

SHOW RULES

1. Registration

- 1.1 ALL PEDIGREED exhibits five months of age and over, on the day of the show and domiciled in S.A. for three months must be individually registered with GCCFSA or FASA. All pedigreed exhibits under five months of age on the day of the show must be litter registered. Show Managers must check with appropriate Registrar. All Experimental & Registered Experimental Desexed exhibits six months of age and over, on the day of the show, must be litter registered. All Unpedigreed Exhibits must be registered in Group 5 Register.
All pedigreed cats or kittens, used for breeding and/or exhibiting, born after 30th June 1962 and domiciled in South Australia must be registered with GCCFSA or FASA.
- 1.2. Delegates to Governing Council must register their cats with this Council.
- 1.3. All Cattery Prefixes must be registered. All South Australian Prefixes granted after 30th June 1962 must be registered with GCCFSA or FASA.
- 1.4. Registration numbers of exhibits shall not be shown in catalogues.
- 1.5. PEDIGREED, EXPERIMENTAL and registered experimental desexed exhibits entered for competition must be entered in the name of their registered owners or registered lessees.
- 1.6. PART PEDIGREED cats or kittens are *desexed exhibits which have some pedigree ancestry. Part pedigree cats or kittens are not eligible for entry in the domestic section. (**refer to classes*)
- 1.7. UNPEDIGREED (domestic) exhibits are those not entitled to Pedigree or registration in the pedigree registers. Unregistered pedigree cats or kittens are not eligible for entry in the domestic section.
- 1.8. COMPANION cats or kittens are *desexed exhibits that do not meet the standard for showing in pedigree classes (for breeds recognised by Governing Council). *(Amended 2015)*

2. Show Classifications and Rules Applicable (Information)

- 2.1. The Annual Cat Show of the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy of South Australia Inc. and all cat shows sanctioned by GCCFSA are herein referred to as Governing Council Shows.
- 2.2. Application for sanction of shows must be made in writing to GCCFSA Secretary by 1st March of the year preceding the date of the proposed show.
- 2.3. Applications may be made by affiliated clubs, agricultural societies and other bodies approved by Governing Council.
- 2.4. All Governing Council shows must be conducted in accordance with Governing Council Rules, with the following exceptions.
 - 2.4.1. The R.A. & H.S. Adelaide Royal Show which is combined with another controlling body and conducted under the Rules of the R.A. & H.S.
 - 2.4.2. The Australian Cat Federation (Inc.) National Cat Show, which is conducted under A.C.F. (Inc.) Show Rules.
 - 2.4.3. Any shows jointly conducted with FASA which are run under special rules.

3. Exhibits are entered at the risk of the owners or lessees.

- 3.1. All personal property in the hall is the owner's responsibility.
- 3.2. It is the exhibitors responsibility to check that all upgrades and changes have been completed.

4. No exhibit will be allowed entry to the show unless in an enclosed container.

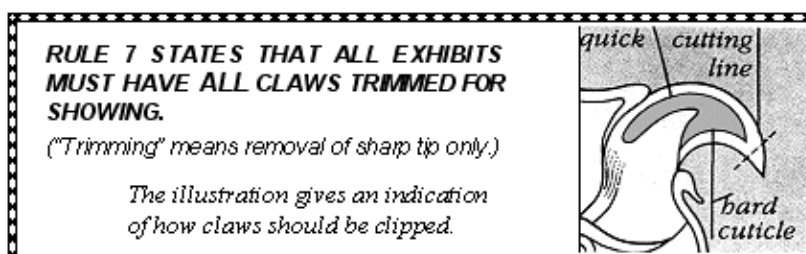
5. Vaccination

All cats and kittens of the appropriate age to be vaccinated against Feline Enteritis for the purpose of shows. It will not be necessary to produce certificates.

6. Change of Status

Show Managers must be notified of any exhibit's change of status as soon as possible and not later than the Monday prior to the shows, otherwise the exhibit will be outclassed.

