3	Breeding & Registration Rules	§ 3.6.1 and 8.1
Toyger (TGR)	non)		

Addition to article 3.6.1 "Wild" cats and new breeds based on "wild" cats:

Remark

The breed Toyger is considered an established breed based on an outcross of a FIFe recognised breed BEN and not a new breed based on a wild species.

Addition to the list of non-recognised breed with preliminary abbreviation:

EMS-code	Breed name	Remark
TGR non	Toyger	Only "TGR non" without any other breed in the ancestry (i.e. 4 generations prior to the cat) can be registred as "TGR non". The only permitteded variety is black mackerel tabby and no additional EMS code can be used. Outcross to other breeds – recognised or not recognised - is not permitted.

Motivation

The commission finds that time has come to adjust the present rules regarding a long time existing breed Toyger. The question has been raised regarding the possibility to show these cats at FIFe shows. If there are clear rules regarding this breed allowing no outcrosses and no other breed in the ancestry (i.e. 4 generations prior to the cat) we do not see any problem in accepting them at FIFe shows and ultimately also as a potential new breed within FIFe.

FIFe BRC	Proposal 4	Breeding & Registration Rules	§ 5.1.2.1
Special codes	for registration:	var (variant)	

5.1.2.1 Var(iant)

The term "var" may be added to the EMS-code to indicate that a shorthair cat carries or may carry the genefor longhair.

Motivation

Today there are genetic tests clearly proving whether a cat is carrying one of the four different longhair genes. This can be done all over the world by sending a simple swap to a laboratory. On this background we suggest simply to delete this special code and renumber the other sub-articles.

FIFe BRC	Proposal 5	Breeding & Registration Rules	§ 6.27
Thai (THA)			

Crossbreeding is not allowed.

Only recognised colours shall be used.

Cinnamon, fawn, silver, golden and white are not permitted; offspring in these colours must be registered as XSH * <THA>.

THA bred or imported from other organisations cannot be registered or shown as THA if any other breed occurs within the first four generations of ancestors prior to the cat (visible in a FIFe pedigree).

Only THA imported from Thailand may be entered in the novice class for recognition. Their origin must be officially proven by documentation.

Motivation

There have been a lot of problems regarding the registration of THA imported from other organisations. To clarify the correct registration and showing of these imports we want to make an addition to the present article regarding special rules for THA to avoid any misunderstanding. This addition does not change the present procedure or add any additional restriction but only clarifies the way things are.

FIFe BRC	Proposal 6	Breeding & Registration Rules	§ 11.2.4 / 5.3.1			
The preliminary recognition phase of the new variety – preliminary titles						

§ 11.2.4 Step 4 - The preliminary recognition phase of the new variety

The preliminary recognition phase of the new variety starts on the approval date as indicated in the previous step. During this phase cats of the preliminary recognised variety must be exhibited at FIFe shows *in accordance with § 5.5.4 of the Show Rules and they will receive judges' reports.* in the official show classes 9 − 12. Also class 13c (Determination) and even − if applicable − classes 13a (Novices) or 13b (Control) are open for entry. Cats of preliminary recognised varieties will be judged at shows as any other non-recognised ("x") variety in the breed and will receive judges' reports (→ FIFe Show Rules § 5.5.2).

The requirements which must be fulfilled before full recognition of the preliminary recognised variety can be proposed are:

- 1. at least **5** individual members of at least **3** FIFe Members in different countries must be actively breeding the variety during the previous **3** years, i.e. at least a total of **10** different litters; each litter must have at least **1** kitten of the variety concerned
- at least 20 different cats of the variety must have been exhibited each in show classes 7 9 12 in at least 3 different shows after the approval date; at least 8 of these cats must have the title PIC/PIP registered

[all other requirements remain unchanged]

§ 5.3.1 List of FIFe titles

* for breeds with preliminary recognition *or for preliminary recognised varieties of a recognised breed,* the abbreviations of the titles Champion, Premier, International Champion and International Premier will be preceded by a "P" indicating a preliminary title (i.e. PCH, PPR, PIC, PIP)

Show Rules § 5.5.4 Preliminary recognised varieties and breeds

Exhibits belonging to a preliminary recognised variety of a recognised breed or to a preliminary recognised breed:

- will receive a qualification (Excellent, Very Good, Good) and will be classified (1, 2, 3, 4)
- may not be entered in a higher class than class 7 or 8 and consequently they may not receive a certificate higher than CACIB or CAPIB
- having obtained the last required certificate in class 7 or 8 may only be shown out of competition
- may compete for Best in Variety
- may not be nominated for Best in Show nor become Best in Show
- may also be entered in classes 13a (Novices), 13b (Control) and 13c (Determination), if applicable.

Motivation

For preliminary recognised breeds it is possible to gain preliminary titles in the recognition phase. This mainly to encourage breeders and owners to exhibit the new breed and to achieve some kind of award for this work. We want to establish the same procedure for the preliminary recognised varieties of a recognised breed that were given the status of preliminary recognised variety in accordance with chapter 11 in the Breeding and Registration Rules. This will encourage breeders to show the new varieties and it will benefit the procedure for the recognition of new varieties.

Proposals regarding the Breed Council Rules



Breeding & Registration Commission

BRC

FIFe BRC	Proposal 7	Breed Council Rules	§ 2		
Eligibility and membership requirements – minimum age					

2. A member must be at least 48 25 years old and must be a member in good standing, for at least 5 calendar years, of a National FIFe Member.

For Breed Councils of breeds which are not fully recognised the following requirements apply:

2. A member must be at least 48 25 years old and must be a member in good standing, for at least 2 calendar years, of a National FIFe Member.

[the other requirements remain unchanged]

Motivation

The minimum age of 18 years is too young to be an experienced breeder.

FIFe BRC	Proposal 8	Breed Council Rules	§ 2
Eligibility and	membership requ	uirements – experience as a breeder	

3. A member must have bred and registered with a National FIFe Member at least 3 5 litters of the appropriate breed within the previous 5 calendar years.

For Breed Councils of breeds which are not fully recognised the following requirements apply:

3. A member must have bred and registered with a National FIFe Member at least 1 litter of the appropriate breed within the previous 2 calendar years.

