



FIFe Show Rules

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STATUS OF CHANGES

Article	Edited	Status	Remarks
1 – 57	01.01.03	New	Titles to articles, table of contents provided
5	01.01.03	Change	Booking of show dates
19	01.01.03	New	Junior Winner-JW, Dist. Show Merit DSM
29	01.01.03	Deletion	Combined BIS when less than 15 cats
38	01.01.03	Change	Novice and Control class
52	01.01.03	Change	Sending the show catalogue to FIFe
56	01.01.03	New	Distinguished Show Merit (DSM)
57	01.01.03	New	Junior winner (JW)
Annex 4	01.01.03	Change	Exemption for Russia
Annex 8	01.01.03	New	Belarus
Table of exceptions	01.01.03	Change	Exceptions to the Show Rules
1,B,b	01.01.04	Change	Date of World Show
14.2	01.01.04	Change	Nails cut before arrival at show hall
15c	01.01.04	Change	Microchip recommended as identification
34	01.01.04	Change	Title DM to added to qualifications for DM
54	01.01.04	Change	Maximum time frame reporting complaints
Annex 2	01.01.04	Change	Extension to 31.12.2008
Annex 3	01.01.04	Change	Member names removed
Annex 7	01.01.04	Deletion	LOOF rules changed
Annex 9	01.01.04	New	Exemption for Iceland
Table of exceptions	01.01.04	Change	Exceptions to the Show Rules
Whole Show Rules	01.01.05	Reorganisation	Show rules reorganised new article numbers
1.4.c (was 5.b.c)	01.01.05	Deletion	Already in Judges Rules 5.2.6
1.4.d (was 5.B.d)	01.01.05	Deletion	Already in Judges Rules 2.8.2
1.16 (was 52)	01.01.05	Change	Rule to send show catalogue to FIFe
Old art. 33	01.01.05	Deletion	Double stated rules for World Winners
Old art. 34	01.01.05	Deletion	DM rule already art 5.1 B+R Rules
Annex 2	01.01.05	New-Change	Annex 2 now changed to art. 8.2
Annex 7	01.01.05	Deletion	No longer needed exception for France
7.2	01.01.05	New	Shows in countries with no FIFe member
1.8.f (was 2.1.f)	01.01.05	Change	Wording changed to make clearer
Annex 6	01.01.05	Extension	Extension of exception for MX+AR+BR
Annex 10	01.07.04	New	Exception for Group "C" countries
Annex 10	01.07.05	Deletion	Exception for Group "C" countries
Show Rules	01.01.06	Re-instated	Status of Changes
1.1.a	01.01.06	Transfer	No shows weekend GA (from General Rules)
1.1.b	01.01.06	Transfer	Show-list every 3 months (from General Rules)
1.1.c	01.01.06	Transfer	Protest show date (from General Rules)
1.1.d	01.01.06	Change	From 1.1 to 1.1.d
1.3	01.01.06	Addition	Insertion of the word "national"
1.3	01.01.06	Deletion	Show Fees: now in Annex I of General Rules
1.10.h.c	01.01.06	New	Present all cats with number in writing
6.1.b	01.01.06	Transfer	75% judges to be FIFe (from General Rules)
6.1.c	01.01.06	Transfer	Invite non-FIFe judge Board permission (from General Rules)
6.1.d	01.01.06	Transfer	Organisation non-FIFe judge in catalogue (from General Rules)
6.1.e	01.01.06	Transfer	Standards and Rules for non-FIFe judge (from General Rules)
Annex 1 – Portugal	01.01.06	New	Exception Portugal to get EC/EP title
Annex 4 – Russia	01.01.06	Extension	Extension of exception for titles
Annex 8 – Belarus	01.01.06	Extension	Extension of exception for 100 cats
Annex 8 – Belarus	01.01.06	New	Exception for Titles IC/IP, GIC/GIP, EC/EP
Annex 11	01.01.06	New	Certificates/titles must follow FIFe Rules
1.1.b	01.01.07	Change	Official show list on website
2.3, 8.2.4	01.01.07	Move	FIFe World Show only for cats of FIFe individual Members. 8.2 changed
1.14	01.01.07	Addition	FIFe logo on catalogue
1.5	01.01.07	Change	Munchkin and Scottish Fold not to be shown

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4.14	01.01.07	Addition	BOS also for DSM title
4.3-4.5	01.01.07	Change	Changed wording for classes 3, 5 and 7
3.9	01.01.07	Change	Redone faults leading to disqualification
3.10	01.01.07	Change	Redone general faults in all breeds
4.4, 4.5	01.01.07	Change	2 options to attain title GIC/GIP EC/EP
3.10	01.01.07	Change	Cl. 11+12: when tail deformities max Excellent
1.4	01.01.08	Deletion	Show dates booked 10 years in advance
1.4.b.1	01.01.08	Change	Iceland deleted
1.4.b.2	01.01.08	Deletion	Overseas countries deleted
1.5	01.01.08	Change	Reworded
1.8 c	01.01.08	Change	Validity of vaccinations
1.8 f	01.01.08	Change	Exception for amount of cats
1.10 a	01.01.08	Change	How to choose judges
1.10 b	01.01.08	Change	Organisers responsibility
1.10 c	01.01.08	Change	Keeping the show catalogue + all results
1.10 h.b	01.01.08	Deletion	Shows marked with special sign
1.11	01.01.08	Deletion	Ribbons and rosettes on the shows
1.13	01.01.08	Addition	Confirm entry forms by e-mail
1.16	01.01.08	Change	Show catalogue containing all results
2.2	01.01.08	Deletion	Date of World Show
2.3	01.01.08	Change	Recognised breeds in the World Show
3.1	01.01.08	Change	Domestic cats now house cats
3.1	01.01.08	Change	House cats > 10 months must be neutered
3.4	01.01.08	Addition	Admission to shows: docked or cropped
3.9	01.01.08	Addition	To disqualifiers: docked or cropped
3.10.k	01.01.08	Change	Rewording
4.3, 4.4, 4.5	01.01.08	Deletion	Deletion of Annex 1 and 5
4.8	01.01.08	Change	Rewording of how the BIS can be chosen
4.8	01.01.08	Addition	Nomination conditions
4.16	01.01.08	New	Distinguished Variety Merit (DVM)
6.1.a	01.01.08	Change	Recognised judges
6.9	01.01.08	Change, Move	Rewording + BIV moved to article 4.9
Annex 1	01.01.08	Deletion	Exceptions for Portugal
Annex 3	01.01.08	Addition	Malta included
Annex 5	01.01.08	Deletion	Exceptions for Norway and Sweden
Annex 8	01.01.08	Deletion	Exceptions for Belarus CAGCIB/CAGPIB
Annex 9	01.01.08	Addition	Israel and Malta included
Annex 11	01.01.08	Move	Moved to art. 6.9
3.10	21.02.08	Correction	Addition of "pigmentation faults" and corrected numbering as in the Standard, General Part page 9+10
3.9, 3.10	13.03.08	Correction	Corrections as per Standard General Part to 3.9c, 3.9m, 3.9n, 3.9u, and 3.10m
Whole Show Rules	01.01.09	Deletion	Malta (no National FIFe Member anymore since 01.07.08)
Whole Show Rules	01.01.09	Correction	Replace all occurrences of youngster by junior
1.8.h	01.01.09	Change	Instead of Mexico, Brazil, Argentina: Latin America
1.10.d	01.01.09	Addition	List of absent cats
1.14	01.01.09	Addition	Minimum data of an exhibit to publish in the catalogue
1.17.e	01.01.09	Addition	Clarification of observing age classification
2.3	01.01.09	Addition	House cats are eligible for qualification and competition at the World Show
2.4	01.01.09	Addition	WW title registered in pedigree
3.4	01.01.09	Move	Housecats older than 10 months must be neutered moved from art. 3.1
3.4	01.01.09	Move	Tattooed cats and nail-tips moved from art. 3.2
4.1	01.01.09	Reorganisation	Change of the name of chapter 4 and introducing sub articles in art. 4.1
4.1.1	01.01.09	Addition	Of titles SW, SC and SP
4.1.1	01.01.09	Addition	Explanation of preliminary titles PCH, PPR, PIC and PIP