7. All exhibits must have all claws trimmed. ("Trimming" means removal of sharp tip only.)



8. Vetting

- 8.1. A qualified Veterinary Surgeon or Veterinary Nurse shall examine each exhibit. The Veterinary Surgeon shall reject any exhibit which in their opinion shows symptoms of or may be suffering from any contagious disease, has external parasites, is dirty and unfit for exhibition; or any adult male cat which is monorchid or cryptorchid or any female cat obviously in kitten.
If using a Vet Nurse, if at all possible should have one Vet in attendance for referral and vetting Vet Nurses' exhibits.
If no Vet is present, then decision to reject an exhibit to be made in consultation with Vet Nurse, Show Manager and Governing Council Representative.
- 8.2. Cats over 28 days pregnant should not be shown.
- 8.3. The Veterinary Surgeon's or Veterinary Nurse's decision is final.
- 8.4. The Show Manager shall notify the exhibitor that the exhibit has been rejected and the exhibitor must remove the exhibit from the show venue immediately. Should an exhibit be rejected because it shows symptoms of or may be suffering from a contagious disease the exhibitor must remove all exhibits they have entered in the show from the venue immediately. If the exhibitor cannot be located the Show Manager shall remove the exhibit/s from the venue to a safe place.
- 8.5. The Show Manager shall advise the Governing Council Representative of the details of all exhibits rejected and the G.C. Rep. shall submit a written report.
- 8.6. If an exhibit has been rejected because it shows symptoms of or may be suffering from feline enteritis, cat flu or ringworm the Sec. G.C. shall advise the exhibitor in writing that the exhibitor may not enter any exhibit in any show for a period of three calendar months from the date of rejection UNLESS a Veterinary Surgeon's certificate certifying:
 - 8.6.1. The rejected exhibit is not suffering from feline enteritis, cat flu or ringworm; or
 - 8.6.2. The rejected exhibit and all other cats and kittens from that Cattery or residence have been treated and are clear from infection.
 - 8.6.3. If a Veterinary Surgeon's certificate is submitted to Governing Council stating treatment and clearance of infected cat/s, quarantine period will be twenty eight (28) days from the date of clearance.
- 8.7. A Veterinary Surgeon's certificate relating to a pre-existing non-contagious condition of an exhibit will only be accepted if it has been issued within three (3) calendar months before the date of the show. The certificate must be handed to the Show Manager BEFORE the exhibit is examined by the Veterinary Surgeon. The Show Manager will refer the certificate to the Veterinary Surgeon.
- 8.8. Exhibitors must remain at the show venue until all of their exhibits have been examined.
- 8.9. Any exhibit which is considered to be under sedation will be disqualified. The officiating judge, the Gov. Council representative and the Show Manager will be responsible for the decision in the absence of a veterinary surgeon.
- 8.10. All exhibits, after passing veterinary examination, must be placed in their allotted cages in readiness for judging.

9. Exhibits Displaying Signs of Illness During a Show

After a combined agreement by the Judge, Show Manager and GCCFSA Representative that an exhibit is obviously ill, the owner shall be notified and asked to remove the exhibit. If the owner is unobtainable the exhibit should be moved by a steward to a cage located away from other exhibits, if possible.

10. No person may exhibit a cat or kitten:

- 10.1. which to his or her knowledge has been exposed to Feline Enteritis or ringworm during the period dating from at least three months prior to the exhibition. If a veterinary surgeon's certificate is submitted to Governing Council stating treatment and clearance of infected cat/s, quarantine period will be twenty eight (28) days from the date of clearance.
- 10.2. which to his or her knowledge has been exposed to the risk of any other infectious or contagious disease during the period dating from at least six (6) weeks prior to the exhibition.

11. Grooming in Show Hall

- 11.1. Grooming, meaning that form of intensive preparation which results in the removal of significant amounts of hair from the cat's coat, and includes the applications of powders and sprays, IS BANNED IN THE SHOW HALL PRIOR TO JUDGING. It does not preclude that preparation which may be described as "applying the finishing touches" to a cat's coat by use of a recognised implement.
- 11.2. With in-cage vetting, no grooming is allowed after vetting.

12. Cage Curtains, Cushions and Litter Trays (Coloured or White)

- 12.1. There will be no exterior decorations or distinguishing objects, BUT A PIECE OF CLOTH OR TOWELLING MUST BE PLACED ON THE BASE OF THE CAGE. Drapes are permissible. Hot water bags and/or cushions/sponges will be allowed if enclosed securely in a cloth cover. No names or cattery names.
- 12.2. Trays for kittens will be allowed in cages during judging, and may be left in cages with adults during "open" shows, but should always be available under trestles/cages. Trays may be any commercially available colour, but must be unidentifiable.
- 12.3. After use, litter trays must be covered with a lid, or fully enclosed in a strong plastic bag, and taken home for disposal.
- 12.4. Cages must be kept clean by the exhibitors. Sand is not permitted. Trays and litter must be provided by exhibitor.