[the other requirements remain unchanged]

Motivation

To open the Breed Council membership for long time experienced breeders.

Proposals regarding the Rules for Judges & Student Judges



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Proposal 2

Rules for Judges & Student Judges

§ 2.2.1.b

Compulsory Training Seminars for Student Judges

It is compulsory for a Student Judge in his first category to participate in Compulsory Training Seminar conducted and organized by the FIFe *or a FIFe Member*.

The Seminar will be arranged as needed in different parts of Europe and will take place at weekends. The minimum duration must be one day.

[...]

Motivation

Currently compulsory training seminars for student judges are arranged by the FIFe Judges and Standards Commission. We propose, that in future seminars could also be organized by FIFe members, with the permission of FIFe. This would bring more flexibility and options in organising seminars more often and in different parts in Europe. It would be more cost efficient for FIFe and would also take off the workload from the JSC members. The FIFe JSC would be responsible for the training contents and materials used in seminars. A member will apply for the seminar from FIFe in good time, with information on the schedule, location, trainer(s) and subjects included.



Disciplinary Commission

DC

FIFe DC Proposal 4
Letter of Commitment

Rules for Judges & Student Judges

Letter of Commitment

[...]

I understand that any infringement of the abovementioned rules will be dealt with individually, and in accordance with the FIFe statutes and rules, by the board of FIFe and I will accept whatever disciplinary measures are applicable in my individual case, taking in to account that an appeal is only possible in accordance with art. 8.3 of the FIFe statutes

[...]

Remark

If this proposal is accepted, it should also apply retro-actively to all judges who signed the current letter of commitment.

Motivation

It is our belief that the current letter of commitment does not give a judge the possibility to appeal against the disciplinary measures taken against his / her person, in accordance with art. 8.3 of the statutes, and thus it should be corrected.

FIFe DC	Proposal 5	Rules for Judges & Student Judges	§ 1.6
Complaints a	against judges		

Written complaints lodges against judges are to be dealt by the FIFe Board.

The complaint must be a detailed and accurate report sent by the FIFe member within two months of the event in question. The complaint must be presented in one of the three official FIFe languages (-> FIFe Statutes 6.3).

If it is deemed necessary by the FIFe board *to take disciplinary actions against the judge(s) concerned*, the case will be submitted to the Disciplinary Commission who will, in turn, inform the board of its findings *recommendation* (-> FIFe Statutes 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3).

Motivation

It is our belief that the last sentence of this art. 1.6 from the rules for judges and student judges differs from the articles in our current statutes, which may lead to actions and procedures that are actually in contradiction to our statutes (and hence invalid) and this should be avoided and corrected as such:

- Statutes Article 5.1.: "The Executive Board shall take all decisions relating to discipline, <u>upon</u> <u>recommendation of the disciplinary commission</u>"
- Statutes Article 6.2.4: the disciplinary commission shall give its recommendations to the FIFe board <u>in</u> each case.
- Statutes article 8.1: the executive board can apply disciplinary measures, <u>upon recommendation of the Disciplinary commission</u> (i.e. Call to order, Reprimand, Fine, Temporarily expel from all or from certain events)
- Statutes article 8.2: <u>Upon the recommendation of the disciplinary commission</u>, the executive board is empowered to impose a disciplinary measure against any Member of the FIFe or against any individual, chosen by FIFe, to carry out certain duties, <u>and against any judge</u>

We believe this is a very important issue and it should be corrected as such in order to get this article in line with the current statutes.



Judges & Standards Commission

JSC

FIFe JSC	Proposal 2	Rules for Judges & Student Judges	§ 2.1.4.2
Amount of ste	ewarding		

To apply to become a Student Judge, the following procedures must be complied with:

- a. participation as a steward at 10 national or international shows where the owners are not permitted to present the cats themselves, or
- b. at 20 national or international shows where the owners may present their own cats.
- c. at least 6 (six) steward certificates must be obtained in two countries different from the steward's country of residence.
- d. The participation as a steward must be spread over no less than two years (minimum period).

(rest of the article stays unchanged)

2.1.4.3 Period of stewarding

The participation as a steward, in accordance with § 2.1.4.2, must be spread over no less than two years (minimum period).

Motivation

This change is proposed in order to better organize the two articles that are dealing with the same subject.

FIFe JSC Proposal 3 Rules for Judges & Student Judges § 2.1.4.4+4.1.1.3 Experience as breeder, as an exhibitor and in the show organization

2.1.4.4 Experience as a breeder, as an exhibitor and in the show organization

When the candidate presents himself for the preliminary test to become a Student Judge for his first category the following requirements must be met:

- The candidate must have bred at least 3 5 litters under his own cattery name for a period of at least 3 5 years.
- The candidate must have experience as an exhibitor, i.e. he must have exhibited cats at a minimum number of 20 21 national or international shows. At least one cat registered under his own cattery name must have obtained the title GIC/GIP SC/SP during the last 5 years.

4.1.1.3 Experience as a breeder, as an exhibitor and in the show organization (non European Judges) We propose to delete the article.

Motivation

The JSC considers it fundamental that the candidate has enough experience in the cat fancy as a breeder and with the show system before applying to become Student Judge. The present requirement, also in terms of time, does not guarantee sufficient knowledge and practical experience with these important aspects. These requirements should also apply to non-European candidates that nowadays have better possibilities to travel than in the past. For this reason, we also propose to delete the corresponding article for non-European judges also because of the exceptions granted in order to achieve championship titles.

FIFe JSC	Proposal 4	Rules for Judges & Student Judges	§ various
Mentorship +	Mentor Judges (§	2.1.7 - 2.1.10 - 2.1.11 - 2.1.18 - 2.4.2 - 3.9 - 4.1.3 -	2.3.5 - 4.2.1)

2.1.7 Mentorship for Student Judges

It is mandatory for Students who are taking their first **and second** category to be under the guidance of a Mentor Judge.

2.1.10 Student Judge certificates

Add after the last paragraph:

Students Judges training in their first or second category shall send all Students Certificates to their Mentor Judge.

