



The International Cat Association, Inc.

Show Rules

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Related Standing Rules

PREFACE

to By-Laws, Registration Rules, Show Rules, Standing Rules, Uniform Color Descriptions and Standards

The By-Laws take precedence over ALL other Rules, followed by the Registration Rules, Show Rules, Standing Rules, and Uniform Color Descriptions, in that order. The Registration Rules, Show Rules, Standing Rules, and Uniform Color Descriptions shall take precedence over any individual Breed Standard UNLESS that Standard is MORE restrictive than the general rules applying to ALL breeds, in which case the Standard shall take precedence.

SHOW RULES
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ARTICLE ONE - *Definitions*

- 21.1 ASSOCIATION - The International **Cat Association**, Inc., "**TICA**".
- 21.2 EXECUTIVE OFFICE - The office where all registrations, licenses, etc., are filed and all records maintained for TICA.
- 21.3 CAT - A domesticated feline, not less than 8 calendar months of age.
- 21.4 KITTEN - A domesticated feline, under 8 calendar months of age.
- 21.5 ALTER - A neutered male (self or otherwise) or spayed female cat.
- 21.6 RECOGNIZED BREED - Any of the recognized breeds of felines listed in rules.
- 21.7 BENCHED CAT - Cats, kittens, alters and household pets present and qualified for competition during an entire show.
- 21.8 REGISTERED CAT - Domesticated feline whose pedigree has been filed with Executive Office and who has been assigned a registration number.
- 21.9 REGISTRATION PENDING - For purposes of entry in shows. Registration mailed to Executive Office but not returned at time of entry in show.
- 21.10 RING - One or more designated areas comprising a show, where benched cats are judged. One judge is assigned per ring for official purposes.
- 21.11 SHOW - One or more rings, properly licensed as sanctioned by TICA.
- 21.12 ONE DAY SHOW - One or more rings, judged by one or more judges, in which each judge judges all assigned classes and completes all finals.
- 21.13 TWO OR MORE DAY SHOW - One or more rings, judged by one or more judges, who judge all assigned classes in any order, over a two or more day period.

21.14 BACK TO BACK SHOW - Two or more separate one day shows, sponsored by one or more clubs and judged by one or more judges, in which each judge judges all assigned classes and completes all finals each day.

21.15 SPLIT FORMAT SHOW - A show in which some of the judges judge part of the entries one day and the other entries the next day. This is considered a two or more day show. Exhibits may be entered for one or more days.

21.16 ALTERNATIVE FORMAT - A show in which more than one show is held on the same calendar day, subject to the rules set forth in the Standing Rules.

21.17 LESSOR - The owner of a cat who has leased it to another person and who has signed a written lease.

21.18 LESSEE - A person who has leased a cat from the owner of that cat and who has filed a written lease with the TICA Executive Office and is shown as Lessee in show catalogs, registrations, confirmations, etc.

21.19 BREEDER - Registered owner or lessee of dam at the time of breeding.

21.20 EXHIBITOR - Owner, lessee or agent of a cat entered for competition in a show.

21.21 APPROVED ALLBREED JUDGE - A judge who has completed all requirements of TICA and is licensed to judge all breeds recognized by this Association. Allbreed judges may judge allbreed shows, specialty shows and/or breed congresses.

21.22 PROVISIONAL ALLBREED JUDGE - A judge who is licensed to judge all breeds recognized by this Association and is still in training.

21.23 APPROVED SPECIALTY JUDGE - A judge who is licensed to judge longhair and/or shorthair specialty shows.

21.24 PROBATIONARY SPECIALTY JUDGE - A judge who is licensed to judge longhair and/or shorthair specialty shows and is still in training.

21.25 HOUSEHOLD PET JUDGE - Those judges licensed to judge only household pets.

21.26 INSTRUCTOR - Any licensed allbreed judge who has been licensed to teach and train other judges and trainees, and/or to conduct judging schools and/or breed seminars.

21.27 GENETICS INSTRUCTOR - A licensed judge or other professional person who is licensed to conduct genetics seminars.

21.28 TRAINEE - A member of this Association who has applied for and been accepted into the judging program and has successfully completed all examinations and requirements and is entitled to work in the judging rings with instructors.

21.29 JUDGES LIST - The official list of TICA judges and their status as published in the TICA TREND and yearbook.

21.30 NON-CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS-KITTEN - A kitten of a breed and color recognized by this Association for championship competition, not less than 4 months but less than 8 calendar months of age, the opening day of the show.

21.31 NON-CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS-ADVANCED NEW BREED - Any cat, kitten or alter that is registered in TICA and approved by the Board for Advanced New Breed Class competition.

21.32 NON-CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS - PRELIMINARY NEW BREED CLASS - Any cat, kitten or alter that is registered in TICA and approved by the Board for Preliminary New Breed Class competition.

21.33 NON-CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS - NEW TRAITS CLASS - Any cat, kitten or alter that is registered in TICA in a breed recognized for Championship, exhibiting a non-recognized trait or traits, such as a new color or coat length.

21.34 CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS - A male, female, neutered or spayed cat, the age of 8 calendar months or over on the opening day of the show, that is registered in TICA as a recognized breed and color in TICA.

21.35 NOVICE - A male, female, neutered or spayed cat that is registered or eligible for registration as a recognized breed and color in TICA, and which has not won 300 points and one final in TICA shows.

21.36 CHAMPION - A TICA registered male or female cat which has completed the requirements for this title as outlined in these rules and confirmation has been applied for.

21.37 GRAND CHAMPION - A TICA registered male or female cat which has completed the requirements for this title as outlined in these rules and confirmation has been applied for.

21.38 DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION - A TICA registered male or female cat which has completed the requirements for this title as outlined in these rules and confirmation has been applied for.

21.39 TRIPLE GRAND CHAMPION - A TICA registered male or female cat which has completed the requirements for this title as outlined in these rules and confirmation has been applied for.

21.40 QUADRUPLE GRAND CHAMPION - A TICA registered male or female cat which has completed the requirements for this title as outlined in these rules and confirmation has been applied for.

21.41 SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION - A TICA registered male or female cat which has completed the requirements for this title as outlined in these rules and confirmation has been applied or.

21.42 CHAMPION ALTER - A TICA registered neuter or spay cat which has completed the requirements for this title as outlined in these rules and confirmation has been applied for.

21.43 GRAND CHAMPION ALTER - A TICA registered neuter or spay cat which has completed the requirements for this title as outlined in these rules and confirmation has been applied for.

21.44 DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION ALTER - A TICA registered neuter or spay cat which has completed the requirements for this title as outlined in these rules and confirmation has been applied for.

21.45 TRIPLE GRAND CHAMPION ALTER - A TICA registered neuter or spay cat which has completed the requirements for this title as outlined in these rules and confirmation has been applied for.

21.46 QUADRUPLE GRAND CHAMPION ALTER - A TICA registered neuter or spay cat which has completed the requirements for this title as outlined in these rules and confirmation has been applied for.

21.47 SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION ALTER - A TICA registered neuter or spay cat which has completed the requirements for this title as outlined in these rules and confirmation has been applied or.

21.48 SENIOR - A neuter or spay household pet that is registered or eligible for registration as a household pet in TICA, and which has not won 300 points and one final in a TICA show.

21.49 MASTER - An altered household pet which is registered with TICA, has completed the requirements for this title and confirmation has been applied for.

21.50 GRAND MASTER - An altered household pet which is registered with TICA, has completed the requirements for this title and confirmation has been applied for.

21.51 DOUBLE GRAND MASTER - An altered household pet which is registered with TICA, has completed the requirements for this title and confirmation has been applied for.

21.52 TRIPLE GRAND MASTER - An altered household pet which is registered with TICA, has completed the requirements for this title and confirmation has been applied for.

21.53 QUADRUPLE GRAND MASTER - An altered household pet which is registered with TICA, has completed the requirements for this title and confirmation has been applied for.

21.54 SUPREME GRAND MASTER - An altered household pet which is registered with TICA, has completed the requirements for this title and confirmation has been applied for.

21.55 COLOR CLASS - Any of the various color/pattern classifications recognized for exhibition in TICA shows.

21.56 DIVISION - All colors and patterns assigned to one of the recognized pattern classifications.

21.57 CLASS CLOSED - A class (color, division, breed) shall be considered closed when the ribbons have been hung or the awards announced and/or recorded and the class has been released. Circumstances under which a class may or may not be reopened can be found in the Show Rules.

21.58 PENALTY - The deduction of a portion, or all, of the points allotted in the standard for failure of the exhibit to conform to the standard in one or more respects. There may be only one 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Best of Color in a color class. However, a judge is not required to hang all five color ribbons.