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4.1.2	01.01.09	Addition	List of certificates and their abbreviations
4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5	01.01.09	Addition	Minimum number of required points to receive a certificate
4.3, 4.4, 4.5	01.01.09	Change	General reference to the annexes instead of listing all annexes applicable separately
4.6	01.01.09	Change	Rewording how to obtain a title
4.7	01.01.09	Change	Rewording when going to a higher class
4.8	01.01.09	Reorganisation	Introducing sub articles and rearranging into the new sub articles
4.8.2	01.01.09	Change	Only an exhibit of a recognised variety of a fully recognised breed is eligible for nomination for Best in Show
4.8.2	01.01.09	Clarification	Clarification of conditions for nomination with relation to Best in Variety
4.8.3	01.01.09	Change	Number of BIS titles for house cats
4.8.5	01.01.09	Correction	Validity of vote issued by probational judge
4.11	01.01.09	Deleted	Already dealt with in articles 4.8 and 4.9
4.14, 4.15, 4.16	01.01.09	Clarification	Clarification which cats are eligible for the titles DSM, JW and DVM
5.2	01.01.09	Change	Certificates replaced by Diplomas to avoid misinterpretation (only in English and German)
5.4	01.01.09	Change	Correct definition of class 13b: control class
5.4	01.01.09	New	Introduction of class 13c: determination class
5.5	01.01.09	Reorganisation	Introducing sub articles and rearranging into the new sub articles
5.5.3	01.01.09	Addition	No higher certificates than CACIB/CAPIB for preliminary recognised breeds
6.8	01.01.09	Addition	The group number must appear on the judge's report (only applicable to breeds judged in groups)
8.1.1	01.01.09	Deletion	Showing in non-FIFe clubs
8.2.4	01.01.09	Extension	Extension of Open Doors until 31.12.13
Annex 4	01.01.09	Deletion	Exceptions for Russia classes 5 and 6
Annex 4	01.01.09	Extension	Exceptions for Russia classes 7 and 8
Annex 6	01.01.09	Change	Instead of Mexico, Brazil, Argentina: Latin America
Annex 6	01.01.09	Extension	Exceptions for Latin America for classes 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8
Annex 8	01.01.09	Deletion	Exceptions for Belarus minimum 100 cats and classes 3 and 4
Annex 8	01.01.09	Extension	Exceptions for Belarus classes 7 and 8
Annex 8	01.01.09	Move	Move to annex 4, same exceptions as Russia
1.8.h	01.06.09	Addition	Asia, Greece and Cyprus + minimum 80% pedigreed cats in case of reduced number
Annex 3	01.06.09	Addition	Portugal
Annex 6	01.06.09	Addition	Asia
1.10.a	01.01.10	Addition	Show organisers must invite judges in writing
2.1	01.01.10	Change	National FIFe Member instead of country
3.10.k	01.01.10	Addition (+renumbering)	Insufficient contract between points and body colour on Siamese pointed cats
4.8, 4.9	01.01.10	Reorganisation	Logical renumbering: first art. 4.8 BIV (was art. 4.9) and then art. 4.9 NOM + BIS (was art. 4.8)
4.8	01.01.10	Clarification	A judge is at liberty to withhold BIV
4.9.1	01.01.10	Addition	Nominations on one-breed show
4.9.3, 4.14	01.01.10	Addition	Explanation Best in Show Opposite Sex (BOS)
4.9.3	01.01.10	Addition	Best in Show on one-breed show
4.9.5	01.01.10	Clarification	Voting procedure during Best in Show
5.6	01.01.10	Move	Maximum number of cats to be judged by one judge moved from article 5.6 to new article 6.12
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1 The organisation of national and international shows

1.1 Day of the week and number of shows

- a. No shows may be held during the weekend on which the General Assembly takes place.
- b. The most recent version of the FIFe show list is published on the FIFe website: on request a printed version of the show list can be send to a National FIFe Member or FIFe Judge.
- c. Any appeal against a show date which has appeared on the official list must be made within six weeks of the list being circulated. Changes shall be made in bold type. This appeal can only be made to shows up to two years in advance.
- d. Shows can be held on any day of the week. Two shows within a week can take place.

1.2 Request for organising a show

In countries where the clubs are members of a National Federation, the request must be made by the Secretariat of that Federation to the FIFe Secretariat.

1.3 License fee for organising a show

The request for a license to organise a national or an international show is subject to a fee in Euro, the amount of which is fixed by the General Assembly. If a two-day show is separated by categories over two days, payment is due for only one show.

The current amounts can be found in Annex I of the General Rules.

1.4 Distance between shows

- a. If several shows (national or international) are planned for the same day, there must be no less than 400 km (by road or rail) between the different locations.

The show first applied for takes priority.

Show dates may only be booked up to 10 calendar years in advance.

Only shows giving a fixed date and place will be protected by the 400 km rule. Those shows which, in the first instance, give no fixed place will not be accepted if the subsequently submitted place is within 400 km of an already accepted show.

Cat shows held in cities less than 400 km apart may be organised on the same date providing the respective FIFe Members agree. Written agreements from the clubs must be sent to the FIFe Secretary at least two months before the date of the show.

- b. Exceptions are:
 1. Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom
 2. Deleted
 3. Deleted
 4. Deleted

1.5 Wild cats, Munchkin and Scottish Fold

It is forbidden to exhibit:

- wild cats
- breeds referred to in the FIFe Breeding & Registration Rules, article 2.7.3 (such as Munchkin and Scottish Fold)
- any new breeds resulting from a mating between:
 - domestic cats (*felis catus*) to a wild cat species, or
 - a domestic cat (*felis catus*) to a hybrid cat (F1 – F4) out of a crossing with a wild cat species.