2.1.11 Mid-stream assessment

Mid-stream assessment is obligatory for Student Judges in their first category and it usually takes place, under the supervision of an Instructing the Mentor Judge, when the Student Judge has completed half of the number of the requested cats.

2.1.18 Parallel judging

Of the total number of cats required for each category, at least 100 (one-hundred) cats in each category must consist of parallel judging with the instructing Judge *or the Mentor Judge*.

Parallel judging will normally shall take place at the end of the training programme, just before the Student Judge presents himself for the final exam, after no less 75% of the cats have been seen.

Parallel judging conditions:

- The parallel judging is to start no later than the official judging.
- The candidate has to judge and make written reports on all cats allotted.
- The candidate also selects his Best in Variety and nominations for Best in Show.

The organising club is required to ensure that:

- the Student Judge has at least one steward at his disposal during the entire parallel judging,
- the parallel judging takes place under similar conditions as the official judging (light, cages, ring etc.).

2.1.19 Requirements for the organisers

The organising club is required to ensure that:

- the Student Judge has at least one steward at his disposal during the entire parallel judging,
- the parallel judging takes place under similar conditions as the official judging (light, cages, ringetc.).

2.3.5 Application for the examination: requirements (4.2.1 for non-European)

[...]

The application should include:

- the choice of Category, e.g.: category 1, 2, 3 or 4
- the show (date, place, country) where the candidate intends to sit for the examination,
- the FIFe Language in which the exam will be taken,
- the names of the examining Judges.
- The Mentor Judge's recommendation

2.4.2 Parallel judging (4.1.3 for non-European)

If a Student Judge is already a Judge in another category then at least 30 (thirty) cats (all categories) must consist of parallel judging with the instructing Judge *or the Mentor Judge*.

3.9 Mentor Judges

A Mentor Judge will be responsible for supervising and directing Student Judges in their training.

He will supervise the midstream assessment and at least 1 parallel before the exam.

He will issue a recommendation on the Student Judge activity, conduct and any other observation he may find necessary. The report will be sent to the Student Judge's Member and shall be attached to the application for the final exam.

(rest of the article stavs unchanged)

Motivation

The JSC would like to emphasize the importance of the Mentor Judges for Students by introducing a few tasks for both the Mentor and the Student. The JSC thinks the Mentor Judge is a very important reference point not only during the first category but also further on. Judges qualified in one category have also confirmed this necessity. For these reasons, we propose changes to a number of articles in the rules, with respect to the Mentor Judging activity and tasks.

FIFe .	JSC	Proposal 5	Rules for Judges & Student Judges	§ 2.2.1
Trainin	g semina	rs for Mentors	and instructing judges	(new subarticle)

c) Training Seminars for Mentor Judges

It is compulsory for Mentor Judges to participate at least once every three years in a training Seminar for Mentor Judges, conducted by the FIFe and organised by the FIFe Judges and Standards Commission.

Each FIFe member is permitted to host the training seminar for Mentors.

The Seminar will be arranged at least once a year and will take place at week-ends or in connection with the General Assembly. The minimum duration must be one day.

This seminar will be listed in the official show calendar at least 3 months prior to the fixed date. The information (location, duration and the agenda) must be available within the same timeframe.

The seminar will cover, as minimum, the following subjects: teaching methods, examination methods and principles, coaching and mentoring, social behaviour and communication, ethics of judging. The lecturers shall be experts in the subjects above.

A Certificate of Attendance will be issued at the end of the Seminar to each Judge who has been in attendance for the whole seminar.

Mentor Judges, whether Student Judges in further categories or not, can use their participation in Mentor Judges Seminars for their activity statement.

Motivation

The JSC consider it necessary that Mentors are trained in consideration of the responsibilities they have toward the education of Student Judges.

FIFe JSC	Proposal 6	Rules for Judges & Student Judges	§ various
Elimination of	f stages		

The JSC proposes to eliminate the **STAGES** after all exams.

The elimination of stages would affect the following articles:

Judges & Student Judges Rules

- 2.3.12 Probational Judge to be deleted
- 2.3.13 Stages, Probational Judges and Supervisors to be deleted
- 2.3.14 International Judge

The Probational Judge is appointed as An International Judge (for each category at a time) is appointed after successfully passing the final judges' exam required stage(s). The FIFe General Secretary will make this appointment after having received and checked all the necessary reports documents.

- 2.4.3 Stages to be deleted
- 2.4.4 Three times judging before next examination

A judge intending to sit an examination in a further category must meet the following requirements:

- he must have passed at least the three stages or one stage according to § 2.3.13 or 2.4.3
- 4.2.5 Stages: non-European probational judges and supervisors to be deleted
- 4.3.2 Examination in a further category

A judge intending to sit an examination in a further category must meet the following requirements:

he must have passed at least the two stages or one stage according to § 4.2.5

Show Rules

- 4.9.7 Delete the 4th paragraph
- 6.1.2 delete second of point e.
- 6.1.4 delete second of 3rd paragraph
- 6.1.9 delete the last paragraph (reimbursement of judge in stage)

Remark

If the proposal is accepted, also the references to "probational judge" shall be eliminated.

Motivation

Stages are already not any longer necessary after exams in a third and fourth category. With the implementation of the mentoring system up to the second category we propose to completely eliminate the Stage. In addition, we have received many complaints from judges in their first category that have huge problems in finding places for their stages. Most of the times they have to seek for a place begging for favours. On top of this, in many countries the reimbursement to judges in stage is problematic for show organisers.

FIFe JSC Pr	roposal 7	Rules for Judges & Student Judges	§ 2.4.4 + 4.3.2
Examination in furt	her category		

2.4.4 Three times before next examination Examination in a further category

A Judge intending to sit an examination in a further category must meet the following requirements:

he must have judged a minimum of 3 10 times (at least 40 cats 5 weekends) as an International Judge in the previous category for which he qualified

4.3.2 Examination in a further category

A Judge intending to sit an examination in a further category must meet the following requirements:

he must have Judged a minimum of 2 8 times (min. 30 cats 4 weekends) as a Non-European Judge in the previous category for which he qualified.