- 21.59 WITHHOLD AWARDS - The withholding of all awards from an otherwise eligible entry for lack of overall merit or conformation to the standard.
- 21.60 DISQUALIFY - The removal of any entry from competition for reasons set forth in these rules. This may be done by the show committee, a vet, the officiating judge or by the Executive Office.
- 21.61 BEST OF THE BEST AWARDS - Award given to the highest scoring cat, kitten, alter, household pet and/or household pet kitten. These awards are discretionary with the sponsoring clubs and no points are given for these honorary awards.
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- 201.60** *A club may calculate the Best of the Best Award based on the finals won, the total scores earned at the show, or some other method provided that the method is based on the performance of the cat at that show and that the method is set out in the show catalog.*
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- 21.62 MONORCHID - A male cat having only one descended testicle.
- 21.63 POLYDACTYL - A cat having more than five toes on the front foot or feet and more than four toes on the back foot or feet.
- 21.64 CRYPTORCHID - A male cat having no descended testicles.
- 21.65 SHOWS - Licensed by TICA may be sponsored by one or more clubs and may consist of one or more rings with any combination of allbreed and/or specialty rings using Top Five or Top Ten format or any combination thereof.
- 21.66 CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS - Shows wherein entries compete for awards to attain Champion (Alter), Grand Champion (Alter), etc. or Supreme Grand Champion (Alter) status.
- 21.67 NON-CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS - Shows wherein kittens or household pets and other categories approved by the Association compete for awards to attain Annual Regional and International awards, BUT MAY NOT BE BILLED OR ADVERTISED AS "CHAMPIONSHIP SHOWS."
- 21.68 ALLBREED SHOWS - Shows wherein all breeds of cats are eligible to compete for awards.
- 21.69 LONGHAIR/SHORTHAIK SPECIALTY SHOWS - Shows wherein all breeds of longhair or all breeds of shorthair cats are eligible to compete for awards.

21.70 BREED CONGRESSES - Shows wherein cats of the same breed compete for awards. No breed congress may be held unless there are at least 20 or more cats present and competing. The Top Ten format shall be used when 25 or more cats are present and competing. The Top 9 format requires a minimum of 24 cats competing. The Top 8 format requires a minimum of 23 competing. The Top 7 format requires a minimum of 22 competing. The Top 6 format requires a minimum of 21 competing. The Top Five format shall be used when 20 cats are present and competing.

21.71 HOUSEHOLD PET SHOWS - Shows wherein only household pet adults and kittens are eligible to compete for awards (a stand-alone show).

21.72 MULTIPLE BREED CONGRESSES - Multiple breeds of cats compete for awards, generally but not necessarily breeds of like conformation or type. No multiple breed congress may be held unless there are at least 20 or more cats present and competing. The Top Ten format shall be used when 25 or more cats are present and competing. The Top 9 format requires a minimum of 24 competing. The Top 8 format requires a minimum of 23 competing. The Top 7 format requires a minimum of 22 competing. The Top 6 format requires a minimum of 21 competing. The Top 5 format requires a minimum of 20 competing.

21.73 BREED/MULTI-BREED CONGRESS FORMATS - If 25 cats are present excluding those in the breed or multi-breed congress the club may choose to have a different judge do the breed/multi-breed congress; or have the same judge do the breed/multi-breed congress separately and then rejudge the cats participating in the breed/multi-breed congress with the rest of the entries; or have the same judge do the breed/multi-breed congress and then do the remaining cats as a separate congress. If 25 entries are not present, excluding those in the breed or multi-breed congress, the club must have a different judge do the breed/multi-breed congress; or have the same judge do the breed/multi-breed congress separately and rejudge the cats participating in the breed/multi-breed congress with the rest of the entries.

21.73.1 Congresses which include breeds of cats of a single coat length (i.e. longhair or shorthair) shall be judged as SPECIALTY rings. Congresses which include breeds of cats of both coat lengths (i.e. longhair and shorthair) shall be judged as ALLBREED rings.

21.74 Any reference to the term "CAT" shall mean cat, kitten, alter, household pet, household pet kitten, Preliminary New Breed, Advanced New Breed, or New Traits Class where applicable unless otherwise noted or defined in these rules.

ARTICLE TWO - Shows

22.1 Any chartered TICA club in good standing may sponsor a show.

22.1.1 A show shall be limited to the exhibition and/or judging of felines. A TICA show may be held in conjunction with a sanctioned show, governed by an established, nationally known species or breed organization (i.e., The American Kennel Club). The sanctioning organization must cooperate by licensing the prospective show, approving of the format in conjunction with TICA and providing licensed judges.

22.1.1.1 A TICA club may elect to hold a TICA cat show in conjunction with another such organization under the above conditions, provided this information is included in all publicity and flyers pertaining to the show.

22.1.2 Show Dates. When a club desires a show date from the Regional Director, they may request that date in writing. After 30 days, there being no response from the Regional Director, the club may proceed with the show date, scheduling it through the Executive Office by providing the Executive Office with a copy of the written request.

22.1.2.1 The Regional Director may not deny a club a specific show date unless there is a previously scheduled TICA show in the region on the requested weekend. The first club that requests a show date is authorized to have the show.

22.2 Format. The sponsoring club shall determine the format of the show. The show may be 1 day , 2 days, or more, or a back-to-back show format, and must be advertised as such on all materials promoting the show.

22.2.1 A back-to-back show is two or more shows, held on consecutive days. For scoring purposes, each day is considered a different show. With the following exceptions:

22.2.1.1 If May 1 is a Sunday in any given year, all shows on any day in that same weekend shall be scored in the show year ending April 30 of that year.

22.2.1.2 If May 1 is a Saturday in any given year, all shows on any day in that same weekend, including shows held on Friday, shall be scored in the show year beginning May 1 of that year.

22.2.2 An Alternative Format show is a show in which two separate shows are held consecutively, but in the same calendar day. Each show shall be scored as a separate show.

22.2.2.1 A club located in an Isolated Area may sponsor an Alternative Format Show any time.

22.2.2.2 A club not located in an Isolated Area may sponsor an Alternative Format show only with the advance permission of the Regional Director.

202.2 *Maximum number of times any single cat may be judged on any show weekend is as follows:*

202.2.1 *One-Day Alternative Format shows may have up to five rings in the morning and five in the afternoon for a weekend maximum total of 10 rings including Congresses. A 1-day alternative format show may not be combined with any other format.*

202.2.2 *Two-Day Alternative Format shows may have four rings in the morning and four rings in the afternoon for a daily total of eight rings and a weekend total of sixteen rings including Congresses. Two-day alternative format shows may not be combined with any other format.*

202.2.2.1 *In non-isolated areas a judge may not judge more than two Alternative Format shows on the same weekend, except in cases of emergency whereby a contracted judge has canceled and a new (i.e. different) judge cannot be contracted.*

202.2.3 *At Back-to-Back Shows or Split Format (2-Day) Shows any single cat may be judged not more than eight times per day, including any Congresses. The maximum number of times a cat may be judged in a show weekend is twenty.*

202.2.4 *Examples of allowable ring combinations are:*

202.2.4.1 *Four rings on Friday with eight on Saturday and eight on Sunday – Each cat judged 20 times but not more than eight times per day.*

202.2.4.2 *Six rings on Friday with seven on Saturday and seven on Sunday – Each cat judged 20 times but not more than eight times per day.*

202.2.4.3 *Eight rings on Saturday and eight on Sunday – Each day has the maximum of eight times so the total for the weekend can only be sixteen.*

202.2.4.4 *Four rings on Friday, seven rings on Saturday plus a Senior Congress and a Junior Congress, and seven rings on Sunday plus a Male Congress and a Female Congress. The congresses are on different days and any single cat will only be in one congress per day thus will only be judged a maximum of eight times per day and twenty times that weekend.*

202.2.5 *Shows in non-isolated areas that have been advertised as back-to-back, 2-day or split format, may not change to Alternative Format.*

22.3 Entries.

202.3 The maximum number of times a judge may judge any single cat on a show weekend is as follows:

202.3.1 Two times in 1 day.

202.3.2 Three times in 2 days.

202.3.3 Four times in 3 days.

22.3.1 The maximum number of entries a club may accept is limited as follows:

22.3.1.1 Alternative Format - 125 entries. (See Show Rule 21.16.)

22.3.1.2 Back-to-Back Format - 250 entries. (See Show Rule 21.14.)

22.3.1.3 Split Format (2-day Show) - 500 entries. (See Show Rule 21.15 and Show Rule 216.4.)

22.4 Show Licenses.

22.4.1 A show shall not be held under the auspices of this association, nor shall the cats entered in that show be awarded any regional, international and/or title points, unless the show has been issued a show license at least 30 days prior to the first date of the show.