1.6 International show

In order to obtain the right to organise an International Show and to issue certificates CAC, CAP, CACIB, CAPIB, CAGCIB, CAGPIB, CACS and CAPS, the organisers must inform the FIFe Secretariat at least one month in advance of the exact date of the event and comply with the conditions of the present rules.

1.7 The FIFe rosette

A FIFe rosette shall be awarded at each International show.

1.8 Conditions for an international show

The shows called International must satisfy the following conditions:

- a. That one or more international judge(s) is/are present and that at least one of these is from a foreign country.
- b. That a veterinary surgeon is present at the entrance to the show in order to examine the exhibits and can be reached during the entire show.

At shows arranged on two consecutive days by the same Member and if the show organisers so wish, those cats that are exhibited on both days need only go through the veterinary examination on the first day of the show.

- c. That the cats have been vaccinated by a veterinary surgeon in accordance with each country's veterinary regulations, against pan-leucopenia and cat-flu and have had the required boosters, at least 15 days prior to the show.

The period of validity for the vaccination is marked by the veterinary surgeon on the pet passport or vaccination certificate.

Vaccination against rabies is to be according to national legislation.

- d. That the judges and the staff of the show are covered by an insurance policy. Clubs which cannot insure foreign judges, student judges and stewards while they are officiating at the show must notify them in advance, so that they are given the opportunity to insure themselves in their own country.
- e. It is desired that judges, student-judges and stewards are vaccinated against tetanus in accordance with medical regulations.
- f. At least 150 cats, of which at least 80% must be pedigree cats, must be entered for competition and listed in the catalogue. In case these numbers are not reached 14 days before the show, the show will be declared as "national", with a minimum amount of 80 cats.
- g. In countries with developing areas or in special cases members can ask for permission of the FIFe to organise shows with less than 150 cats up to a minimum amount of 100 cats. The written permission can be given by the FIFe Board after thorough evaluation of the reasons.
- h. The minimum amount of cats required for Latin America, Asia, Iceland, Greece, Cyprus and Patronage members is reduced to 100, of which at least 80% must be pedigree cats, entered for competition and listed in the catalogue. For Greece and Cyprus this reduced number is valid until the date indicated in the Table with Exceptions to the Show Rules (see page 31).

1.9 Conditions for a national show

The following articles of chapter 1 apply for the organisation of a National Show:

- article 1.6 by replacing CACS, CAPS, CAGCIB, CAGPIB, CACIB and CAPIB by CAC and CAP
- article 1.8 by replacing the text under f. with: the number of cats exhibited must be at least 80, and 80% thereof must be registered in the LO or RIEB books
- articles 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5.

1.10 The organiser's responsibility

The organisers must:

- a. choose recognised judges (see art. 6.1) *and invite the judges to their shows in writing.*
- b. publish a schedule stating:
 - the date of the show
 - the location and address of the show hall
 - the closing date for registration
 - the amount of the entry fee
 - names of the judges and the categories they are qualified to judge
 - a list of hotels where cats are admitted in order to allow exhibitors to make their own reservations
 - entry requirements concerning health and border formalities
 - opening and closing times of the show
 - account numbers (bank or others) to which payment of the entry fees must be effected.
- c. the show management is obliged to keep the following documents for a minimum period of three years:
 - all copies of judges' reports
 - copies of the list stating the cats nominated for the selection of Best in Show
 - original list of the cats proposed by each judge
 - a show catalogue including all results and absent cats.
- d. the show management is obliged to give the necessary documents to the judge before the judging commences, including – as soon as possible – a list of absent cats.
- e. in the judge's ring there must be cages available for a minimum number of 4 cats near the judge's table.
- f. 14 days before the show, the organiser is obliged to send the name and address of the hotel to the judges that are judging at the particular show. The judges must also be informed as to the transfer to the hotel.
- g. it is mandatory that the judges' cages will be equipped with partitions.
- h. each FIFe member may organise cat shows according to the following procedures:
 - a. the cats on show are brought to the judge and back to their cages by stewards; the steward will take reasonable actions to avoid presenting his own cat.
 - b. the owner or a person chosen by the owner may present his cat to the judge; in cases where owners, for whatever reason, cannot present their cats to the judge, stewards may be made available.
 - c. the exhibitor himself has the possibility of placing the cat inside the appropriate judging cage.
 - each judge has his judging cages
 - each judge has a steward at his own disposal
 - the steward calls up the cats (catalogue number) which the judge requires or places the number on the judging cage
 - the cat should always be presented with the catalogue number in writing.

Once all the cats are inside the appropriate judging cages, the exhibitors must leave the judges ring.

The judge begins the judging and the cats are presented to him by a steward.

If an owner is not able - or does not wish - to bring his cat(s) to the judging cage himself, the steward is obliged to fetch the cat and to place it inside the appropriate judging cage.

A cat is only to be reported as "absent" once the steward has checked with the show secretariat.

Once the judge has completed his judging or once the judges' results have been given, the judge or his steward will ask the owners to collect their cat(s), or the steward takes the cat back to the show cage.

During the Best in Show only the stewards are permitted to present the cats.

1.11 Ribbons and rosettes

DELETED

1.12 Payment of show entry fees

Payment of show entry fees:

- a. The possibility exists to send the proof of payment to each relevant National FIFe Member (Euro check, postal money order, cash etc.). The responsible FIFe Member will forward his entry together with the certification to the relevant show organiser.
- b. or alternatively, the National FIFe Member will list the entry fees and forward the complete amount of the entry fees to the relevant show organiser within 8 days after the show.

1.13 Showing abroad

Exhibitors, wishing to take part in shows abroad, must send their entry forms to the Secretariat of their National FIFe Member in order to have the cats' qualifications and dates of birth checked. The duly authorised controller will then stamp the entry forms or confirm by e-mail before their despatch to the organisers of the show. Entry forms sent directly, without the endorsement of the National FIFe Member, will be refused.

1.14 The catalogue

The FIFe logo and the logo of the FIFe member must be printed on the front page of the catalogue.

The catalogue of a cat show must contain at least the following data of each exhibit:

- catalogue number
- name and title(s) of the exhibit
- designation of breed and colour (EMS-code)
- group number (only applicable to breeds that are being judged in groups)
- date of birth
- sex
- class in which the cat is to be judged
- the names and EMS-codes of the parents of the exhibit (not applicable to house cats)
- the name of the breeder (not applicable to house cats)
- the name of the exhibitor.

The catalogue must contain a list of all exhibitors and also with the country code of foreign exhibitors.

1.15 Cats appearing in the catalogue

- a. All entries in the catalogue are liable for payment of the entry fee even in case of absence. If the exhibitor is unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances before closing date (Date of postmarked letter is decisive), he is obliged to inform the organisers in writing.
- b. Only cats appearing in the catalogue may compete.
- c. It is not allowed to remove the cats from the show hall before the end of the show without special permission of the organiser.

1.16 Sending the catalogue to the FIFe Secretariat

The show catalogue and a list of results must be available for a period of 3 years from the date of the show if requested by the FIFe Secretariat. The list shall contain all results including Best in Variety, Nomination for Best in Show, Best in Show and absent cats.