Motivation

The JSC thinks the time between exams should be longer to allow the judge to get more experience in a category before taking an exam in the next.

FIFe JSC F	Proposal 8	Rules for Judges & Student Judges	§ 2.1.15
Study of all breeds	s + housecats		

All fully recognised breeds in the category in question must have been examined by a Student Judge (except ACS in category 2, SOK and KBS in category 3, and GRX in cat 4).

It is highly recommended to have examined preliminary recognised breeds.

The examination of Housecats is compulsory for all Students in their first category, but they won't be added to the total number of cats required.

Motivation

The JSC is convinced that nowadays all breeds are available at shows. Most of the time it depends on how far a student has to go to find a specific breeds, but we think distance should not be a problem for a professional student and future professional judge. The JSC also considers it useful for Students to examine Housecats, not to be included in the final number of cats.

FIFe JSC	Proposal 9	Rules for Judges & Student Judges	§ 2.3.7.3			
Questions for	Questions for the theoretical examination					

The theoretical questions are to be divided as follows:

- 15 questions from the General Part;
- 15 questions from the category selected to which only short answers are required;
- 10 questions from the category selected to which long answers are required.

For candidates, already Judges in 2 categories, the questions will be divided as follows:

- 20 questions about the category selected to which only short answers are required;
- 10 questions about the category selected to which long answers are required;
- 5 questions about colour and patterns to which short questions are required;
- 5 questions about colour and patterns to which long questions are required;

Motivation

The JSC thinks it would be more effective to focus on the category after the second exam. The general part cannot be completely ignored anyway, but we consider more useful to focus more on colours and patterns.

FIFe JSC	Proposal 10	Rules for Judges & Student Judges	§ 2.3.6
Venue for th	e Judge's examination		

The theoretical examination can also only be taken:

- during the Compulsory Student Judges Seminar (→ § 2.2.1 b)),
- during the $\frac{\text{Training}}{\text{Training}}$ Judges $\frac{\text{Training}}{\text{Training}}$ Seminar (\rightarrow § 2.2.1 a) or 2.2.2. a)),
- at a day during the week of the General Assembly, or
- at a dedicated theoretical examination session, to be listed in the official show calendar at least 3 months prior to its date.

In all cases with *at least* two examiners, members of the Judges and Standards Commission or appointed by the Board.

Such theoretical examination "sessions" can be organized for a maximum of 6 candidates at a time.

The examiners shall supervise these examination sessions and be responsible for the paperwork's correction and sending to the FIFe General Secretary.

This theoretical examination will be valid for the following 12 months.

Remarks

- 1. The possibility for non-european candidates to take theoretical examinations in connection with national and international shows in non-european countries remains valid (\rightarrow § 4.2.2).
- 2. If this proposal is carried, the subarticles regarding examinations shall be slightly amended to reflect the new situation.

Motivation

The conditions and circumstances of theoretical examinations should be uniform for the candidates.

FIFe JSC	Proposal 11	Rules for Judges & Student Judges	udges § 3.8.4
An officiating	Judge as Student	Judge at the same show	(new subarticle)

An officiating Judge may not act as a Student Judge at the same show.

An officiating Judge at a two-day show, split by categories, may act as a Student Judge in another category only on the day when he is not officiating as a Judge.

Motivation

Our training programme should be taken seriously. Officiating judges just collecting a few cats as a student judge at the same show are not showing an appropriate and respectful approach of our training programme.

Proposals regarding the Show Rules



Felis Belgica



BE	FBE	Proposal 1	Show Rules	§ 9
FIFe	Show Ri	ngs		(new chapter)

§ 9.1 Official Show Rings

When organising shows (national or international) in accordance with § 1.11, FIFe Members may organise simultaneously official FIFe-Rings during these shows, except for the FIFe Winner Shows. Each Ring should have minimum 30 and maximum 120 exhibits participating in order to be able to award a "Ring Award".

At the show organiser's discretion, following Ring types may be organised:

Ring Type	Cats that may participate	Comment
Adult	for all unneutered cats of 10 months and older	
Neuter	for all neutered cats of 10 months and older	
Kitten	for kittens between 4 and 10 months	
General	in case 2 or 3 of the above mentioned Rings do not have enough participants, they may be combined to 1 general Ring	adult + neuter; adult + kitten; neuter + kitten or adult+neuter+kitten

It is at the show organiser's discretion to split the Rings per category or in to a combination of categories, with a maximum of 4 rings per Ring type, taking in to account the minimum and maximum number of exhibits participating in the Ring (=> 4 x 30 to 120 cats).

Only fully recognised breeds and housecats may participate in official Show Rings.

An exhibit may only participate in 1 Ring per show day.

§ 9.2 Ranking of the participants

Every Ring is divided in subrings of minimum 5 to maximum 20 cats. It is up to the show organiser's discretion which criteria will be used to divide the subrings (e.g. by age, sex, breed, colour, pattern or any other traits)

For every subring a maximum of 4 exhibits will be placed and go to the final Ring.

In the final Ring, the cats are placed n°1 up to n°4

The best cats of the final Ring will receive a Ring Award. A maximum of 4 Awards may be awarded per Ring type and consequently no more than 12 Awards may be awarded per show day (4 x Adult, 4 x Neuter, 4 x kitten). If the show organiser combines 2 or 3 of the Ring types in to a general Ring, the maximum amount of awards will be reduced accordingly.

§ 9.3 Ring Titles

When a cat obtains 15 Ring Awards, it may be awarded the title "Master", which can be registered on the pedigree before the name of the cat, but after the other FIFe titles with the abbreviation MS.

There are 5 levels of Ring titles, for each level, 15 new Ring Awards should be presented, obtained after the date of the registration of the previous level:

Level	Ring Title	Abbreviation
1	Master	MS
2	Double Master	DMS
3	Triple Master	TMS
4	Quadruple Master	QMS
5	Supreme Master	SMS

An exhibit may obtain Ring Awards in each Ring type. They may be used together.

§ 9.4 Ring Awards & Diploma's

In accordance with § 9.2, Ring Awards will be awarded to the best ranked cats.