22.4.2 A show license shall be issued upon the following requirements having been met:

22.4.2.1 A completed show application has been submitted, listing the total number of rings, type of rings (AB, SP, HHP and/or congress);

22.4.2.2 The club applying for the show license is in good standing;

22.4.2.3 The application is accompanied by the insurance fee, or that fee has been waived.

202.4.2 Show Licenses. Licenses are issued upon payment of license fees provided any Guest Judges have been approved, club charter renewal fees have been paid and a current list of club officers names and addresses has been provided to the Executive Office. Once applied for, no changes may be made to the number and type of rings without 1 week's written notice to the Executive Office. The time limit on the exemption from license fees for newly chartered clubs is 1 year.

202.4.2.1 Show Supplies. Show supplies shall be sent upon receipt of license application in the Executive Office in accordance with 22.4.2. Show supplies shall include one copy of the current Show Rules and By-Laws, including supplements and updates.

22.4.3 All fees must be paid to Executive Office at least 30 days prior to the opening day of the show unless other arrangements have been made in writing with the Executive Office.

202.4.3 *Show License Fees*

202.4.3.1 *\$15 per Allbreed Ring*

202.4.3.2 *\$15 per Specialty Ring (LH/SH)*

202.4.3.3 *\$10 Breed specialty or Household Pet ring (must be at least 20 entries present and competing per Show rules 21.69, 21.71 and 21.72)*

202.4.3.4 *\$10 per Allbreed Household Pet Ring (Stand Alone Show)*

202.4.3.5 *\$5 per Specialty Household Pet Ring (Stand Alone Show)*

202.4.3.6 *The club is required to pay these fees.*

202.4.4 *Late Show License Application. The Executive Office shall charge a \$25 late Application for Show License Fee to any club that does not have the proper paperwork in hands of the Executive Office staff 60 days prior to the show.*

22.4.4 Show licenses issued to clubs employing a show production company must be issued jointly to the club and the show production company.

22.5 TICA ANNUAL AWARDS shall be established by the Board of Directors of TICA. All clubs sponsoring TICA licensed shows shall pay the Annual Award fee.

202.5 *Annual Awards Fees.*

202.5.1 *Fees per Ring.*

202.5.1.1 *\$20 per Allbreed Ring.*

202.5.1.2 *\$20 per Specialty Ring (LH/SH).*

202.5.1.3 *\$10 per Breed Specialty or Household Pet Ring (must be at least 20 entries present and competing per Show Rules 21.68 and 21.69).*

202.5.1.4 *\$10 per Allbreed Household Pet Ring (Stand Alone Show).*

202.5.1.5 *\$5 per Specialty Household Pet Ring (Stand Alone Show).*

202.5.1.6 *The club is required to pay these fees.*

22.6 Insurance.

22.6.1 Liability insurance shall be procured by the Association. Each club submitting an application for a show license will be required to purchase a pro rata share for this liability insurance coverage.

22.6.1.1 Exception shall be made for clubs holding shows in areas outside the TICA liability coverage area or where local laws require other insurance coverage. All such liability coverage must name TICA as an additional insured and meet TICA liability insurance requirements.

22.6.1.2 A Certificate of Insurance must be provided to TICA no later than 30 days prior to the start of the show.

202.6.1 *Insurance. An individual participating club's share of the liability insurance fees will be based on the premium, prorated on the number of clubs which applied for a show license and insurance the previous show calendar year. Insurance covering the Club and the Association will be included in the application fee and will be in addition to coverage obtained by a show production company, if any.*

202.6.2 *Insurance coverage for the judges shall be secured at the expense of the association.*

ARTICLE THREE - *Eligibility for Entry*

23.1 Any cat or kitten of sound health, 4 calendar months of age or older on the opening day of the show, is eligible for competition in TICA-sanctioned events, subject to any exceptions stated in these Rules.

203.1 Any change in the Standing Rules which will affect the way a cat may be shown will become effective May 1st of ensuing year.

23.1.1 Cats or kittens registered in TICA or eligible for registration and eligible for competition shall be entered in the appropriate competitive classification.

203.1.1 ALL Preliminary New Breeds (PNB) and Advanced New Breeds (ANB) must have a TICA registration number prior to entry in any TICA show. No Preliminary New Breed or Advanced New Breed may enter a show with a "registration pending".

23.1.2 An altered kitten is eligible for entry in any TICA show. An altered household pet kitten can be entered in the household pet kitten classes.

23.1.3 A cryptorchid is eligible for competition ONLY in the alter classes.

23.2 When an officiating judge is the breeder of a cat or kitten, such cat or kitten is not eligible in that ring for competition. Awards shall be forfeited for violation of the Rule.

23.2.1 Any cat or kitten bred by an officiating judge, or having been in the judge's possession within the previous 6 months' period, may be "Presented Only" in that ring. The cat or kitten is not eligible for awards in this ring in compliance with Show Rules 23.2, 215.2, and 215.4, but will be included in the official ring count to determine number of entries present and competing.

23.3 Cats erroneously registered and/or entered in an incorrect class may be transferred to the correct class and re-registered at the option of the owner.

23.3.1 The color class in which a cat is shown should be determined by the phenotype (physical appearance) of the cat. This may or may not be the same as the genotype-based color recorded on the registration certificate.

23.3.1.1 A cat may be transferred from one color class to another at any time without loss of previously earned points or awards.

203.3.1 For purposes of scoring, the Executive Office shall be notified in writing whenever a cat is shown in a different color class from the genotype-based color recorded on the registration certificate, (for example a cat is registered as a self (solid) red but is shown as a red spotted tabby, etc.).

23.4 Cats or kittens obviously pregnant are ineligible for competition.

23.5 A cat not having all physical properties, such as eyes, ears, legs, tail (except as specified in breed standards), are ineligible for entry except in the alter classes or household pet classes.

23.6 The show committee, at its discretion, may refuse to accept any entry for the following reasons:

23.6.1 Maximum entries received.

23.6.2 Show date is during 21-day prohibitive period.

23.6.2.1 Any cat or kitten from a house or cattery where there has been fungus or any infectious or contagious illness within 21 days prior to the opening date of the show is ineligible for entry and/or exhibition.

23.6.3 Exhibitor's name is on club or TICA Temporary or Permanent Suspension List.

23.6.4 A formal protest alleging a violation of Show Rules and/or By-Laws has been lodged, and the protest has been upheld by the Board of Directors.

23.6.5 Prior conduct of the entry and/or exhibitor is detrimental to the best interest of the association or the welfare of cats or the club and/or its show.

23.6.6 The entry is prohibited by law.

23.6.7 The last entry day is past. The last entry day is the last day and time that entries are accepted, notwithstanding any advertised "closing date". The show committee shall accept entries in the order received, however, may give preference to entries accompanied by payment.

23.6.7.1 In the event that a show committee has declined any entry pursuant to 23.6.7, no further entries may be accepted for any reason whatsoever.

23.7 Household pets must be registered with TICA and judged by properly licensed judges in order to earn TICA titles and compete for Annual Awards.

23.7.1 Household pets must be altered in order to be registered and/or shown in TICA.

23.7.2 All TICA registered championship class cats if shown as Household Pets, must be re-registered as Household Pets.

23.8 The show committee may permit cats or kittens 3 months of age or older to be entered for exhibition or sale.

23.8.1 No kitten under the age of 3 calendar months is permitted in the show hall under any circumstance.

23.8.2 The show committee, at its discretion, may require a TICA litter registration as proof of age for kittens under the age of 4 months of age entered as Exhibition or For Sale.

23.8.3 Exhibitors desiring to sell cats or kittens at the show may declare on the entry blanks the price asked for each entry. This price will be printed in the catalog and must not be increased during the show. The show management may charge a fee on cats or kittens entered for sale in the show.

23.9 NON-DOMESTIC HYBRIDS - Cats which have a non-domestic ancestor as a parent, grandparent or great grandparent are not eligible for competition in Kitten, Championship, Alter, HHP, HHP Kitten Class or New Trait Classes; such cats may be shown in the Preliminary New Breed or Advanced New Breed classes ONLY if approved by the Board of Directors.