13. Entries

- 13.1. The age of all exhibits will be the actual age on the day of the Show.
- 13.2. No kittens may be entered for competition that are under three (3) calendar months old on the day of the Show. Kittens under ten (10) weeks of age will not be accepted for exhibition in the Show.
- 13.3. Kittens can only be entered in their respective age groups.
- 13.4. All cats eligible for entry into the Open Class for their section, including desexed cats, MUST BE ENTERED IN THAT CLASS.
- 13.5. Entries in PAIR, BRACE, TEAM and LITTER classes must also be entered in their respective individual classes. Any Exhibit can only be entered once in these classes.
- 13.6. Neutered Males and Speyed Female Cats may be shown only in Neuter or Speyed classes.
- 13.7. ALL FEES MUST ACCOMPANY THE ENTRY FORM. Fees will be forfeited if the Cat or Kitten is not exhibited or benched, or is disqualified.
- 13.8.1. Any person who does not notify the Show Manager or Show Committee, prior to the erection of cages, that they will not be exhibiting any or all of their cats entered, or any person who does not notify the Show Manager within seven (7) days after the Show, the reason for their non-attendance, may be disqualified from exhibiting at future shows.
 - 13.8.2. A list of offenders is to be passed to the Secretary of Governing Council. On the second offence within the show season, the names of the offenders are to appear in the Governing Council minutes.
- 13.9. NO EXHIBIT SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE SHOW PRIOR TO CLOSING TIME WITHOUT THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE SHOW MANAGER.
- 13.10. The Show Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry.

14. Incorrect Entries, Ineligibility, Wrong Classes, Sections and Cages

- 14.1. Any person entering cats or kittens for competition in classes for which the exhibit is not eligible, owing to age or on account of previous wins, will forfeit the right to that award, prize or trophy, for that entry in the show.
- 14.2. Exhibits placed in wrong cages by exhibitors may be disqualified.
- 14.3. Exhibits entered in the wrong classes by exhibitors will be deemed ineligible for those classes.
- 14.4. Exhibits deemed to be entered in the wrong colour or pattern section may only be classified to another section following agreement by three judges present at the Show. Owner(s) / Lessee(s) must be consulted and the pedigree and registration must be presented to the Governing Council for alteration. Hence forth this exhibit must be shown in the new class.

15. Reclassification of Exhibits at shows

- 15.1. Exhibit must be registered with GCCFSA.
- 15.2. Pedigree and current registration to be presented to judge with cat on day.
- 15.3. Request for reclassification must be made at time of entry or at the request of a judge officiating on exhibit on the day with the permission of the owner.
- 15.4. Tabbies must have at least one tabby parent, or in the case of silver series, tipped parent.

16. Judges & Judging

- 16.1. Judges can only be changed from their accepted nominations in the event of extenuating circumstances. The reason for the change must be explained to the Governing Council representative before judging commences and the changes must be displayed prominently on the morning of the show.

- 16.2. The Judge's decision on the day of the show is final. A judge shall not award any prize to any animal that he or she considers to be of insufficient merit.
- 16.3. Judges will be instructed to disqualify any exhibit upon which there is any powder or colouring matter.
- 16.4. All Pedigreed breeds judged on the day are allowed to compete against one another for the awards BEST IN SHOW.

17. Challenge and Award of Merit Certificates

- 17.1. G.C.C.F.S.A. Challenge Certificates may be awarded to the winning entries in the Open Classes of each breed section (except for Any Other Colour Longhair and Any Other Variety Shorthair breeds) and in the Champion, Grand Champion, Double Grand Champion and Bronze, Silver and Gold Double Grand Champion classes, irrespective of the number of entries, at the discretion of the Judge.
- 17.2. G.C.C.F.S.A. Award of Merit Certificates may be awarded to the winning entries in the Neuter Male and Speyed Female classes of each breed section (except for Any Other Colour Longhair and Any Other Variety Shorthair breeds) and in the Premier Neuter, Grand Premier Neuter, Double Grand Premier Neuter and Bronze, Silver and Gold Double Grand Premier Neuter classes, irrespective of the number of entries, at the discretion of the Judge.