The Ring Awards should be uniform as far as possible for all shows held under FIFe rules and must carry the FIFe logo. Headings must be in English, French or German. Organisers are free to add their national language(s).

The Ring Award must contain at least following data:

- Place and date of the show
- The Ring type
- Judge's name

The judge must fill out:

- Catalogue number of the cat
- Designation of breed and colour (EMS-code)
- Signature

The Show Organiser must give a diploma to accompany the Ring award, stating:

- The cat's name
- The cat's owner

The Ring award and diploma must be distributed to the exhibitors during the show.

§ 9.5 Judging Official FIFe Rings

Judges may only judge these cats participating in an official FIFe show Ring, for which they are qualified. No written reports are made, only Ring Awards for the best ranked cats in accordance with § 9.2 and 9.4 Under normal circumstances, a judge should not have more than 120 cats to judge in one or more Rings per day.

It is recommended for show organisers to avoid letting judges officiate both in normal FIFe show classes and FIFe show Rings. When a judge does need to judge both in the normal FIFe show classes and in the Rings, 30 cats in a Ring equals 10 cats during normal judging.

Judges, officiating in Official FIFe Rings, are entitles to be reimbursed in accordance with § 6.1.9 of FIFe Show Rules.

Motivation

Felis Belgica exhibitors signal us that they prefer going to shows where, besides the official judging, Rings are organised. Usually these are just for fun, but our exhibitors state it would be a good idea to make it possible that (some of) these Rings lead to an official title, registered on the pedigree. It would give them an extra motivation.

We also see that shows from other federations, where they organise Rings in addition to traditional judging, are becoming more and more popular and still attract more exhibitors than on other shows.

It is of course still up to the show organisers discretion to organise unofficial Rings or side classes in any way they want in addition to official FIFe show classes and show Rings, as long as this does not lead to an official FIFe title. The show organiser must clearly announce when a Ring is official or unofficial, to avoid confusion. If this proposal is carried, also art. 5.3 of the Breeding & Registration Rules will need to be updated accordingly.

Random Example of Ring division:

300 cats participating:

Cat 1: 35 cats: 20 Adults, 10 kittens, 5 neuters
Cat 2: 120 cats: 75 Adults, 30 kittens, 15 neuters
Cat 3: 90 cats, 30 Adults, 30 kittens, 30 neuters
Cat 4: 55 cats 15 Adults, 20 kittens, 20 neuters

Adult Ring: 140 cats => needs to be split by category:

Adult Cat. 2: 75 cats => 2 RING AWARDS Adult Cat. 1, 3 & 4: 65 cats => 2 RING AWARDS

OR:

bring the 4 winners of the 2 Rings at the end together and give 4 RING AWARDS over all categories Neuter Ring: 70 cats => 4 RING AWARDS

Kitten Ring: 90 cats => 4 RING AWARDS

⇒ 12 Cats go home with 1 Ring Award

BE	FBE	Proposal 2	Show Rules	§ various	
National Shows					

In order to make National Shows more popular, Felis Belgica proposes the following changes:

§ 1.9 Conditions for a national show

The following articles of § 1 apply for the organization of a National Show:

- § 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5
- § 1.6 by
 - replacing "international" by "national"
 - deleting CACIB, CAPIB, CAGCIB, CAGPIB, CACS and CAPS

Abbr. §

- adding the certificates CADC, CADP, CATC, CATP, CAGC and CAGP
- § 1.8 by

Show title

replacing the text under § 1.8 e by: at least 60 80 cats, of which at least 80% must be pedigree cats, must be entered for competition and listed in the catalogue

Remark

- deleting the text under § 1.8.g

§ 4 Show titles and certificates

§ 4.1.1. Show titles and their abbreviations*

International Championship / F	International Championship / Premiorship titles							
Champion	CH	4.2						
Premior	PR	4.2						
International Champion	IC	4.3						
International Premior	PR	4.3	These titles are placed					
Grand International Champion	GIC	4.4	before the full name of the cat					
Grand International Premior	GIP	4.4						
Supreme Champion	SC	4.5						
Supreme Premior	SP	4.5						

National Championship / Premiorship titles						
Champion	СН	4.2	These titles are placed			
Premior	PR	4.2	before the full name of the cat			
Double Champion	DCH	4.6				
Double Premior	DPR	4.6	These titles are placed			
Triple Champion	TCH	4.7	before the full name of the cat, but after possible			
Triple Premior	TPR	4.7	International Championship / Premiorship titles of			
Grand Champion	GCH	4.8	the cat.			
Grand Premior	GPR	4.8				

Winner titles

[...]

§ 4.1.2 Certificates and their abbreviations

Name of Certificate	Abbreviation of certificate
Certificat d'Aptitude au Championat de Beauté	CAC
Certificat d'Aptitude au Premium de Beauté	CAP
Certificat d'Aptitude au Double Championat de Beauté	CADC
Certificat d'Aptitude au Double Premium de Beauté	CADP
Certificat d'Aptitude au Triple Championat de Beauté	CATC
Certificat d'Aptitude au Triple Premium de Beauté	CATP
Certificat d'Aptitude au Grand Championat de Beauté	CAGC
Certificat d'Aptitude au Grand Premium de Beauté	CAGP
Certificat d'Aptitude au Championat International de Beauté	CACIB

§ 4.6 Obtaining the title Double Champion or Double Premior

Provided the exhibit has obtained at least the minimum number of required points (\rightarrow § 6.9):

- CADC is awarded in the 'Champion' class
- CADP is awarded in the 'Premior' class

In order to obtain the title Double Champion or Double Premior, a cat must have been awarded:

- 3 (three) CADC respectively CADP
- By 3 (three) different judges
- During 3 (three) national FIFe shows

§ 4.7 Obtaining the title Triple Champion or Triple Premior

Provided the exhibit has obtained at least the minimum number of required points (\rightarrow § 6.9):

- CATC is awarded in the 'Double Champion' class
- CATP is awarded in the 'Double Premior' class

In order to obtain the title Triple Champion or Triple Premior, a cat must have been awarded:

- 3 (three) CATC respectively CATP
- By 3 (three) different judges
- During 3 (three) national FIFe shows

§ 4.8 Obtaining the title Grand Champion or Grand Premior

Provided the exhibit has obtained at least the minimum number of required points (\rightarrow § 6.9):

- CAGC is awarded in the 'Triple Champion' class
- CAGP is awarded in the 'Triple Premior' class

In order to obtain the title Grand Champion or Grand Premior, a cat must have been awarded:

- 6 (six) CAGC respectively CAGP
- By at least 4 (four) different judges
- During 6 (six) national FIFe shows

§ 4.6 4.9 Approval of titles

Certificates which are recognised as qualifications for titles Champion, Premior, *Double Champion, Double Premior, Triple Champion, Triple Premior, Grand Champion, Grand Premior,* International Champion, International Premior, Grand international Champion, Grand International Premior, Supreme Champion and Supreme Premior, will become valid only after approval by the National federation or National Club to which the exhibitor belongs.