203.9 Non-Domestic Hybrids.

203.9.1 *In the event that any cat, in any class, contains a Theoretical Wild Gene percentage (TWiG) of greater than 25 percent, it shall be the obligation of the exhibitor to disclose the TWiG of that cat and obtain the informed consent of the judge to handle the cat. The appropriate form must be completed and presented to each judge prior to that cat being handled by the judge. A judge may agree to handle the cat, or choose to allow the owner or agent to handle the cat.*

203.9.1.1 *By entering a cat with a TWiG of greater than 25 percent in a TICA show, the exhibitor of that cat specifically agrees to indemnify and hold TICA and the hosting club and show committee harmless from any damages that results from the entry of that cat in a TICA show.*

203.9.1.2 *It is the responsibility of each exhibitor of a cat with any wild genes to ascertain the TWiG of that cat. Irrespective of the TWiG of the cat, if any TWiG is present and if an exhibitor fails to either ascertain the TWiG of a cat, or disclose the TWiG as required, the exhibitor shall indemnify and hold TICA and the hosting club and show committee harmless from any damages that result from the entry of that cat in a TICA show in addition to any other actions that may be taken pursuant to these rules.*

203.9.1.3 *The TWiG of a cat is calculated by adding the TWiG of the sire and the dam of a cat, a domestic cat having a TWiG of zero percent and wildcat having a TWiG of 100 percent, and dividing the total by two.*

203.9.1.4 *The following breeds with a non-domestic ancestor no closer in relation than a great-grandparent may be shown in the Preliminary New Breed and Advanced New Breed classes:*

203.9.1.4.1 *Chausie*

203.9.1.4.2 *Savannah*

ARTICLE FOUR - *Entry Procedures*

24.1 Any person entering a cat or kitten in a TICA sponsored show shall agree to abide by and uphold the Rules of this Association.

24.2 Upon entering a cat or kitten in any TICA show, the registered owner is responsible for furnishing the correct information, including, but not limited to, registered name, registration number, birthdate, age on the opening date of the show, and the proper competitive classification.

24.2.1 Cats entered in any show shall remain in the same status as entered in all rings even though they have qualified for another status during the show.

24.2.2 In the event that any feline has been transferred or leased after entry in a show, the show committee must be notified upon filing the transfer documents with the Executive Office of TICA. The records in the Executive Office of TICA are conclusive.

24.2.2.1 Leased cats or kittens must be entered showing the owner's name and the lessee's name.

24.3 Each entry shall be accompanied by the published fee. No entry fee or related charges will be returned except for failure on the part of the sponsoring club to hold a "Vetted" show as advertised, or if there is a change in the advertised judges, date, location and/or format of the show as set forth in Show Rule 24.3.1. In such cases, the club shall refund the total amount if requested by the Exhibitor.

204.3 At the option of the club, each entry may include a nominal fee to help defray the cost of expenses of the Regional Director. Said fee, to be determined by the club, shall not exceed \$1 per entry.

204.3.1 The club shall account for and remit such fees to the regional fund.

24.3.1 A sponsoring club must, at least 10 days prior to the advertised closing date of a show, announce and make known to any exhibitor who inquires, who the contracted and confirmed judges are. Any exhibitor who has previously entered the show shall be notified of any change in judges and may withdraw his entries and have entry and related fees returned if requested before the advertised closing date of the show.

24.3.2 The total amount of fees shall be refunded to all exhibitors in case any show is canceled.

24.4 If an exhibitor fails to pay any entry fee or other show related debt or if a check in payment of said fees or debts is returned, the club shall notify the exhibitor. If payment is not made within 10 days, the show management may notify the Executive Office and the Regional Director and no confirmation or registration of any cat or kitten owned by the exhibitor shall be issued until the debt is satisfied.

24.4.1 No wins or points acquired by any cat or kitten owned by the exhibitor during the period of indebtedness shall be counted.

24.4.2 No cat or kitten owned by an exhibitor who fails to resolve any such debt within 30 days after the end of the show season is eligible for regional, national or international awards.

ARTICLE FIVE - *Vetted and Non-Vetted Shows*

25.1 The show committee or club has the option of sponsoring a "Vetted Show" or a "Non-Vetted Show."

25.1.1 Show flyers shall indicate whether a show is "Vetted" or "Non-Vetted".

25.2 Vetted Shows. A licensed practicing veterinarian acting for the club must examine each cat or kitten including household pets and entries for sale or exhibition prior to benching and shall disqualify any cat that shows evidence of fungus, fleas, ear mites, or any infectious or contagious illness.

205.2 Vetted Shows

205.2.1 The owner or the agent of each cat inspected and considered to be in good health by the veterinarian shall be issued a card or other document to that effect and the cat shall be benched.

205.2.2 The show veterinarian has the authority to order the immediate removal of any sick cat from the show.

205.2.3 In the event the veterinarian is unable to officiate or does not appear at the designated time for benching inspection and a substitute veterinarian cannot be engaged to perform the benching inspection, the show shall be declared a non-vetted show.

25.3 Non-Vetted Shows. Any exhibitor, judge or show committee member suspecting any cat of having fungus, fleas, ear mites or any infectious or contagious illness may report same to the show manager.

205.3 Non-Vetted Shows. *If a cat is suspect under Show Rules 25.3, it is the duty of the show manager to have the cat in question immediately removed from the show hall until a veterinarian confirms and/or diagnoses the suspected illness OR certifies that the cat is free from contagious or infectious illness.*

205.3.1 *It shall be the responsibility of the owner or agent of the suspected entry to obtain a veterinarian's services immediately upon removal from the show hall; the show committee shall have the right to select the veterinarian or provide a list of veterinary references.*

205.3.2 *If illness is confirmed, the cat shall be disqualified.*

205.3.2.1 *If the cat is diagnosed as having a contagious or infectious illness, all charges for veterinarian services shall be paid by the owner or agent of the entry.*

205.3.2.2 *In case of disqualification by a veterinarian, all other entries from the same house or cattery and all cats for whom such exhibitor is agent shall be automatically disqualified and removed from the show hall; however, all awards shall be retained.*

205.3.2.3 *If an agented cat is disqualified, the agent's own cats shall be disqualified.*

205.3.3 *Should the cat be certified free of any illness, it shall be returned to the show hall for competition*

205.3.3.1 *If the cat is certified free from contagious or infectious illness, all charges for veterinarian services shall be paid by the complaining party.*

205.3.4 *Awards received prior to either decision will remain in effect.*

205.3.4.1 *In the event a disqualified cat is subsequently selected for a final award based on the decision of a judge, the show manager has the authority to officially excuse the entry from being presented in order to receive the award.*

205.3.5 *In no event is the club or show management required to refund entry fees.*

25.4 All Shows. These Show Rules must be presented to the veterinarian prior to his/her inspection of the entries.

25.4.1 The decision of the veterinarian acting within the jurisdiction of these Rules is final and binding.

25.4.2 The same requirements as to health shall apply to any cat in the show hall as to those in competition.

ARTICLE SIX - *Benching Procedures*

26.1 The show management shall have the option of assigning benching cages for all entries. When this option is exercised, all entries of a particular exhibitor shall be benched together.

26.1.1 No change in benching arrangements shall be made without the permission of the show management.

26.1.2 No more than two kittens or one cat may be benched in a single cage, whether entered for competition, exhibition or for sale.

26.2 Each show committee shall make reasonable efforts to bench disabled exhibitors in such a way as to allow those exhibitors unobstructed access to the benching area and to the rings. The show management may not charge additional fees for disabled benching.

26.2.1 Disabled exhibitors must request disabled benching in writing by the show's published closing date.

ARTICLE SEVEN - *Requirements for Titles*

27.1 CHAMPION/CHAMPION ALTER/MASTER: An eligible male or female cat registered in TICA shall be entitled to the prefix "CHAMPION", an eligible neuter or spay cat registered in TICA shall be entitled to the prefix "CHAMPION ALTER", and an eligible TICA registered household pet shall be entitled to the prefix "MASTER" when it has won a minimum of 300 points under no less than 4 different judges and acquired a minimum of 1 final. However, in such isolated areas as defined in Standing Rules 1012.3, cats will be entitled to Champion, Champion Alter or Master status by being awarded no less than 150 points under no less than 2 different judges, and acquired a minimum of 1 final.

27.2 GRAND CHAMPION/GRAND CHAMPION ALTER/GRAND MASTER: An eligible male or female cat registered in TICA shall be entitled to the prefix "GRAND CHAMPION", an eligible neuter or spay cat registered in TICA shall be entitled to the prefix "GRAND CHAMPION ALTER", and an eligible, TICA registered household pet shall be entitled to the prefix "GRAND MASTER" when it has won a minimum of 1,000 points, and acquired a minimum of 6 finals, three of which are within the Top 5 Cats in a specialty ring or Top 10 Cats in an allbreed ring. However, in such isolated areas as defined in Standing Rules 1012.3, cats will be entitled to Grand Champion, Grand Champion Alter or Grand Master status by being awarded no less than 500 points, and acquired a minimum of 3 final awards, one of which is within the Top 5 Cats in a specialty ring or Top 10 cats in an allbreed ring.