1.17 Responsibility for the organising club concerning exhibitors and visitors

The organising club is responsible for:

- a. sending confirmation of acceptance to foreign exhibitors at least two weeks prior to the show;
The confirmation of acceptance, which is to be forwarded from the show organiser to the exhibitor, has to include the names of at least 80% of the confirmed officiating judges.
Exceptions: unforeseen events, accidents, illnesses, etc.
- b. setting the entry fee for each of its shows;
- c. controlling the necessary arrangements and security of the show.
It should be noted in particular that`:
 - it is prohibited to place cages on top of one another
 - cages must be of sufficient size (minimum: 50 x 50 x 50 cm per cat), in order to ensure the comfort of the exhibit
 - one cat per single cage a maximum of three cats per double cage (exceptions are made for litters)
 - there must be a minimum of 1.25 m walking space for the visitors between the rows of cages.
- d. sending a catalogue within 40 days after the show together with all results to the National Federation or Club whose members took part in the show;
- e. observing age classification:
 - in case of a 1-day show: the day of the show being decisive
 - in case of a show split over more than 1 day by category: the day on which the concerning category is scheduled being decisive
 - in case of another type of show spread over more than 1 day: the first day of the show being decisive.

2 World Show

Every year a FIFe World Show will be held and conducted in accordance with the following rules.

2.1 Application for the World Show

The *National* FIFe Member interested in conducting the World Show files an application with the FIFe Board. The FIFe Board decides where the show is to be held. As long as unconsidered applications are available, the World Show is not to be allocated to the same *National FIFe Member* for the second time.

2.2 Date of the World Show

The World Show shall always take place on the last weekend in October and must appear clearly in the official FIFe show calendar.

2.3 Qualifications for the World Show

Only cats of fully recognised breeds and house cats belonging to individual FIFe members can qualify for and may compete at the World Show.

Participation in the World Show is only possible for cats which have achieved the following qualification in the thirteen months prior to the show:

– Kittens (class 12):

- Best in Variety
- or – Nomination for Best in Show
- or – 3 x Excellent 1.

Addition for class 12 (3-6 months):

Kittens 3-6 months may participate in class 12 at the World Show, if they have achieved at least 1 x Excellent 1. This qualification is valid only in class 12.

– Juniors (class 11):

- Best in Variety
- or – Nomination for Best in Show
- or – 3 x Excellent 1.

– Adults (classes 1 – 10):

- Best in Variety
- or – Nomination for Best in Show
- or – Each cat with the title International Champion, International Premier or higher
- or – Each adult cat qualifying in the kitten class or in the junior class during the 13 months before the World Cat Show.

– House cats (class 14):

- Nomination for Best in Show house cat.

The qualification for the World Show is checked and confirmed by the National Federation or Club where the exhibitor holds his membership.

2.4 World Winner 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.

2.5 Restrictions for shows on date of the World Show

No other FIFe show will be allowed in Europe on the same weekend that the FIFe World Show takes place. This restriction does not apply to Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom and Iceland.

2.6 Scandinavian Winner Show

Scandinavia (Norway and Sweden) may once a year organise a show in accordance with the rules valid for the FIFe World Show with exception of FIFe Show Rules article 2.2, 2.4 and:

- Kittens (class 12):
 - Best in Variety
 - or – Nomination for Best in Show
 - or – 1 x Excellent 1.
- Juniors (class 11):
 - Best in Variety
 - or – Nomination for Best in Show
 - or – 3 x Excellent 1.

Each cat winning at the Best in Show will receive the title Scandinavian Winner (SW) 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.

3 Admission to shows

3.1 Registration in the LO or RIEX

All cats must be registered either in the LO or RIEX of a FIFe Member with the exception of house cats and novices.

3.2 Micro-chipping

It is recommended that where possible micro-chipping should be utilised as a form of identification of show and breeding cats.

3.3 Minimum age

The minimum age of a cat must be at least three months during the show. This rule applies to International and National Shows, Seminars and Breed and Propaganda Shows.

3.4 Admission to shows

Cats must have the tips of the nails cut before arrival at the show hall.

Admitted to shows are:

- tattooed cats.

Not admitted to shows are:

- lactating queens
- pregnant queens
- de-clawed cats
- deaf cats
- cats with docked tails
- cats with cropped ears
- unneutered house cats aged 10 months or older.

3.5 White cats

White cats must have a veterinary certificate stating that they are not deaf.

3.6 Competing according to phenotype/genotype

A cat may compete at shows according to phenotype if this differs from its known genotype. In these cases both the cat's known genotype and phenotype must be noted in the pedigree. The phenotype must be in accordance with the description in the EMS and must be written in brackets.

3.7 Locking of cages

It is prohibited – **under penalty of exclusion from competition** – to lock the cages with padlocks and/or to let cats change cages before judging is finished.

3.8 Symptoms of sickness during the show

If during the vetting in or during the show the officiating veterinarian discovers that a cat shows symptoms of sickness, the cat in question, together with all other cats belonging to the same exhibitor, must be removed immediately from the show hall.

3.9 Faults leading to disqualification

The following cats must be excluded from competition:

a. Aggressive cats

If two stewards are unable to take a cat out of its cage, it may not compete. If a cat is aggressive at three shows, it is left to the discretion of the National Federation or Club whether or not to withdraw the cat from future competition.

b. A cat showing any testicular anomaly (for males older than 10 months)

The judge must refer to this fact in the judge's report. The final decision rests with the officiating veterinary surgeon. Certificates of testicular entirety must be issued to males which have turned 10 month.

c. Doped cats

Cats, which have had tranquillizers administered, affecting the nervous system and/or substances that extend the pupils of the eyes. The final decision rests with the officiating veterinary surgeon.

d. Cats which have been given cosmetic treatment (dyeing or colour rinsing)

e. De-clawed cats (claws amputated)

f. Cats which show obvious signs of bad health

The final decision rests with the officiating veterinary surgeon.

g. Cats showing lack of cleanliness, e.g., dirty ears, presence of parasites

h. Cats with poly- or oligodactylism

i. Cats which the veterinarian determines to be ill during the show

Such cats must be put into quarantine immediately.

j. Dwarfism

k. Deaf cats

l. Blind cats

m. Cross-eyed (squinting) cats

n. All white spots, which are not allowed in the standard

o. Cats showing an umbilical hernia

p. Pregnant or nursing cats

q. Deformity of bone structure, deformity of rib cage including flat chest or any apparent deformity of the spine

r. Any apparent weakness restricting the ability to move

s. Deformity of the skull resulting in an asymmetrical face and/or head

t. Abnormal size and form of the eyes and eyelids (entropion, ectropion)

u. Cats with docked tails or with cropped ears

3.10 General faults in all breeds

General faults precluding the certificate:

- a. **Any fixed deviation of the sternum or xiphisternum**
Except for neuters and cats younger than 10 months
- b. **Any abnormal depressions, protrusions or fissures in the skull**
Except for neuters and cats younger than 10 months
- c. **Narrow nostrils, loud and difficult breathing**
- d. **Persistent exposure of tongue and/or teeth**
- e. **Eyes set too deep or protruding**
- f. **Tendency to squint**
- g. **Injuries of the eye, for example corneal injuries.**
- h. **Crooked jaws**
- i. **Overshot or undershot jaw of more than 2 mm**
- j. **Cut teeth**
No Excellent or more.
- k. ***Insufficient contrast between points and body colour on pointed cats, except Burmese and Tonkinese pointed***
- l. **All pigmentation faults leading to a colour loss on the nose leather, on the paw pads and/or lips, which are not permitted in the standard**
- m. **Any deformities of the tail**
For example, a kink or a knot precludes certificates and any qualification higher than Excellent (no certificate, BIV or NOM) except for neuters and Bobtailed breeds.
- n. **All signs of bad health (condition), too thin cats, etc.**
- o. **Undernourished or obese cats**
- p. **Cats which have been powdered excessively**

4 Show titles and certificates

4.1 Show titles and certificates

4.1.1 Show titles and their abbreviations

Show title	Abbreviation of show title	Remark
Champion	CH	
Premier	PR	
International Champion	IC	
International Premier	IP	
Grand International Champion	GIC	
Grand International Premier	GIP	
European Champion	EC	issued until 31.12.2008
European Premier	EP	issued until 31.12.2008
FIFe American Champion	FAC	issued until 31.12.2008
FIFe American Premier	FAP	issued until 31.12.2008
Supreme Champion	SC	issued from 01.01.2009
Supreme Premier	SP	issued from 01.01.2009
Junior Winner	JW	
Scandinavian Winner	SW	
World Winner	WW	
Distinguished Merit	DM	
Distinguished Show Merit	DSM	
Distinguished Variety Merit	DVM	

For preliminary recognised breeds 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).

4.1.2 Certificates and their abbreviations

Name of certificate	Abbreviation of certificate
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 **Champion** or **Premier**

Provided the exhibit has obtained at least the minimum number of required points (see article 6.9):

- CAC is awarded in the 'Open' class
- CAP is awarded in the 'Neuter' class.

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

- 3 (three) CAC respectively CAP
- by 3 (three) different judges
- during 3 (three) national or international FIFe shows.

4.3 Obtaining the title **International Champion** or **International Premier**

Provided the exhibit has obtained at least the minimum number of required points (see article 6.9):

- CACIB is awarded in the 'Champion' class
- CAPIB is awarded in the 'Premier' class.

In order to obtain the title **International Champion** or **International Premier**, a cat must have been awarded:

- 3 (three) CACIB respectively CAPIB
- by 3 (three) different judges
- in at least 2 (two) different countries
- during 3 (three) international FIFe shows.

A maximum of 2 (two) CACIB respectively CAPIB could be obtained in the same country. Exceptions are made for members as outlined in the Annexes.

4.4 Obtaining the title **Grand International Champion** or **Grand International Premier**

Provided the exhibit has obtained at least the minimum number of required points (see article 6.9):

- CAGCIB is awarded in the 'International Champion' class
- CAGPIB is awarded in the 'International Premier' class.

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

- 6 (six) CAGCIB respectively CAGPIB
- by at least 3 (three) different judges
- in at least 3 (three) different countries
- during 6 (six) international FIFe shows.

A maximum of 4 (four) CAGCIB respectively CAGPIB could be obtained in the same country. Exceptions are made for members as outlined in the Annexes.

OR

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

- 8 (eight) CAGCIB respectively CAGPIB
- by at least 4 (four) different judges
- in 2 (two) different countries
- during 8 (eight) international FIFe shows.

A maximum of 7 (seven) CAGCIB respectively CAGPIB could be obtained in the same country. Exceptions are made for members as outlined in the Annexes.

4.5 Obtaining the title Supreme Champion or Supreme Premier

Provided the exhibit has obtained at least the minimum number of required points (see article 6.9):

- CACS is awarded in the 'Grand International Champion' class
- CAPS is awarded in the 'Grand International Premier' class.

In order to obtain the title **Supreme Champion** or **Supreme Premier**, a cat must have been awarded:

- 9 (nine) CACS respectively CAPS
- by at least 3 (three) different judges
- in at least 3 (three) different countries
- during 9 (nine) international FIFe shows.

A maximum of 7 (seven) CACS respectively CAPS could be obtained in the same country. Exceptions are made for members as outlined in the Annexes.

OR

In order to obtain the title **Supreme Champion** or **Supreme Premier**, a cat must have been awarded:

- 11 (eleven) CACS respectively CAPS
- by at least 6 (six) different judges
- in 2 (two) different countries
- during 11 (eleven) international FIFe shows.

A maximum of 10 (ten) CACS respectively CAPS could be obtained in the same country. Exceptions are made for members as outlined in the Annexes.

4.6 Approval of titles

Certificates which are recognised as qualifications for the titles Champion, Premier, International Champion, International Premier, Grand International Champion, Grand International Premier, Supreme Champion and Supreme Premier will become valid only after approval by the National Federation or National Club to which the exhibitor belongs.

In order to obtain a title, the owner of a cat must notify the National Secretariat within the next month following the receipt of the last required certificate towards a title.

4.7 Going to a higher class

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

A cat that has already obtained the maximum number of required certificates towards a title in the same country, may not be entered in the concerning class on a show in this country again. As long as it does not fulfil the requirements for the following higher class, the cat may only be exhibited out of competition.

4.8 Best in Variety (BIV)

- a. Best in Variety will be chosen by the judge among all cats of one variety disregarding age or sex on condition that at least 3 exhibits of this variety are present.
- b. In case of a larger amount of competitors a maximum of 3 different BIV can be decided upon (kitten 3-6 months, junior 6-10 months and adults) under application of the above-mentioned rule. See *minimum possibilities* on page 32.
- c. Neuters aged at least 10 months compete separately among themselves for Best in Variety neuter.
- d. To achieve Best in Variety the exhibit must have obtained at least 95 points.
- e. *A judge is at liberty to withhold Best in Variety if the exhibits do not have sufficient merit, however Best in Variety cannot be refused if an exhibit has obtained the necessary 95 points in its class.*

4.9 Nomination for Best in Show (NOM) and Best in Show (BIS)

4.9.1 Nomination for Best in Show (NOM)

Each judge may nominate one exhibit in each category he is judging as:

- adult male
- adult female
- adult neuter male
- adult neuter female
- junior 6-10 months (not divided by sex)
- kitten 3-6 months (not divided by sex).

House cats may be nominated regardless of age as:

- male shorthair
- female shorthair
- male longhair
- female longhair.

In case of a one-breed show (where at the show organiser's discretion a sister breed may be eligible for entry) each judge may nominate eight exhibits:

- *adult male*
- *adult female*
- *adult neuter male*
- *adult neuter female*
- *junior male 6-10 months*
- *junior female 6-10 months*
- *kitten male 3-6 months*
- *kitten female 3-6 months.*

4.9.2 Conditions for Nomination for Best in Show

The exhibit must belong to a recognised variety of a fully recognised breed (not applicable to house cats).