[...]

§ 4.7 4.10 Going to a higher class

As soon as an exhibit has obtained all required certificates towards a title, in consideration of § 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, **4.7**, **4.8** and **4.9**, it is obligatory for this cat to be exhibited in following higher class. [...]

§ 4.8 4.11 Best in Variety (BIV)

§ 4.9 4.12 Nomination (NOM) and Best in Show (BIS)

§ 4.10 4.13 BIV, NOM and BIS on the result sheet

§ 4.16 Distinguished Variety Merit (DVM)

This title is only available at National and International Shows to cats of recognised varieties of fully or preliminary recognised breeds. To obtain the title, the cat must win Best in Variety a minimum of 10 times in classes 1-12, *including national classes N1-N8* [...]

§ 4.17 National Winner (NW)

FIFe members may ...

The following conditions must be met:

- 1. ...
- 2. Such cats must have competed in the show classes 1-12, *including national classes N1-N8* or 14 at shows during the relevant year;
- 3. ...

§ 5 Show Classes

§ 5.3 Competing in the neuter class

When a Champion, *Double Champion, Triple Champion, Grand Champion*, International Champion, Grand International Champion or Supreme Champion is neutered, it may, while retaining its title, be eligible for the titles Premior, *Double Premior, Triple Premior, Grand Premior*, International Premior, Grand International Premior or Supreme Premior.

§ 5.4 The official show classes

Show organisers must adhere to the following show classes:

§ 5.4.1 International Shows

... (keep text under the current art. 5.4)

§ 5.4.2 National Shows

Class	Name of Class	Certificate
N1	Grand Champion	-
N2	Grand Premior	-
N3	Triple Champion	CAGC
N4	Triple Premior	CAGP
N5	Double Champion	CATC
N6	Double Premior	CATP
N7	National Champion	CADC
N8	National Premior	CADP
9	Open	CAC
10	Neuter	CAP
11	Junior (7-10 months)	-
12	Kitten (4-7 months)	-
13a	Novice	-
13b	Control	-
13c	Determination	-
14	House Cat	-

In all categories classes N1 up to 12 are subdivided with regard to breed, variety and sex.

Cats competing within classes N1 up to 12 can compete for Best in Variety with regards to § 4.11 and for Best in Show with regards to § 4.12 and 5.5.4.

Cats competing within class 14 can compete for Best in Show house cat with regard to § 4.12

Class N1: Grand Champion class

This class is open to cats which have already received the title 'Grand Champion'. The exhibit will receive a judge's report marked 'Prize of Honour' and will no longer be classified.

Class N2: Grand Premior class

This class is open to cats which have already received the title 'Grand Premior.

The exhibit will receive a judge's report marked 'Prize of Honour' and will no longer be classified.

Class N3: Triple Champion Class

This class is open to cats which have already received the title 'Triple Champion'. In

this class CAGC is awarded

Class N4: Triple Premior Class

This class is open to cats which have already received the title 'Triple Premior. In this

class CAGP is awarded

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Class N5: Double Champion Class

This class is open to cats which have already received the title 'Double Champion'. In

this class CATC is awarded

Class N6: Double Premior Class

This class is open to cats which have already received the title 'Double Premior'. In

this class CATP is awarded

Class N7: National Champion Class

This class is open to cats which have already received the title 'Champion'. In this

class CADC is awarded

Class N8: National Premior Class

This class is open to cats which have already received the title 'Premior. In this class

CADP is awarded

Class 9 to Class 14: refer to § 5.4.1 international Shows (same conditions)

6.9 Qualification and classification

[...]

No exhibit can be awarded a certificate unless it has obtained Excellent 1 and the minimum of points for its class:

a) International Shows:

- Class 3-4: CACS - CAPS = 97 points

- Class 5-6: CAGCIB-CAGPIB = 96 points

- Class 7-8: CACIB-CAPIB = 95 points

Class 9-10: CAC-CAP = 93 points

b) National Shows:

Class N3-N4: CAGC - CAGP = 95 points

- Class N5-N6: CATC - CATP = 93 points

- Class N7-N8: CADC-CADP = 93 points

- Class 9-10: CAC-CAP = 93 points

A judge may award the following certificates:

Country >	Country > European		Non-European	
V Judge Show >	National	International	National	International
Non-European judge	Cannot officiate	Cannot officiate*	CAC, CADC,	All certificates
			CATC, CAGC	
			CAP, CADP,	
			CATP, CAGP	
International Judge	CAC, CADC,	All certificates	CAC, CADC,	All certificates
	CATC, CAGC		CATC, CAGC	
	CAP, CADP,		CAP, CADP,	
	CATP, CAGP		CATP, CAGP	

[...]

Motivation

During the past years, various proposals where brought by various members to upgrade our national show system and to let exhibitors keep on showing, even if they do not want to go abroad. A lot of Annexes are in the rules, because some members struggle, and their members are not even able to go abroad due to economic situation or large distances... Therefor they lose exhibitors and members to other federations with a more flexible show system. We should not be blind to this reality and rethink our show system, without lowering our high standards.