27.3 DOUBLE GRAND, TRIPLE GRAND AND QUADRUPLE GRAND CHAMPIONS/ALTERS/MASTERS: An eligible male or female cat registered in TICA may qualify for the Grand Champion, an eligible neuter or spay cat registered in TICA shall be entitled to the prefix Grand Champion Alter, and an eligible, TICA registered household pet may qualify for the Grand Master categories above by winning a total of not less than 1,000 points for each additional title, with at least one additional award being within the Top 5 Cats in a specialty ring or Top 10 Cats in an allbreed ring. However, in such isolated areas as defined in Standing Rules 1012.3, cats will be entitled to each additional title by earning 500 points with at least one additional award being within the Top 5 Cats in a specialty ring or Top 10 Cats in an allbreed ring.

27.4 SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION/SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION ALTER/SUPREME GRAND MASTER: An eligible male or female cat registered in TICA, an eligible neuter or spay cat registered in TICA, and an eligible, TICA registered household pet, after attaining the title of Quadruple Grand Champion, Quadruple Grand Champion Alter or Quadruple Grand Master respectively, shall be entitled to the prefix "SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION", "SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION ALTER", or "SUPREME GRAND MASTER" by winning an additional 2,000 points with at least one additional award being Best Cat of either format. However, in such isolated areas as defined in Standing Rules 1012.3, cats are entitled to the title "Supreme Grand Champion", "Supreme Grand Champion Alter", or "Supreme Grand Master" by earning 1,000 points with at least one additional award being Best Cat of either format.

27.5 When the required points and awards have been accumulated for each of the above categories, the owner is responsible for making application to TICA for confirmation of such title.

27.6 Alters begin competition in the Alter class in the status held at the time of altering; titles earned as an unaltered cat are retained. After altering, alter titles are to be applied for, however, it will be the decision of the owner of the cat as to the next title to be applied for; an altered cat may hold titles and certificates for all titles prior to altering and may either apply for the next title in line as an alter or begin again as CHA, i.e, if the cat is a TGC, the owner may apply for a CHA title or a QGCA title.

207.1 TICA Titles.

Championship

Champion (CH)

Champion Alter (CHA)

Grand Champion (GRC)

Grand Champion Alter (GCA)

Double Grand Champion (DGC)

DGC Alter (DGCA)

Triple Grand Champion (TGC)

TGC Alter (TGCA)

Quadruple Grand Champion (QGC) QGC Alter (QGCA)

Supreme Grand Champion (SGC) SGC Alter (SGCA)

207.1 TICA Titles.

Household Pet

Master (MS)

Grand Master (GRM)

Double Grand Master (DGM)

Triple Grand Master (TGM)

Quadruple Grand Master (QGM)

Supreme Grand Master (SGM)

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207.1.1 *Requirements for Titles. All points earned are cumulative. After earning the points required for one title, any remaining points apply to the next title.*

207.1.1.1

<u>Champion</u>	<u>HHP</u>	<u>Requirements for Titles</u>
CH	CHA MS	300 points from 4 different judges, plus one final
GRC	GCA GRM	1000 points with 6 finals, 3 in Top 5 SP or Top 10 AB
DGC	DGCA DGM	2000 points plus 1 final in top 5 SP or Top 10 AB
TGC	TGCA TGM	3000 points plus 1 final in Top 5 SP or Top 10 AB
QGC	QGCA QGM	4000 points plus 1 final in Top 5 SP or Top 10 AB
SGC	SGCA SGM	6000 points plus 1 Best Cat as a QGC/QGCA/QGM

207.1.1.2

Isolated Areas:

<u>Champion</u>	<u>HHP</u>	<u>Requirements for Titles</u>
CH	CHA MS	150 points from 2 different judges, plus one final
GRC	GCA GRM	500 points with 3 finals, 1 in Top 5 SP or Top 10 AB
DGC	DGCA DGM	1000 points plus 1 final in Top 5 SP or Top 10 AB
TGC	TGCA TGM	1500 points plus 1 final in Top 5 SP or Top 10 AB
QGC	QGCA QGM	2000 points plus 1 final in Top 5 SP or Top 10 AB
SGC	SGCA SGM	3000 points plus 1 Best Cat as a QGC/QGCA/QGM

207.1.1.3 *More than one title can be earned in a single show (subject to later confirmation by the Executive Office), except that the Best Cat/Alter/HHP Final for a SGC/SGA/SGM MUST be earned at a later show than the show at which the title of QGC/QGA/QGM is earned.*

27.8 Congresses which include breeds of cats of a single coat length (i.e. longhair or shorthair) shall be judged as SPECIALTY rings. Congresses which include breeds of cats of both coat lengths (i.e. longhair and shorthair) shall be judged as ALLBREED rings.

ARTICLE EIGHT - *Violations*

28.1 Show protests may be filed pursuant to the By-Laws, ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO, 122.1 and 122.2.

ARTICLE NINE - Responsibilities of Show Management

29.1 Show Committee.

29.1.1 A show committee should be appointed consisting of at least five members who are thoroughly familiar with show rules and show management.

29.1.1.1 The show manager and all other officials, except judges, shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the show committee, assume responsibilities assigned to them and perform such duties.

29.1.1.2 The show management shall take all reasonable care of cats, carriers and other personal property of exhibitors, but it is expressly stipulated that neither the show management nor any member of the club nor the club sponsoring the show can be held pecuniarily liable for the loss of or accident to the cats, carriers or other personal property of any exhibitor.

29.1.1.3 The show management shall provide a Red Cross Approved First Aid Kit to include several pairs of surgical gloves and a CPR guard at the announcer's stand or at the front gate.

29.1.1.4 The show committee shall forward marked catalogs as listed in the Standing Rules.

209.1.1.4 Marked Catalogs. *The show committee is required to forward (via first class mail or better) one completely marked catalog to the Executive Office of TICA, the regional reporters and the appropriate regional director within 48 hours after the close of the show. As an alternative to mailing, clubs are encouraged to submit a copy of the marked catalog via email in an electronic format known to be readable by the Executive Office, within 72 hours after the close of the show. The show committee is required to forward one completely marked catalog to the judging administrator, to each judge, the master clerk and to any person who ordered a marked catalog NO LATER THAN 7 DAYS AFTER THE SHOW. The show committee shall also send a catalog marked with the finals page(s) and the appropriate breed awards to each certified ring clerk within 7 days after the show.*

209.1.1.4.1 Exhibitor's List. *A complete Exhibitor's List with addresses must be sent with the Marked Catalog to the Regional Director, the Judging Administrator, the Judges and the Executive Office.*

209.1.1.4.2 The Uniform Finals Sheets provided by the Executive Office in the show *supplies MUST be used in the marked catalogs sent to the Executive Office. Failure to submit the marked Uniform Finals Sheets with the marked catalogs will result in a fine of \$25 as directed by the Board of Directors.*

209.1.1.4.2.1 Uniform Finals Sheets. *Uniform finals sheets are available from the Executive Office.*

29.1.1.5 The show management shall not permit caging to be dismantled during advertised show hours.

29.1.1.6 The show committee shall publish a show flyer for the show using the guidelines as established by the Board of Directors.

209.1.1.6 *Show Flyers. Show flyers **MUST** be sent to the local regional director, the Executive Office, and the contracted judges at the time the show license application is submitted. Failure to send a flyer with the application will result in a \$25 fine.*

209.1.1.6.1 *Show Flyers **MUST** include the following information:*

<i>TICA logo</i>	<i>For Sale Cats/Kittens Size of benching cages</i>
<i>Name of host club</i>	<i>Cage coverings required</i>
<i>Date(s) of show</i>	<i>Dimensions of grooming space</i>
<i>Names of judges & assignments (AB/SP)</i>	<i>Special benching (i.e. European, by breed, etc.)</i>
<i>Show Hall (Address, Emergency Telephone #, if available)</i>	<i>Health Requirements</i>
<i>Show Hotel (Address and Phone#)</i>	<i>Special state regulations requiring health certificates or rabies shots</i>
<i>Show Manager(s)</i>	<i>Advisement of inoculation of cats/kittens prior to entry</i>
<i>Entry Clerk</i>	<i>Specific Climate Control (heating/ac, fans, etc.)</i>
<i>Vendor Contact</i>	<i>Handicapped Accessibility, including limitations</i>
<i>Entry Fees</i>	<i>Airports</i>
<i>Other Fees</i>	<i>Transportation</i>
<i>Closing Dates (early bird, tardy turtle, etc.)</i>	<i>Airport to Hotel</i>
<i>Entry Limits</i>	<i>Hotel to Show Hall</i>
<i>Check-In Times</i>	<i>Limitation of outside food in show hall</i>
<i>Online Flyer info</i>	<i>Supplies provided (litter, cat food, etc.)</i>
<i>Payment Information (Check, PayPal, Credit Cards, etc.)</i>	<i>Liability Statement</i>
<i>Check Payment - Payable to whom, Sent to whom</i>	<i>Show Rules Statement</i>
<i>Online Flyer Payment deadline</i>	<i>Where to get Show Rules</i>
<i>Returned Check Fees</i>	<i>Benching Requests</i>
<i>OFFICIAL TICA Entry Form</i>	<i>Clerking Requests</i>
<i>Vetted or Non-Vetted Show</i>	<i>ALL claws of all entries must be clipped</i>
<i>For Sale Cages</i>	

209.1.1.6.2 *Show flyers **should** include the following whenever possible:*

Driving directions to show hall/show hotel; Airlines serving area; Donations i.e., Club, Region, TIFF, Other; Seminars or Schools, if any; Special Dinners, if any.