The exhibit must have obtained at least 97 points.

Nomination for Best in Show cannot be refused, if the exhibit has obtained the necessary 97 points in its class.

Provided the exhibit has obtained at least 97 points, a judge may nominate:

- an adult cat for Best in Show adult even if it has been beaten for Best in Variety by a junior or a kitten, or by another adult of the opposite sex in the same variety
- a neuter for Best in Show neuter even if it has been beaten for Best in Variety by another neuter of the opposite sex in the same variety
- a junior for Best in Show junior even if it has been beaten for Best in Variety by an adult cat or a kitten in the same variety
- a kitten for Best in Show kitten even if it has been beaten for Best in Variety by an adult cat or a junior in the same variety.

When a judge has completed judging and nominations for one or more categories have been selected, it is not permitted for this judge to recommence judging other cats of the same categories, with the exception of cats of non-recognised varieties or cats belonging to preliminary recognised or non-recognised breeds.

Probational judges may nominate their best exhibits.

4.9.3 Best in Show (BIS)

The Best in Show can be chosen from:

- overall: category I, II, III and IV together
- separate: category I, II, III and IV.

When Best in Show is overall, the panel is composed of at least one International all-breed judge; when Best in Show is separate, international judges in their specific categories can be called upon.

Each category can have Best in Show titles as:

- adult male
- adult female
- adult neuter male
- adult neuter female
- junior 6-10 months (not divided by sex)
- kitten 3-6 months (not divided by sex).

At the show organiser's discretion:

- *the Best in Show adult male and the Best in Show adult female may compete together for Best in Show adult versus Best in Show Opposite Sex adult (BOS)*
- *the Best in Show adult neuter male and the Best in Show adult neuter female may compete together for Best in Show neuter versus Best in Show Opposite Sex neuter (BOS).*

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.

A one-breed show can have the following eight (8) BIS titles:

- *adult male*
- *adult female*
- *adult neuter male*
- *adult neuter female*
- *junior male 6-10 months*
- *junior female 6-10 months*
- *kitten male 3-6 months*
- *kitten female 3-6 months.*

4.9.4 Conditions for Best in Show

The cats have to be presented:

- by stewards
- with their catalogue number and EMS-code.

The show organiser must provide each judge in the Best in Show panel with a list containing the catalogue number, the sex and the EMS-code of the nominated cats presented for the Best in Show jury.

Probational and student judges must be present at the panel.

The cats are examined and handled by each member of the Best in Show jury; this examination is done in public.

4.9.5 Voting during Best in Show

It is up to the show organisers whether to have a secret or a public voting, the judges must be notified in advance of the desired method.

A judge shall not abstain from voting during the Best in Show.

A vote issued by a student judge never counts towards the result of the voting.

The same applies to a vote issued by a probational judge, with the exception of a probational judge who already is an International judge in another category: after approval of the stage by the supervising judge, the vote has full validity.

The exhibit achieving the highest number of votes will be declared Best in Show.

In cases where the votes are equal, a decision shall be made as follows:

1. *Those judges who did not vote for the cats with the highest number of votes shall vote again, this time considering only the cats that obtained the highest number of votes.*
2. *If all judges in the panel voted for the cats with the highest number of votes, a decision must be made by a referee judge. A referee judge is a judge officiating at the show who is qualified to judge the relevant category but who did not actually judge that category during the show. If a referee judge is not available, a decision must be made by the drawing lots.*

4.10 BIV, NOM and BIS on the result sheet

The titles Best in Variety (BIV), Nomination for Best in Show (NOM) and Best in Show (BIS) must be indicated on the result sheets.

4.11 Neuters participation in BIV and BIS

DELETED

4.12 World Winner (WW)

DELETED

4.13 Distinguished Merit (DM)

DELETED

4.14 Distinguished Show Merit (DSM)

This title is only available at International Shows and is available to adult cats of fully recognised breeds and to house cats.

To obtain the title, the cat must win Best in Show (*BIS*) or Best *in Show* Opposite Sex (*BOS*) a minimum of 10 times in classes 1-10 or 14.

The shortest qualifying period possible is two years and one day between the first Best in Show or Best *in Show* Opposite Sex and the tenth. This is to prevent a cat becoming a DSM too quickly.

4.15 Junior Winner (JW)

This title is only available at International Shows to cats of fully recognised breeds.

In order to obtain the title, the cat must win Best in Show a minimum of 5 times in classes 11 and/or 12.

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.

The shortest qualifying period possible is two years and one day between the first Best in Variety and the tenth. This is to prevent a cat becoming a DVM too quickly.

5 Show classes

5.1 Competing in the correct class

Classification is according to FIFe-rules.

The age of all exhibits must appear on the judge's report.

The standard applied is the standard recognised by FIFe.

A cat can only compete in the class in which it belongs.

5.2 Diplomas

The cat's name must be stated on a diploma accompanying the judge's report. Otherwise, the cat's name must be put on the judge's report by the organisers as soon as Best in Show judging is completed.

5.3 Competing in the neuter class

When a Champion, International Champion, Grand International Champion, European Champion, FIFe American Champion or Supreme Champion is neutered, it may, while retaining its title, be eligible for the titles Premier, International Premier, Grand International Premier or Supreme Premier.

5.4 Terms of competing in the different classes

Clubs and Federations of clubs must adhere to the FIFe rules for the following classes:

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

In all categories classes 1 up to 12 are subdivided with regard to breed, variety and sex.

Cats competing within classes 1 up to 12 can compete for Best in Variety with regard to article 4.8 and for Best in Show with regard to article 4.9 and 5.5.3.

Cats competing within class 14 can compete for Best in Show house cat with regard to article 4.9.

Class 1: Supreme Champion (and European Champion/FIFe American Champion) class

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

Class 2: Supreme Premier (and European Premier/FIFe American Premier) class

This class is open to neutered cats which have already obtained the title 'Supreme Premier', 'European Premier' or 'FIFe American Premier'.
The exhibit will receive a judge's report marked 'Prize of Honour' and will no longer be classified.

Class 3: Grand International Champion class

This class is open to cats which have already received the title 'Grand International Champion'.
In this class a CACS is awarded.

Class 4: Grand International Premier class

This class is open to neutered cats which have already obtained the title 'Grand International Premier'.
In this class a CAPS is awarded.

Class 5: International Champion class

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

Class 6: International Premier class

This class is open to neutered cats which have already obtained the title 'International Premier'.
In this class a CAGPIB is awarded.

Class 7: Champion class

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

Class 8: Premier class

This class is open to neutered cats which have already obtained the title 'Premier'.
In this class a CAPIB is awarded.

Class 9: Open class

This class is open to cats which are registered in the LO or RIEX of a National FIFe Member and are aged at least 10 months during the show (see article 1.17e). In this class a CAC is awarded.