With this complete proposal, Felis Belgica wants to offer a possible improvement to the current system, upgrading the National Shows and at the same time offer all exhibitors in all FIFe countries to continue showing their cats without ever going abroad, but with respect of the value of an international title. This proposal may also offer a solution to those members, not able to get enough entries at their shows for an international show and only able to organise a National show. This way they can make a clear choice in advance and still attract exhibitors at National Shows. Lowering the minimal number of cats at national shows, may also offer small and isolated countries a solution to be able to organise more frequently a national show. If this proposal is carried, also art. 5.3 of the Breeding & Registration Rules will need to be updated accordingly.



National Federation of Felinology

(BG) NFFe

BG	NFFe	Proposal	Show Rules	§ 4.17.3
Nation	nal Winne	r		

FIFe Members may award the title of National Winner (NW) annually according to their own criteria which must be published in advance of the relevant year.

The following conditions must be met:

[...]

3. FIFe Members may enly decide to base the competition for NW titles only on the results of shows organised by themselves

[...]

Remark

If accepted, FIFe Members should be able to use this change from 2020 when calculating the results for 2019.

Motivation

Since the very initial proposal of ANFI accepted at the GA in 2010 the whole idea of having this NW title was to give FIFe National Members opportunity to award extra titles to most winning cats at FIFe shows in accordance to their own national rules how to measure the achievements and the respective scoring. The initial wording was changed in a more structured way at the GA in 2013 and the present rules are in force since 2014. In the motivation of the Show Commission for the change there was nothing said regarding the presented restriction to take into account only results from shows organised only by the same FIFe Member that is awarding the corresponding NW titles.

The present rules more or less still keep the initial spirit of freedom for the FIFe Members to choose how to award the 15 NW titles. However there is a mistake in the wording that leads to wrong interpretation, hence leading to a restriction.

This restriction leads to non-equal treatment of the FIFe Members and their individual members, because those who don't organize shows in a given year cannot award NW title to otherwise possibly winning a lot cats at shows abroad!

We believe that FIFe as a whole would only benefit from the proposed correction to allow the FIFe Members to decide what shows to take or not into account, which is also in line with the initial idea for a voluntary character of the way of awarding the NW titles.



Eesti Kassikasvatajate Liit Felix

(EE) Felix

EE Feli	x Proposal	Show Rules	§ 2.6.5
Winner tit	es		

Each cat winning at the Best in Show will receive the appropriate Winner title, *also mentioning the year of the show*. The winning cats will have the title registered in their pedigree in the same way as other official FIFe titles (4.1.1).

Motivation

For more clear information about period of receiving Winner title, because the same cat can receive this title more than one time.



Magyar Macskások Egyesülete Felis Hungarica

(HU) FH

HU	FH	Proposal	Show Rules	§ 2.4
Worl	d Winn	er title		

Each cat winning at the Best In Show will receive the title World Winner (WW) also mentioning the year of the show. The winning cats will have their title registered in their pedigree in the same way as other official FIFe titles (\rightarrow § 4.1.1). *The World Winners are displayed on the FIFe web site in annual breakdown.*

Motivation

The World Show is the biggest event of FIFe, which results both FIFe, the member clubs and breeders are proud of. It would be a great honour to the breeders, if their achievements appeared also on the web site of the parent organization.



Federación Felina de Mexicó A.C.

(MX) FFM

MX	FFM	Proposal	Show Rules	§ 1.8.g
Cond	ditions f	or International Sh	ows	

g. The minimum number of cats required for international shows in certain countries (\rightarrow Annex 1) is reduced to $\frac{100}{80}$, of which at least 80% must be pedigree cats, entered in one of the classes 1 – 12 or 14 and listed in the catalogue.

Motivation

Several reasons, most important:

- 1. FIFe is a world association that is expanding and bringing new countries as members, many of those countries can have problems to include a 100 cats is a show, that is also a problem for already FIFe membres in developing areas like México, Argentina, Colombia etc. . Cat fancy is not the same all over the world, circumstances may be different and this most be considered.
- 2. The board grants always an exception, but atill possibilities not to be granted. What would it happen if for a reason an already organized show is not granted for an exception? Organizers have already invited expositors for an international show, spending money in judge's expenses, show hall, prices, entries already made, etc.

We kindly ask FIFe members to vote on favour for this proposal, we think is very important to improve local growing cat fancy and FIFe and also neccesary.



Felis Russica

(RU) FRU

RU	FRU	Proposal 2	Show Rules	Annex 1
Redu	iced mir	nimum number of cat	s required for international show	'S

FR ask to add Russia to the countries listed in Annex 1 of Show Rules (Reduced minimum number of cats required for international shows).

Motivation

Each club in FR now can count only on its members mostly because of:

- Very big distance between cities where shows take place not easy use privet car;
- Very strict transport rules in local lines: only two cats in flight cabin or train car.
- Visitors from abroad must pay for visa and take in account that vaccination in Russia is valid only one year (not two).

That is why we ask about possibility to organize International Show in Russia with minimum amount of cats 100.



Sveriges Kattklubbars Riksförbund

(SE) SVERAK

SE SVERAK Proposal 3 Show Rules § 4.9.3
Best in Show (BIS)

House cats can have a maximum of 2 Best in Show titles:

- Best in Show house cat shorthair and Best in Show house cat longhair, or
- Best in Show house cat male and Best in Show house cat female, or
- Best in Show house cat.

House cats can have 2 Best in Show titles:

- Best in Show house cat longhair
- Best in Show house cat shorthair.

Motivation

SVERAK thinks that the rule for BIS house cats should be the same for all FIFe shows. This to have conformity among our rules and how BIS hose cats are decided among our Members. To use the same rule as the one who is used for Winner Shows (SR 2.8), seems like the natural way to go.