29.1.1.6.1 All advertising, promotion or information that is disseminated to the public regarding a TICA show shall include the name of the club putting on the show and the TICA name and/or logo. In no event shall the name of any public relations firm, production company, show management company, professional show manager or any other entity be displayed in larger type nor more prominently than the name of the club and the TICA name and/or logo.

29.1.1.7 The show committee shall provide a Master Clerk and Ring Clerks for the show.

29.1.1.7.1 Clerks shall be compensated as set forth in the Standing Rules 501.

501.6 All head ring and master clerks holding **current** clerking licenses shall be compensated as directed by the Board of Directors of this Association.

501.6.1 Master Clerk - a minimum of \$15 or one free entry per day, lunch, and a fully marked catalog.

501.6.2 Head Ring Clerk - a minimum of \$10 or one free entry per day, lunch, and a catalog marked with finals and clerk's breed(s).

501.7 Preference should be given to TICA licensed clerks whenever possible.

29.2 Entries.

209.2 All entries must be on the official TICA Entry Form.

29.2.1 Entries, regardless of class, shall be accepted as received by the entry clerk, and no class shall be discriminated against by limiting the number of entries in that class in any show.

29.2.2 The entry clerk shall acknowledge receipt of all entries within 10 days of receipt.

29.2.3 Under no circumstances may the show management accept entries not printed in the catalog. This does not apply to entries accepted prior to the printing of the catalog which have been inadvertently omitted from the catalog by show management.

29.2.3.1 No substitute cats or kittens can be accepted in place of the original entry printed in the catalog.

29.3 Judges.

209.3 Each judge shall be assigned a ring clerk.

29.3.1 A judge may not be required to judge more than the number of cats specified in ARTICLE SIXTEEN of the Show Rules (216.3) in any single calendar day, even if judging more than one Alternative Format show.

29.3.2 No club may contract any judge to judge any cat or cats more than twice in 1 day, three times in 2 days or four times in 3 days, including congresses except in cases of emergency whereby a contracted judge has canceled, and a new (i.e. different) judge cannot be contracted. (See Show Rule 29.3.1.)

29.3.3 The same judge may judge each Alternative Format show, even though that show is in the same calendar day as a show already judged by that judge.

29.3.4 In non-isolated areas a judge may not judge more than two Alternative Format shows on the same weekend, except in cases of emergency whereby a contracted judge has canceled and a new (i.e. different) judge cannot be contracted. (See 22.3.)

29.3.5 In the absence of a contracted judge, the show committee may appoint a substitute. In such cases, an exhibitor may decline to allow his entries to compete, but may not remove them from the show hall for this reason. The entry is merely "withdrawn" from that particular ring and the judge's book will so indicate; however, the entry is eligible for competition in all other rings.

29.3.5.1 When the advertised judge is unable to officiate, wins made under the substitute judge will be considered as having been earned under a "different judge" upon counting final awards for Grand Championships.

29.4 Judging Rings.

29.4.1 Judging shall be done in a specially arranged area or "ring" separate and apart from the benching area and cages.

29.4.1.1 Separate "rings" shall be provided by the show management for each judge. This includes household pet rings and congresses.

29.4.2 No judging cage may be placed so that a cat in one ring can see out the back of its cage into another cage in the ring immediately behind it.

29.4.3 Judging tables must rest firmly on the floor and if necessary a stand provided for placement on top of the table.

209.4.3 Cages. *Cages in judging rings must be placed on tables or other solid support. Collapsible trestles are not acceptable.*

209.4.3.1 Whenever possible, the tables on which the judging cages are placed shall have leg extenders to raise the height of the tables to between 34 and 38 inches (89 and 97 centimeters) from the floor.

29.4.4 Proper lighting is an essential part of any show. Therefore, daylight hours shall be utilized whenever possible. Adjustable flood/spotlights shall be available in the judging area if required.

29.4.5 Adult male or neutered cats shall not be benched in adjoining cages in the judging ring.

29.4.6 When two or more rings constitute a show at the same time, date and location, a pre-arranged schedule shall be furnished by the show management. Judging in each ring shall commence at approximately the same time. The schedule shall be so arranged as to permit different breeds and/or color classes to be judged preventing conflict in the judging order for each ring.

29.4.6.1 The order of judging breeds or colors of breeds shall be decided and/or changed at the discretion of the show management only to allow a smooth-running show.

29.4.7 Final numbers shall not be announced over the public address system.

209.4.7.1 *Judging vs. Finals.* If a cat is being judged in a ring, it may not be removed from that ring to be placed in a finals ring. If a group of cats is being judged and a member of this group is being called to another ring for finals, the cat must go to the ring to be judged unless the finals have already started.

29.5 Distribution of Printed Materials.

29.5.1 The show committee may not refuse to allow the distribution of the following printed materials at TICA sanctioned shows:

29.5.1.1 Entry flyers for TICA sanctioned shows.

29.5.1.2 Statements of qualifications, platforms or similar matters by candidates for a TICA recognized office provided that the candidate has announced his/her candidacy in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws.

29.5.1.3 Questionnaires, surveys, newsletters, or information provided by or under the auspices of the Regional Director of the Region in which the show is held.

29.5.2 The show committee, at its discretion, may refuse to allow the distribution of the following printed materials at TICA sanctioned shows:

29.5.2.1 Any printed material that contains a defamatory statement about another exhibitor or TICA member, the Association or any appointed or elected official of the Association.

29.5.2.2 Any statement of position relating to TICA or the contents or proposed contents of the By-Laws or Show Rules of TICA or any petition for signature by TICA members unless the following conditions are satisfied:

29.5.2.2.1 The person distributing the materials is a TICA member in good standing;

29.5.2.2.2 A copy of the item(s) to be distributed are mailed or delivered to the Show Manager (as printed in the entry flyer) not less than 14 calendar days prior to the first day of the show;

29.5.2.2.3 The following statement is printed in boldface type on the top of each page of the materials: "THESE MATERIALS ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH TICA SHOW RULE 29.5 AND DO NOT CONSTITUTE AN ENDORSEMENT BY THE SHOW COMMITTEE OF THE OPINIONS/ STATEMENTS MADE HEREIN."

29.5.2.2.4 An attribution stating the person or source of the materials must be shown on each page of the materials; and

29.5.2.2.5 The Show Manager has not notified the person who wishes to distribute the materials prior to distribution of the materials that, in the opinion of the Show Manager, the materials are defamatory to an exhibitor, a TICA member, the Association or an appointed or elected official of the Association.

29.5.3 Except as provided in 29.5.2.2.1 and 29.5.2.2.2 above, the Show Committee, at its discretion may refuse to allow the distribution of printed materials by vendors, spectators, exhibitors, or any other person in attendance at a TICA sanctioned show.

ARTICLE TEN - *Responsibilities of Exhibitors*

210.1 An exhibitor is expected to be familiar with and comply with all TICA Show Rules, Registration Rules and By-Laws.

210.1.1 If an exhibitor violates these Show Rules, he will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with By-Laws, ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO.

210.2 An exhibitor shall not, in any way, make known to an officiating judge which entry(ies) belong to him.

210.2.1 Cats, kittens, alters and household pets shall not be judged while wearing any removable identifying items such as collars, ribbons, etc. Permanent identification marks such as tattoos or implants (observable or palpable) are permissible.

210.3 An exhibitor shall not, in any way, make it known to an officiating judge where his entry(ies) have placed in any other ring.

210.4 Exhibitors shall not sit in the ring holding cats prior to or during judging except with the explicit permission of the judge.

210.5 An exhibitor shall not take any action which might cause physical harm to come to a cat or a person, during the show.

210.6 No exhibitor shall bring into the show hall any cat, whether for show, exhibition, sale, or otherwise, which is infested with any parasite, including but not limited to fleas, ear mites, lice or ticks.

210.7 An exhibitor shall not request that his entry(ies) be judged separately from the regular class(es) for the entry(ies).