Class 10: Neuter class

This class is open to neutered cats which are registered in the LO or RIEX of a National FIFe Member and are aged at least 10 months during the show (see article 1.17e). In this class a CAP is awarded.

Class 11: Junior (6-10 months) class

This class is open to cats which are registered in the LO or RIEX of a National FIFe Member and are aged 6 months during the show, but not yet 10 months old (see article 1.17.e).

Class 12: Kitten (3-6 months) class

This class is open to cats which are registered in the LO or RIEX of a National FIFe Member and are aged 3 months during the show, but not yet 6 months old (see article 1.17.e).

Class 13a: Novice class

A novice is a cat whose parents are unknown or a cat without pedigree.

A novice can only be exhibited in the Novice class at a minimum age of 10 months in its own country after having been checked by the National FIFe Member with regard to the FIFe Breeding & Registration Rules.

A novice can only be exhibited once in the Novice class.

The judges must be informed in writing of the reason why the exhibit is in this class.

The novice cat must obtain the qualification "Excellent" (respectively "I" for non-recognised breeds) in order to authorise registration. The signatures of two judges are obligatory.

Class 13b: Control class

The Control class is for those breeds that are being developed or where crossbreeding is being permitted for purposes previously agreed by the National FIFe Member.

A cat can only be exhibited in the Control class within its own country, at a minimum age of 3 months and after having been checked by the National FIFe Member with regard to the FIFe Breeding & Registration Rules.

In this class cats are checked by two International FIFe judges and this may be done before the official judging starts. The show organiser must provide the judges with a written explanation as to why the cat is presented in this class.

The cat does not receive a written evaluation, but must obtain the qualification "Excellent" (respectively "I" for non-recognised breeds) in order to continue breeding with the results of the outcross that has been made. The signatures of both judges are obligatory.

Class 13c: Determination class

To establish its correct EMS-code, a cat can be checked in the Determination class for its coat colour or any other trait at the request of the National FIFe Member or the exhibitor.

In this class cats are checked by two International FIFe judges and this may be done before the official judging starts. The cat does not receive a written evaluation, a qualification or a classification, but only a confirmation of its full EMS-code, to be signed by both judges.

Class 14: House cat class

House cats should be judged according to their FIFe Standard (see General Part of the Standards).

5.5 Non-recognised varieties and breeds, preliminary recognised breeds**5.5.1 Non-recognised varieties**

Exhibits which do not belong to a recognised variety, must be entered under their applicable EMS breed code, with the addition of the letter "x" in the case of an unrecognised variety. For example: PER x, EXO x, SBI x, BRI x, ABY x, OSH x.

Those cats, whose variety is not recognised, will receive a qualification (Excellent, Very Good, Good) and will be classified, but will not receive a certificate (CAC, CAP or more). These cats may not compete for Best in Show.

However, they may compete together for a Best of Unrecognised Variety, but this unofficial title never counts towards a DVM-title, even after recognition of the variety in question.

5.5.2 Non-recognised breeds

Cats belonging to a non-recognised breed will not receive a qualification, but will only be classified I, II, III and IV.

This applies to:

- longhair progeny (XLH)
- shorthair progeny (XSH)
- all non-recognised breeds listed in the FIFe Breeding & Registration Rules article 4.4.6
- all house cats (HCL/HCS).

With the exception of house cats, which are having their own Best in Show according to article 4.9, these cats may not compete for Best in Show.

However, they may compete together for a Best of Unrecognised Variety or Best of Unrecognised Breed, but these unofficial titles never count towards a DVM- or DSM-title, even after recognition of the breed in question.

5.5.3 Preliminary recognised breeds

Exhibits which belong to a preliminary recognised breed will receive a qualification and will be classified, but 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. Exhibits having obtained the last required certificate in class 7 or 8, may only be shown out of competition.

Exhibits which belong to a preliminary recognised breed may compete for Best in Variety, but may not be nominated for Best in Show nor may they become Best in Show.

5.6 Additional classes

The show organiser is allowed to establish additional classes with regard to their local customs, for example classes for:

- Pairs
- Studs
- Groups
- National breeding
- Imported cats
- Catteries
- Queens and Studs
- Veterans.

The show organiser must inform the judge in advance, that he has to judge additional classes.

6 Judges and judging

6.1 Recognised judges

- a. Only judges recognised by FIFe are allowed to judge at national and international shows, which are organised by federations or clubs affiliated to FIFe.

Judges belonging to other organisations are authorised to judge those breeds which they are licensed to judge by their own organisation after being approved by the FIFe Board separately for each assignment. Such judges must judge according to the FIFe standards and rules. They cannot undertake:

- to supervise a stage;
- to act as an examiner.

- b. At least 75% of the judges officiating at a FIFe show must be FIFe judges.
- c. A National FIFe Member wishing to invite a non-FIFe judge to officiate at a FIFe show must first obtain the permission of the FIFe Board.
- d. If a non-FIFe judge officiates at a FIFe show, the organisation with which he is licensed to judge must be stated in the show catalogue.
- e. The organiser of a show where a non-FIFe judge is to officiate must provide that judge in advance with the Show Rules, the Judges Rules and the Standards of FIFe.

6.2 Judges decisions

Judges decisions cannot be disputed.

6.3 Absent exhibits

Exhibits can only be declared “absent” on the judge’s report after consultation with the show secretariat.

Exhibits which are absent from their cages during judging of the class to which they belong, cannot be classified later. They can afterwards be qualified by the judge but without classification.

6.4 No judging in front of cages

It is prohibited to judge in front of the cages.

6.5 Judge’s ring

- a. Access to the judge’s ring is prohibited to:
- exhibitors, except if the show is organised according to article 1.10 h-b and 1.10 h-c
 - members of the organising committee if they are exhibitors, except if the show is organised according to article 1.10 h-b and 1.10 h-c
 - visitors.
- b. It is obligatory to judge before the public; the judge is free to give explanations and announce the results.
- c. It is forbidden for a judge, student judge or steward to have a mobile phone or similar electronic equipment in operation during judging and Best in Show. This is also valid for exhibitors in the judge’s ring.

6.6 Layout of the judge’s report

The layout of the judge’s reports must be uniform as far as possible for all shows held under FIFe rules. Headings must be in English, French and German. Organisers are free to add their national language. The judge can write his reports, if he prefers, in the language of the country where the show is organised or in one of the official FIFe languages (English, French, German).

6.7 Distribution of the judge’s reports

The judge’s reports must be distributed to the exhibitors during the show.

6.8 The judge's report

The official documents and judge's reports, submitted for signature to the judge before judging is ended, may not mention the name of the exhibit or the name of the owner.

The judge's report must contain at least the following data:

- place and date of the show
- catalogue number of the cat to be judged
- designation of breed and colour (EMS-code)
- group number (where applicable)
- date of birth
- sex
- class in which the cat is to be judged.

