

BY-LAWS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.**1. OFFICE BEARERS****CHAIRMAN**

To preside at meetings of the Governing Council

ACTING CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Chairman an acting Chairman shall be elected from among the Delegates present. An Acting Chairman shall hold office for the duration of the meeting only.

SECRETARY

The duties of the Secretary shall be

- (a) To convene and attend all meetings of the Governing Council and all Committees as appropriate.
- (b) To ensure that a record is kept of the proceedings at such meetings.
- (c) To conduct the correspondence and keep records on behalf of the Governing Council.
- (d) To do such other things as may be directed by the Governing Council.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

- (a) To record the proceedings of all Governing Council general meetings and Annual General Meetings, and to supply to Clubs within twenty one days after these meetings copies of the Minutes to all Clubs.
- (b) To do such other things as may be directed by the Governing Council.

TREASURER

- (a) Responsible for all matters of finance, including payment of all accounts passed by the Governing Council.
- (b) Responsible for the banking of monies from various sources which must be receipted.
- (c) Responsible for the keeping of books relative to finance and preparation of accounts as determined.
- (d) To provide a fully audited financial report at each Annual General Meeting or when called upon to do so.

AUDITORS

The Auditors have a right of access to the books, accounts, records and vouchers and documents of Governing Council for auditing purposes.

REGISTRARS

The Registrars shall keep complete records of all registrations of pedigree cats, litters, transfers, prefixes and honours awarded, and maintain a membership register.

STATIONERY OFFICER

To maintain a supply of Governing Council stationery and arrange distribution as required. This position may be held concurrently with any other Office.

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

The Public Relations Officer shall be responsible for promoting Governing Council. This position may be held concurrently with any other Office.

Amended by-laws shown in italics.

All Officers of the Governing Council shall serve in an Honorary capacity and shall receive no payment other than reimbursement for expenses actually arising from the performance of their duties.

If any office becomes vacant during the year, for any reason, then the Governing Council may appoint a Delegate to complete the remainder of the term of office.

2. GOVERNING COUNCIL LICENSED JUDGES**TRAINEE JUDGE**

A candidate approved by the Governing Council to undertake a training programme.

JUNIOR JUDGE

Trainee Judges who have passed examinations (theory and practical) set in the training programme guidelines.

Junior Judges must undertake five (5) kitten or neuter assignments in not less than twelve months, all in their own state and at Governing Council shows, before being allowed to judge interstate.

OPEN JUDGE

A Junior Judge who has completed the probationary conditions listed and is approved by Governing Council.

SENIOR JUDGE

Open Judges who have a minimum of three years experience or no less than five open judging assignments in the breed group which they are qualified to judge.

INTERNATIONAL JUDGE

National Judges who have judged outside Australia for foreign Controls or Bodies.

LICENSES

Will be issued for Group 1 (Persian, Birman, Turkish Van, Maine Coon, Ragdoll, Exotic Shorthair Norwegian Forest Cat, Siberian and any additional breeds approved by Governing Council.)

Will be issued for Group 2 (Siamese, Oriental, Balinese, Longhair Oriental, Foreign White and any additional breeds approved by Governing Council.)

Will be issued for Group 3 (Abyssinian, Burmese, Cornish Rex, Devon Rex, Russian, Australian Mist, Ocicat, Somali, Korat, Bengal, Japanese Bobtail, Singapura, Tonkinese, Bombay, Burmilla, Sphynz, Egyptian Mau and any additional breeds approved by Governing Council.)

Will be issued for Group 4 (British Shorthair, Manx, Cymric, Scottish Fold (Longhair & Shorthair), Scottish Shorthair, Scottish Longhair, Selkirk Rex and any additional breeds approved by Governing Council.)

Will be issued for All Breeds.

FAMILIARISATION OF NEW BREEDS

Governing Council, all licensed Judges to attend a seminar on new breeds / colours to familiarise themselves with new breeds within their group.

REGISTRATION

All Judges will be invited each year to be on the Judging Panel.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Judges must act at all times in a dignified manner, and not at any time to bring Governing Council into disrepute.

Amended by-laws shown in italics.

Judges have the responsibility of updating their knowledge regarding the Standards, Colour classifications and changes in Show Rules. Judges must comply with any Show Rule affecting Judges and Shows in accordance with the Governing Council Show Rules.

Judges must notify the Governing Council Secretary of any interstate or overseas assignments.

All Judges licensed by Governing Council, regardless of status, are strongly encouraged to attend at least one seminar every year.

4. FEES AND CHARGES

- (a) Fee to accompany the application for affiliation shall be \$30.00
- (b) Annual Club renewal shall be \$30.00
- (c) Complaints Deposit shall be \$20.00

5. COURSE FEES

- (a) *Stewards Course Fee shall be as determined by the Annual General Meeting.*
- (b) *Judges Course Fee shall be as determined by the Annual General Meeting.*

6. MEETINGS

A Governing Council General Meeting shall be held on the fourth Tuesday in January, March, May, July, September and November each year.

The number of Delegates elected or appointed in accordance with Clause 10 of the Constitution shall be three, and up to three Proxy Delegates

A meeting of one Delegate from each affiliated Club, known as the Programming Committee Meeting, may be held in February, April, June, August, October and December each year. The Programming Committee may deal with routine business and make recommendations to the Governing Council.

The declared time for a full quorum is fifteen minutes after the notified starting time of the meeting.

7. RULES

The By-Laws of the Constitution of the Governing Council may be adopted amended or suspended by resolution passed with a two-thirds majority of Delegates present and voting after the same notice as is necessary in the case of an amendment to the Constitution.

8. STANDING COMMITTEES**(a) Judges**

All Judges on the Governing Council Judging Panel shall be members of a standing committee.

9. CONSTITUTIONS OF MEMBER CLUBS

All clubs shall provide Governing Council with a copy of their current constitution and will submit any proposed changes to the document to the Governing Council for approval prior to the revised document being voted on by the club's membership