210.8 An exhibitor shall not groom an entry while it is in the judging ring.

210.9 When transporting a cat through the show hall, an exhibitor shall carry the cat in one or both hands or in a carrier.

210.10 If a cat requires special caging in a judging ring, the exhibitor shall relay this information to the ring clerk before the cat's number is posted and in time for special arrangements to be made without inconveniencing any other cats and/or exhibitors.

210.11 All claws of each entry shall be clipped prior to benching. Failure to do so may subject entry to disqualification.

210.12 The breeding of cats in the show hall is prohibited.

ARTICLE ELEVEN - *Catalog*

211.1 A club sponsoring a TICA show shall publish a printed catalog. The size of the catalog shall be at the club's option, but shall be no less than 8-1/2 x 11 inches.

211.2 The preface page **MUST** be included with every copy of the catalog, including the Master catalog, and must include the following information :

211.2.1 Full name of the club(s) sponsoring the show.

211.2.2 Names of all officiating judges.

211.2.3 Names of the show committee indicating official position.

211.2.4 Date(s) of show(s).

211.2.5 Name of the master clerk.

211.3 All entries must appear in numerical sequence in the printed catalog. The order of entries and series for catalog numbers appears in the standing rules.

2011.3 Catalog Entries. All entries in a catalog must be listed in numerical sequence as follows:

<i>NUMBER</i>	<i>GROUP</i>	<i>CLASSIFICATION</i>
001-050	Longhair Kittens	Non-Championship
051-100	Shorthair Kittens	Non-Championship
101-200	Adult Whole Longhairs	Championship
201-300	Adult Whole Shorthairs	Championship
301-350	Alter Longhairs	Championship
351-400	Alter Shorthairs	Championship
401-450	Household Pet Longhairs	Non-Championship
451-500	Household Pet Shorthairs	Non-Championship
501-550	Preliminary New Breed	Non-Championship
551-600	Advanced New Breed	Non-Championship
601-650	New Traits Class	Non-Championship
651-700	Exhibition ONLY	Non-Championship
701-Up	For Sale Cats and Kittens	Non-Championship

211.4 The catalog shall reflect the following information for each entry; entry number, name, registration number (if available), date of birth, age, sire, dam, breeder, owner, lessee (if applicable) and region of residence of owner/lessee.

211.4.1 Household pet entries shall omit information as to sire, dam, and breeder.

211.5 In shows consisting of a series of rings, the catalog will be printed as follows:

211.5.1 A column for each ring;

211.5.2 Entry number, name and spaces for awards must appear on the same line;

211.5.3 Only the official recognized "TICA Standard" will be authorized for printing in the catalog.

211.6 The official show catalog will be made available at check-in time on the opening day of the show.

211.7 A marked catalog will include all awards in the entire show.

211.8 One catalog may be used for back to back shows.

211.9 Catalogs shall contain the number of in each of the following categories: LH Kittens, SH Kittens, LH Adults, SH Adults, LH Alters, SH Alters, LH HHP Kittens, SH HHP Kittens, LH Household Pets, SH Household Pets, Preliminary New Breeds, Advanced New Breeds and New Traits classes as well as list each entry present for Exhibition Only, including for sale cats and kittens.

ARTICLE TWELVE - Prizes and Trophies Ribbons and Rosettes

212.1 Ribbon (flat) colors shall be as follows:

212.1.1 First Place Dark Blue

212.1.2 Second Place Red

212.1.3 Third Place Yellow

212.1.4 Fourth Place Green

212.1.5 Fifth Place White

212.1.6 Best of Division Black

212.1.7 2nd Best of Division Purple

212.1.8 3rd Best of Division Orange

212.1.9 There are no ribbons for Breed awards: these are simply named by the judge. All ribbon awards shall be printed on ribbon, cards, stickers or similar material. An abbreviated form of the award may be used.

212.2 Final awards shall be rosettes with the appropriate award printed on one of the streamers. Other awards such as cups, trophies, medals, gift certificates, books, magazine subscriptions, cash, bonds, and certificates benefitting special projects approved by TICA are permitted. Ribbons and rosettes may be offered only in the name of clubs or associations.

2012.2 Rosettes. Clubs cannot require that a judge hand out rosettes that do not count.

212.3 If there are FEWER THAN 10 cats, kittens, alters or household pets competing, judges in either allbreed or specialty rings shall present the top five. However, if there are fewer than five entries in any class, the club is required to provide rosettes for the number of entries competing.

212.4 Top 5 Format - 20 or Fewer Cats Present: When 20 or fewer cats, kitten, alters or household pets are present, the judge shall award Best through Fifth Best final awards.

212.4.1 The number of rosettes awarded in the HHP kitten class shall be equal to the number of kittens competing up to a maximum of ten.

212.5 Top 6 to 9 Format - 21 to 24 Cats Present: When 21 to 24 cats, kittens, alters, household pets or household pet kittens are present, the judge shall award final awards as follows:

When 21 cats are present, 6th Best;

When 22 cats are present, 7th Best;

When 23 cats are present, 8th Best;

When 24 cats are present, 9th Best.

212.6 Top 10 Format - When 25 or more cats, kittens, alters, household pets or household pet kittens are present, the judge shall award Best through Tenth Best final awards.

212.7 Championship Advancement Class Final Awards.

212.7.1 Rosettes for Championship Advancement Class shall indicate the award as follows:

212.7.1.1 Preliminary New Breed Merit.

212.7.1.2 Advanced New Breed Merit.

212.7.1.3 New Traits Merit.

212.8 All cats shall be presented for final awards during advertised show hours, unless special permission to leave has been granted by the show manager.

212.8.1 Only those cats receiving a final award may be present in the judging ring during final award presentation.

212.9 Chartered clubs, other associations, or organizations holding licensed shows under TICA rules are required to have ribbons and rosettes on display at the opening of the show and throughout the show until all awards have been distributed accordingly.

212.10 With the permission of the Show Manager, a Judge, in order to expedite the smoother running of the show, and remain within his time frame, may hold finals with or without all the cats being benched in the ring, provided the following is adhered to:

212.10.1 The cats in finals are present in the show hall but are being judged elsewhere; or the exhibitor has received prior approval from the Show Manager to leave the show hall early, i.e., airline schedule, illness, etc.;

212.10.2 The Judge's clerk delivers or sees to it that the rosette is delivered to the exhibitor of the absented cat. In the case of an absent exhibitor, the show committee is responsible for sending the rosette.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN - *Invitations to Judges* ***Acceptances by Judges***

213.1 Clubs holding sanctioned shows under the rules of TICA shall employ judges approved by the Association and may employ any judge holding a valid TICA license.

2013.1 *Permission to Judge.* A TICA judge may judge any TICA show any place at any time. Only Allbreed judges may judge non-TICA shows outside the United States and Canada.

2013.1.1 TICA Allbreed Judges invited to judge non-TICA shows as guest judges shall advise the Judging Administrator.

213.2 Completed written "Agreement to Judge TICA Cat Show" (i.e., the official TICA Judges Contract) in duplicate shall be used by the affiliated clubs in making arrangements for judges to officiate at these shows.

213.2.1 The "Judge's Information Sheet" shall be completed by the club and provided to the judge not less than 4 weeks prior to the show.

213.3 Judges shall not solicit judging assignments in any manner whatsoever including offering to use free air miles, or to donate fees. Judges shall not solicit entries for any show at which they officiate. Soliciting entries does not include making general show announcements, either in person or in print or via electronic media, nor does it include distribution of official show flyers.

213.4 A contracted judge must give notice to the club at least 14 days prior to the advertised entry closing date if he/she, for whatever reason, is unable to fulfill his contract.

213.4.1 Exceptions to this Rule are personal or immediate family illness or emergency, inclement weather preventing the judge from getting to the show location, airline strikes, work-related problems or similar circumstances.

213.4.2 Conflicts in Dates. Any judge who has signed a contract to judge a show shall not accept another contract to judge a show on that same date unless the original show is canceled. In the event that more than one contract has been signed, the earlier date of signing will determine the applicable contract.

213.5 Judges are required to remain for the advertised hours of the show or as agreed upon in the original contract. In an emergency, this Rule can be waived per mutual agreement between the show management and the judge.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN - *Judging Fees and Expenses*

214.1 Judges must be paid fees for judging in US currency, or the equivalent of US currency, as established by the TICA Board of Directors. Judges must submit the entire bill for transportation, parking, incidentals and judging fee. Donations back to the club are at the discretion of the judge.

214.1.1 Judging fees are applicable to regular and guest judges regardless of the type, location or duration of the show and are determined by the licensed status at the time of signing the contract.