17a. Domestic & Part Pedigreed Merit Certificates

G.C.C.F.S.A. Merit Certificates may be awarded to the winning entries in the Domestic Neuter Male and Domestic Speyed Female classes and in the Part Pedigreed Neuter Male and Part Pedigreed Speyed Female classes, irrespective of the number of entries, at the discretion of the Judge

17b. Companion Merit Certificates

(Amended 2015)

G.C.C.F.S.A. Merit Certificates may be awarded to the winning entries in the Companion Neuter Male and Companion Speyed Female classes, irrespective of the number of entries, at the discretion of the Judge

18. U.T.H. and U.T.J.

(Amended April, Ratified May 2014)

- 18.1 A cat or kitten which because of its demeanour cannot be examined by a Vet. during vetting will be deemed to be U.T.V. (Unable to be Vetted), and must be removed from the venue.
- 18.2 A cat or kitten that is unable to be taken from the cage to the judging table or handled sufficiently to be judged is to be deemed U.T.J. (Unable to be Judged) and no Award is to be made. This is effective in that ring only, with no cumulative effect towards disqualification. Two (2) recorded offences will mean the cat must be rested for two (2) calendar months. If a cat is rested and then reoffends once, it will not be permitted to be shown again.
- 18.3 A cat or kitten which acts in a very aggressive manner or bites or lacerates a Judge, Handler, Steward or Vet during vetting or judging will be deemed U.T.H.
 - 18.3.1. Handler to report to GC representative. GC Show representative to discuss incident with reporting person and any witnesses, and determine whether the cat or kitten is to be considered aggressive. A written report of any incident will be filed with GC Secretary.
 - 18.3.2. If UTH for judging or vetting and deemed to be acting aggressively, the cat will be banned for life.
 - 18.3.4. The G.C. Representative and Show Manager MUST be informed when ANY person is bitten or lacerated by ANY cat or kitten at ANY show.

18.4. Reporting

- 18.4.1. The G.C. representative must gain all of the relevant facts from the Judge or the person concerned.
- 18.4.2. It is the responsibility of the GC Secretary or the G.C. representative to inform the owner of the incident in writing as soon as possible.
- 18.4.3. The G.C. representative shall submit a written report to the Secretary of Governing Council, which will contain a statement that the owner has been notified.
- 18.4.4. The Governing Council. Secretary shall keep the reports. When the cat has been reported UTH the owner shall be notified in writing that the cat is banned from competition or exhibition for life.
- 18.4.5. The Governing Council Secretary shall inform the appropriate Registrar, ACF, CCCA and managers of the next 3 shows.

19. Stewards and Handlers

- 19.1. Stewards for shows should be appointed from the list supplied by the Governing Council or those taking a Judges' or Steward's course.
- 19.2. Stewards are to be on duty until the completion of the show. Stewards are empowered to control exhibitors, children and the public before, during and after judging, are to be appointed by clubs for a given show.
- 19.3. For in-cage vetting or judging, exhibits are only to be handled by the Vets, Judges or Stewards officiating on the day.
- 19.4. Exhibits are to remain in their allotted cage for the duration of the show. Exhibits may be handled by their owners for legitimate purposes, such as feeding, watering, providing litter trays, or showing to other exhibitors or members of the public. However, handling or exhibits by their owners should not be done in proximity to, or in clear view of an officiating judge, Exhibits should under no circumstances be removed from the immediate vicinity of their cage, unless under the direction of a Judge, Veterinary Surgeon, Steward or Show Manager.
- 19.5. No person other than Judges and Stewards officiating on that section, Show Manager, Chief Steward or Governing Council Representative is permitted to enter an area where judging is in progress. Where exhibitors require personal effects stored in an area where judging is in progress, they should approach a Steward for assistance.

20. Protests

Protests will only be entertained on the grounds of the eligibility of an exhibit to compete in a particular class. The protest must be lodged with the Governing Council representative at the show and will not be subject to a fee.

21. Governing Council Representative

- 21.1. The Governing Council Representative shall confer with the Show Manager regarding interpretation of the Show Rules. Such interpretation shall be consistent with the intent of the rules. Where a breach of the rules becomes evident the Governing Council representative shall advise the Show Manager, citing the rule number, and shall notify Governing Council in writing should a dispute arise between the Show Manager and the Governing Council Representative.

22. Show Management

- 22.1. Unless authority is explicitly vested in another show official by these rules, authority and responsibility for the conduct and administration of a show lies with the Club appointed Show Manager(s)/Coordinator(s). The Show Manager(s) are obliged to ensure that all mandatory show requirements as set out in these rules are carried out effectively.
- 22.2. The Governing Council recommends that all clubs use a covering on the front of the trestles to hide cat boxes etc. belonging to the exhibitors.
- 22.3. Where possible carrying cages should be left underneath show cages during shows so that all exhibit could be evacuated speedily in case of emergency.
- 22.4. All clubs should ensure they are aware of venue protocols for efficient evacuation procedure for their shows.
- 22.5. No unauthorised flash photography will be allowed during judging. Show Authorisation to be by Show Committee.
- 22.6. Mobile phones are to be switched off.