Federácia Felis Slovakia

(SK) FFS

SK	FFS	Proposal	Show Rules	§ various
New	titles: I	Kitten Champion	, Kitten Int. Champion, Junior Champi	on, Junior Int. Champion

4.1 Show titles and certificates

4.1.1 Show titles and their abbreviations

Show title	Abbr.	§	Remark			
Championship/Premiorship titles	Championship/Premiorship titles					
Kitten Champion	KC	4.2				
Junior Champion	JC	4.3				
Kitten International Champion	KIC	4.4				
Junior International Champion	JIC	4.5				
Champion	CH	4 .2 4.6				
Premior	PR	4 .2 4.6	These titles are placed			
International Champion	IC	4 .3 4.7	before the full name of the cat			
International Premior	IP	4 .3 4.7				
Grand International Champion	GIC	4.4 4.8				
Grand International Premior	GIP	4.4 4.8				
Supreme Champion	SC	4 .5 4.9				
Supreme Premior	SP	4.5 4.9				

4.1.2 Certificates and their abbreviations

Name of certificate	Abbreviation of certificate
Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat de Beauté - Chatons	CACC
Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat de Beauté - Jeunes	CACJ
Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté - Chatons	CACIBC
Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté - Jeunes	CACIBJ
Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat de Beauté	CAC
Certificat d'Aptitude au Premium de Beauté	CAP
Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté	CACIB
Certificat d'Aptitude au Premium International de Beauté	CAPIB
Certificat d'Aptitude au Grand Championnat International de Beauté	CAGCIB
Certificat d'Aptitude au Grand Premium International de Beauté	CAGPIB
Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat Suprême de Beauté	CACS
Certificat d'Aptitude au Premium Suprême de Beauté	CAPS

4.2 Obtaining the title Kitten Champion

Provided the exhibit has obtained at least the minimum number of required points (\rightarrow § 6.9):

- CACC is awarded in the 'Kitten (4 - 7 months)' class.

In order to obtain the title Kitten Champion, a cat must have been awarded:

- 3 (three) CACC
- by 3 (three) different judges
- during 3 (three) national or international FIFe shows.

4.3 Obtaining the title Junior Champion

Provided the exhibit has obtained at least the minimum number of required points (\rightarrow § 6.9):

CACJ is awarded in the 'Junior (7 -10 months)' class.

In order to obtain the title Junior Champion, a cat must have been awarded:

- 3 (three) CACJ
- by 3 (three) different judges
- during 3 (three) national or international FIFe shows.

4.4 Obtaining the title Kitten International Champion

Provided the exhibit has obtained at least the minimum number of required points (\rightarrow § 6.9):

CACIBC is awarded in the 'Kitten (4 - 7 months)' class.

In order to obtain the title Kitten Champion, a cat must have been awarded:

- 3 (three) CACIBC
- by 3 (three) different judges
- in at least 2 (two) different countries
- during 3 (three) national or international FIFe shows.

A maximum of 2 (two) CACIBC could be obtained in the same country.

Exceptions are made for individual members residing in countries as outlined in Annexes 2, 3 and 4.

4.5 Obtaining the title Junior International Champion

Provided the exhibit has obtained at least the minimum number of required points $(\rightarrow \S 6.9)$:

CACIBJ is awarded in the 'Junior (7 -10 months)' class.

In order to obtain the title Kitten Champion, a cat must have been awarded:

- 3 (three) CACIBJ
- by 3 (three) different judges
- in at least 2 (two) different countries
- during 3 (three) national or international FIFe shows.

A maximum of 2 (two) CACIBJ could be obtained in the same country.

Exceptions are made for individual members residing in countries as outlined in Annexes 2, 3 and 4.

5.4 The official show classes

Show organisers must adhere to the following official show classes:

Class	Name of class	Certificate
1	Supreme Champion	-
2	Supreme Premior	-
3	Grand International Champion	CACS
4	Grand International Premior	CAPS
5	International Champion	CAGCIB
6	International Premior	CAGPIB
7	Champion	CACIB
8	Premior	CAPIB
9	Open	CAC
10	Neuter	CAP
11	Junior (7-10 months)	CACJ / CACIBJ
12	Kitten (4-7 months)	CACC / CACIBC
13a	Novice	-
13b	Control	-
13c	Determination	-
14	House cat	-

Remark

If this proposal is carried, all other relevant articles in the Show Rules etc. must be amended accordingly.

Motivation

This proposal would make our show system more attractive.



Show Commission

SC

FIFe SC	Proposal 1	Show Rules	§ 1.15
Cats appearing in the catalogue			

Add new paragraph:

All cats shall appear in the catalogue in accordance with FIFe rules, no matter which organisation issued the cat's pedigree. They may only be entered and compete by using an EMS code in accordance with the FIFe EMS System and the registration rules for the relevant breed / variety (\rightarrow FIFe Breeding & Registration Rules § 6, 7, 8 and 9); this accordance also applies to the EMS code of the cat's parents.

Motivation

All cats shall appear in the catalogue and compete in accordance with FIFe rules.

FIFe SC	Proposal 2	Show Rules	§ 6.1.9
Reimbursemo	ent of expenses and	judges' allowance	

Judges officiating at a show are entitled to:

- reimbursement of travel expenses (1st class train fare or economy class air fare)
- the provision of food and accommodation for the duration of the show
- if necessary, an additional night's meal and accommodation before returning home
- an allowance fixed by the FIFe General Assembly: the current minimum net amounts are listed in Annex 1 of the FIFe General Rules
- reimbursement of expenses and allowance in euro currency, unless otherwise agreed with the show organiser.

Motivation

The euro shall be the default reimbursement currency.

FIFe SC	Proposal 3	Show Rules	§ 8.2.2
Open Doors			

 all applications from non-FIFe exhibitors should be sent in accordance with the instructions of the organisers and countersigned by the exhibitor's own organisation

Motivation

To update an outdated rule.



The Board

FIFe Board	Proposal 3	Show Rules	Annex 1
Reduced minir	num number of cat	s required for international sh	ows

Permit Asia, Bulgaria, Greece, Iceland, Israel, Latin America, Ukraine and the United Kingdom as well as patronage members to organise international shows with a minimum number of 100 cats.

For Bulgaria, Greece, Ukraine and the United Kingdom this exception is valid until 31.12.2021.

Permit Asia, Iceland, Israel, Latin America and the United Kingdom, as well as well as patronage members, to organise international shows with a minimum number of 100 cats.

Motivation

Annex 1 should only reflect countries having a permanent exception. There is no need to include countries with an expiration date in this annex. All Members in countries not listed in the annex can always ask the Board for an exception if the required minimum number of cats is not reached.