6.9 Qualification and classification

The judges award a qualification to each entry in all classes with the exception of:

- Supreme Champions, Supreme Premiers, European Champions, European Premiers, FIFe American Champions and FIFe American Premiers (classes 1 and 2)
- house cats (class 14)
- non-recognised breeds.

Qualification:

- for a minimum of 88 points: Excellent
- for a minimum of 76 points: Very Good
- for a minimum of 61 points: Good.

Classification: in the same class the exhibits will be classified with 1, 2, 3 and 4; there are no joint places.

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

- 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.

The reason for withholding a certificate must be stated on the judge's report (see article 6.11).

Certificates and titles which are not obtained according to FIFe Rules should not be recognised.

6.10 Countersigning

If a judge has already awarded previously a certificate to an exhibit, which he has to judge again for a new certificate, another officiating judge can be asked, by request of the exhibitor, to countersign the new certificate. In this case the two certificates are to be considered as given by two different judges.

National judges in non-European FIFe Member countries can award a CAC or CAP without a countersignature.

6.11 Withholding certificates and disqualification

The judges are at liberty to withhold a certificate if in their opinion the exhibit placed first does not possess sufficient merit. The signature of a second judge is not compulsory. The reason for withholding a certificate must be stated on the report.

Except for cats disqualified according to article 3.9f) or 3.9g) if parasites are present, a judge's report has to be completed for each exhibit. In all cases of disqualification the judge's report must not give a qualification, but the reason for disqualification has to be stated on the report. The veterinarian must countersign the report (see article 3.9).

6.12 Number of cats to be judged

The total number of cats to be judged by one judge may not exceed the stipulated number, as outlined in articles 2.8.6.4 and 2.9.3 of the Judge's Rules.

7 Responsibility and exclusion

7.1 Observance of the show rules

The organising club of a show is responsible to FIFe for the observance of the Show Rules. It must provide all judges, especially judges of non-FIFe organisations, with all information regarding the application of the rules concerning classes according to article 5.4 of these rules.

7.2 Shows in countries where there is no National FIFe Member

When a national FIFe member organises a show in another country where there is no FIFE member, the certificates gained will be counted for the individual members of this national FIFe member as certificates gained in their own country and not as certificates gained abroad.

7.3 The non-smoking rules

Smoking in show halls is strictly prohibited with the exception of designated areas.

7.4 Violation of the rules

National FIFe Members must notify the FIFe Board of any violation of the rules demonstrated during a show in a detailed, accurate report within two months of the show in question. The FIFe Board will deliberate according to the Statutes.

7.5 Investigation by the Show Commission

All cases not catered for in the present rules and all disputes will be investigated by the FIFe Show Commission which will then send their report and recommendations to the FIFe Board; the Board shall report its conclusions to the Show Commission.

8 “Open Doors”

8.1 Showing in non-FIFe clubs

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8.2 Open Doors

1. Permit non-FIFe members to participate as exhibitors on FIFe shows and permit individual FIFe members to exhibit on non-FIFe shows.
2. Exhibitors belonging to any non-FIFe organisation may enter cats at FIFe shows under the following conditions:
 - a. all non-FIFe exhibitors must agree to respect all FIFe Rules and Standards
 - b. an adult cat or neuter which does not have a FIFe title must be entered into class 9 or 10 respectively; a cat with a FIFe title or one possessing certificates towards a FIFe title shall be entered in the appropriate class.
 - c. all applications from non-FIFe exhibitors should be sent in and countersigned by the exhibitor's own organisation
 - d. all entry fees from non-FIFe exhibitors should be paid in accordance with the instructions of the organisers.
3. FIFe certificates may only be obtained at FIFe shows and are the only certificates valid to obtain a FIFe title.
4. This rule shall be extended until 31.12.2013.

ANNEXES – Exceptions to the Show Rules

Annex 1 – Portugal: deleted

Annex 2 – Open doors: deleted

Annex 3 – United Kingdom, Iceland, Israel *and* Portugal

Permit the United Kingdom and Iceland, so long as present quarantine rules remain in existence, and Israel *and* Portugal because of geographic location:

All certificates to be granted in one country:

- International Champion/Premier: 5 CACIB/CAPIB under at least 3 different judges
- Grand International Champion/Premier: 7 CAGCIB/CAGPIB under at least 5 different judges
- Supreme Champion/Premier: 10 CACS/CAPS under at least 7 different judges.

For Portugal this exception is valid until 31.12.2014.

Annex 4 – Russia and Belarus

Exemption for Russia and Belarus until 31.12.2011:

1. To obtain the title International Champion or International Premier: 5 CACIB/CAPIB by at least three different judges in one country.
2. Deleted.

Annex 5 – Norway and Sweden: deleted

Annex 6 – Latin America *and* Asia

The following exemptions for Latin America *and* Asia are valid until 31.12.2014:

All certificates to be granted in one country:

- International Champion/Premier: 3 CACIB/CAPIB under 3 different judges
- Grand International Champion/Premier: 6 CAGCIB/CAGPIB under at least 4 different judges
- Supreme Champion/Premier: 9 CACS/CAPS under at least 5 different judges.

Annex 7 – French exhibitors: deleted

Annex 8 – Belarus: moved to Annex 4

Annex 9 – Iceland and Israel

Because of the fact that Iceland organises only two double shows per year, there is a special exception to article 4.15 allowing the title Junior Winner to be awarded to a cat which has won Best in Show three (3) times in classes 11 and 12.

Due to the geographical location and climatic circumstances in Israel, there is a special exception to article 4.15 allowing the title of Junior Winner to be awarded to a cat which has won Best in Show three (3) times in classes 11 and 12.

Annex 10 – Group “C” Countries: deleted

Annex 11 – Obtaining titles and certificates according to FIFe Rules: deleted

TABLE – Exceptions to the Show Rules

Article	Country	Reason/ Valid until	Kms	Number of Cats	Classes 7 & 8	Classes 5 & 6	Classes 3 & 4
1.4.b	United Kingdom Norway Sweden	Quarantine	< 400				
1.8.h	Latin America Asia Iceland Patronage members			100			
	<i>Greece</i> <i>Cyprus</i>	31.12.2014					
Annex 3	Iceland Israel United Kingdom	Quarantine Location			5 x CACIB/ CAPIB 1 country 3 different judges	7 x CAGCIB/ CAGPIB 1 country 5 different judges	10 x CACS/ CAPS 1 country 7 different judges
	<i>Portugal</i>	31.12.2014					
Annex 4	Russia Belarus	31.12.2011			5 x CACIB/ CAPIB 1 country 3 different judges		
Annex 6	Latin America Asia	31.12.2014			3 x CACIB/ CAPIB 1 country 3 different judges	6 x CAGCIB/ CAGPIB 1 country 4 different judges	9 x CACS/ CAPS 1 country 5 different judges
Annex 9	Iceland Israel	Number of BIS titles	Title Junior Winner		Allow 3 x Best in Show in classes 11 and/or 12 to qualify for the title Junior Winner		

BEST IN VARIETY – Minimum possibilities

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3-6 = class 12