23. Amendments to Show Rules

- 23.1. Governing Council shows shall be conducted under the show rules promulgated by Governing Council.
- 23.2. Proposed alterations to the show rules are to be tabled for discussion at the September meeting of Governing Council. All proposed rule changes are to be circulated to exhibitors, or displayed prominently at Governing Council Shows, for comment between the September and November meetings of Governing Council. The rule changes shall be voted on at the November meeting of the Governing Council, and they shall stand for twelve months.
- 23.3. A decision by council in relation to a rule change or interpretation of a rule or show procedure is not binding until incorporated into the Show rules, or where warranted, all exhibitors with Governing Council are notified in writing. All determinations, rule interpretations and procedures in relation to the conduct of Governing Council shows shall lapse unless incorporated into the show rules by the annual show rule revision process.
- 23.4. The ratified rules shall be published annually in the Governing Council Show Rules and Information booklet within 30 days of the Governing Council Annual General Meeting.

EXHIBITS FROM OTHER RECOGNISED BODIES

24. Interchange of Exhibits

- 24.1. Transfer fees to Governing Council: \$5.00
- 24.2. Governing Council will accept Feline Association honours after verification.
- 24.3. Governing Council will accept one Feline Association Challenge towards future Governing Council honours.
- 24.4. Cats transferred from other recognised governing bodies will have their Championship or Premiership status accepted by the Gov. Council. The Championship or Premiership certificate from such recognised governing bodies must be sighted and a copy filed by the Honours Registrar of the Gov. Council.
- 24.5. The Feline Association of South Australian Inc, herein referred to as "Feline Association" or "FASA", is a recognised governing body.

25. Entry of Cats Registered with Other Recognised Bodies in GC Shows

Exhibits registered with another recognised body entered into Governing Council Shows will be accepted with their titles as recognised by their own controlling body.

GOVERNING COUNCIL TITLES AND AWARDS

26. Eligibility and Recognition - Pedigreed Exhibits

- 26.1. Only Governing Council registered cats can be eligible for Governing Council Honours status, Medallion awards, and Governing Council Golden Awards and "Governing Council End of Year Awards"
- 26.2. In awarding Governing Council Champion, Premier, Grand Champion, Grand Premier, Double Grand Champion, Double Grand Premier, one challenge from the Feline Association or a recognised interstate or overseas body will be accepted. Other Challenges/Awards of Merit must be won at G.C.C.F.S.A. or Australian Cat Federation (Inc) National Cat Shows.
- 26.3. In awarding Governing Council Medallion Class Honours (Bronze, Silver, Gold DGCH & DGPRN), Challenge and Award of Merit Certificates won at the following Cat Shows will be accepted: All A.C.F. National Cat Shows, Three (3) interstate or FASA Cat Shows, All GCCFSA approved Cat Shows.
A cat cannot enter the Bronze class until all other honours have been applied for.
- 26.3.a. For Imperial, Regal & Supreme titles, all certificates to be won in Gold classes.
- 26.4. All titles must be approved by The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy of South Australian Inc. Application should be made on the appropriate form and lodged with the Council within seven days of qualification.
- 26.5. Governing Council registered cats are only permitted to use titles granted by G.C.C.F.S.A., A.C.F. (Inc.) or C.C.C. of A., or titles accepted under 24.4.

27. Cats dual registered with GCCFSA and FASA

Exhibitors must show both registrations/numbers on entry forms, and may use GCCFSA or FASA titles, to be eligible for GCCFSA End of Year points.

28. Eligibility and Recognition – Companion, Domestic & Pedigreed Exhibits

- 28.1. Only neutered adult cats are eligible.
- 28.2. In awarding Governing Council Sapphire, Ruby, Emerald titles, only Merit Awards signed at G.C.C.F.S.A. approved shows will be accepted.
All certificates must be won at G/C or G/C approved shows.
- 28.3. In awarding Governing Council Pearl and Diamond titles, Merit Awards must be won at a G/C or G/C approved shows.:
- 28.4. All titles must be approved by The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy of South Australian Inc. Application should be made on the appropriate form and lodged with the Council within seven days of qualification.
- 28.5. Cats are only permitted to use titles granted by G.C.C.F.S.A., A.C.F. (Inc.) or C.C.C. of A.
n.b. All cats will compete in their appropriate class (see Rule 17) regardless of title.)