2014.1.1 Judges Fees. Based on number of entries in the catalog; based on status of judge, not type of show judged.

- 2014.1.1.1 Approved Allbreed Judge - \$1 per entry.
- 2014.1.1.2 Provisional Allbreed Judge - \$.75 per entry.
- 2014.1.1.3 Approved Specialty Judge - \$.60 per entry.
- 2014.1.1.4 Probationary Specialty Judge - \$.50 per entry.
- 2014.1.1.5 Household Pet Allbreed - \$.75
- 2014.1.1.6 Household Pet Specialty - \$.50

2014.1.2 Guidelines for Other Payments to Judges.

- 2014.1.2.1 Seminar - \$50.
 - 2014.1.2.2 Judge's School - \$50.
 - 2014.1.2.3 Judge's Conference - \$50.
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214.2 The club shall reimburse reasonable expenses *incurred*, including transportation, lodging and *meals* in accordance with the "Agreement to Judge TICA Cat Show" (i.e., the official TICA Judge's Contract).

214.3 Judges who have moved or changed their place of residence or traveling from a point other than their place of residence subsequent to signing a contract, shall be reimbursed only the amount for traveling from their place of residence at the time the contract was signed unless otherwise stipulated in the contract.

214.4 In cases of cancellation of a judging contract the party responsible for cancellation shall be responsible for any penalty on discount airline tickets.

214.5 Clubs shall not be required to pay for alcoholic beverages consumed by judges.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN - *Conduct of Judges*

215.1 Neither judges nor members of their households may enter any cat or kitten for competition in any part of a show licensed by TICA at which they are judging, except as follows:

215.1.1 In cases of emergency in which a substitute judge is contracted within 72 hours prior to opening of a show. Cats belonging to that substitute judge or member of their household shall be exhibited as Presentation Only in that judge's ring, but may compete in all other rings of that show; or

215.1.2 The judge is a Household Pet Only Judge. Cats belonging to a Household Pet Only Judge may be exhibited in the purebred kitten and championship portion of a show in which that judge is officiating as a Household Pet Judge provided exhibiting is accomplished through an agent, and no communication between the agent and the Household Pet Judge occurs until the Household Pet Judge has completed the Household Pet Show.

215.2 Judges may not judge entries which have been their property or in their possession within 6 months prior to the show.

215.3 Judges shall not transport, supervise the transportation of, or in any way be cognizant by any personal act on their part of the entries of an exhibitor at any ring in which they are officiating.

215.4 The penalty for violating these Show Rules may be a suspension or revocation of judging license.

215.5 No officiating judge shall consume any alcoholic beverages during the advertised hours of the show, or prior to holding his last final.

215.6 Judges shall not enter the show hall during advertised show hours before the scheduled date of judging.

215.7 Judges and clerks shall not smoke in the ring when cats are present.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN - *Judging Procedures*

General Information:

216.1 Only Licensed Judges and/or trainees may handle cats on the judging table or present them in the finals, except under emergency circumstances.

2016.1 *An emergency is an unforeseen, exigent (urgent) circumstance.*

216.1.1 Owners/agents may be called upon to present their own cats in a final if the judge so desires.

216.2 A judge shall judge all cats and place his/her awards in accordance with the TICA Standards, not upon his/her personal likes or dislikes.

216.3 A judge may not judge or handle more than 250 cats in 1 day regardless of format, and no more than 500 cats in a 2-day show.

216.4 Judges must handle and physically examine all cats presented in the ring except as provided in ARTICLE THREE of the Registration Rules. No awards may be given to cats that have not been handled and physically examined by the judge.

2016.4 *Minimum Handling Requirements*

2016.4.1 *A judge must have the ability to remove from and return to the judging cage every cat entered in the show, except for those cats not amenable to handling. In the event that a judge believes that a cat may not be amenable to handling, the judge may request that the owner or agent remove the cat from and/or return the cat to the judging cage.*

2016.4.1.1 *A judge must disclose an inability to meet the minimum handling requirements to the club at the time the club offers the judging assignment to the judge or, as soon as such inability is known to the judge.*

2016.4.1.2 *If the inability to meet the minimum handling requirements becomes known to the judge after entering into the judging contract, the judge must notify the club of such a change of circumstances as soon as possible. Either the club or judge may, at that time, cancel that judging contract.*

2016.4.2 *In the event that a judge is unable to meet the minimum handling requirements, the club must:*

2016.4.2.1 *Contract a handler at the time of contracting the judge or as soon as the inability of the judge to meet the minimum handling requirements becomes known. The handler must be a licensed judge or a trainee. (Show Rule 216.1)*

2016.4.2.2 *List the handler on the flyer with the judge or, if the inability to handle is unknown until after the assignment is published, list the handler on all revisions of the show flyer, and on all other show announcements including the show schedule.*

2016.4.2.3 *Compensate the handler at the same rate per cat as a Probationary Specialty Judge, lunch on the day of handling and a fully marked catalog.*

216.4.1. Any cat not amenable to handling on the judging table should be penalized for temperament and awards may be withheld from that ring, but the cat will be counted present and competing in that ring. If awards are withheld, the judge shall make the notation "unable to handle" in his judge's book.

Transfers:

216.6 At the option of the owner, a judge may transfer any kitten or cat incorrectly entered as to sex, color or breed, providing the transfer was not made by the show management prior to starting the judging. If the correct class has already been judged, the judge shall mark his judge's book "wrong class-not judged."

Withholding Awards:

216.7 When an otherwise eligible entry has faults of such nature that it fails to conform to the standard of its breed, and, therefore, lacks merit, or when the entry is in such poor condition that it should not be shown, the judge may:

216.7.1 Withhold All Awards in which case the judge shall mark "WW" in the space provided for awards in his/her judge's book.. No further notation is required; or

216.7.2 Award less than Best of Color, in which case no higher division award may be made than that made in the color class. The judge shall indicate that award place (i.e. second, third, fourth, fifth) in the space provided for awards in his/her judge's book. No further notation is required.

Disqualifications:

216.8 Disqualification (DQ) shall be used for those entries which are removed from competition for reasons set forth in these Show Rules or an individual breed standard.

216.8.1 When an entry is disqualified, the judge shall mark "DQ" in the space provided for awards in his/her judge's books. The judge shall state the reason for "DQ" on the Executive Office copy.

216.9 A judge shall disqualify and dismiss from the ring any cat that bites.

216.9.1 A cat that is disqualified from competition for biting shall be noted by the Executive Office. If three disqualifications for biting by the same cat occur, the cat will no longer be scored or allowed to confirm titles, and the owner of the cat shall be notified by the Executive Office.

216.10 A judge shall disqualify any cat showing evidence of intent to deceive the judge by artificial means. Should a judge suspect fraud in any classes previously judged, he/she may reopen and rejudge such classes.

216.10.1 Surgically altering a cat for cosmetic purposes is considered intent to deceive, and such cat shall be disqualified. Examples include, but are not limited to, tail docking, prosthetic testicles and ear cropping.

216.11 Male cats in the adult championship class not having two descended testicles shall be disqualified.

216.12. Many abnormalities which are detected in judging are not breed specific, but, rather occur in all cats. Responsible breeding aims to conserve our breeds while maintaining their health which means focusing on reducing or eliminating these abnormalities. Household Pets are excepted from this rule. **Except as otherwise stated in this rule, judges shall penalize or disqualify, depending upon severity,** championship cats, non-championship kittens, Preliminary New Breeds (PNB), and Advanced New Breeds (ANB), [see TICA Standing Rules 701.4.3], and shall penalize championship alters for the following:

216.12.1 All or part of the tail missing, except when a Board approved breed standard requires all or part of the tail to be missing.

216.12.2 Having more or less than five toes on each front foot and four on each back foot unless proved to be the result of an injury or as authorized by a Board approved standard.

216.12.3 Undershot or overshot jaws, or any malocclusion of the jaws.

216.12.4 Visible or invisible tail faults are a disqualification, at the discretion of the judge, or as required by a Board approved standard.

216.12.5 Crossed eyes are a disqualification, at the discretion of the judge, or as required by a Board approved standard.

216.12.6 Total blindness is a disqualification.

216.12.7 Inability to bear or support weight or to walk normally.

216.12.8 Abnormal positioning of the legs and feet while standing. Examples include, but are not limited to, bowed or cowhocked legs, splaying of the feet, or obvious toeing in or out of the feet.

216.12.9 Small size not in keeping with the breed shall be considered a fault.

216.12.9.1 Markedly smaller size is a disqualification.

216.12.10 Inability to breathe normally with a closed mouth.

216.12.11 Abnormalities of the Sternum.

216.12.11.1 Depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself is a disqualification.

216.12.11.2 A prominent anterior sternum, sometimes referred to as a prominent keel or pigeon breast.

216.12.11.3 Unusually prominent, protruding or depressed lower sternum (xiphoid).

Penalties:

216.13 Judges shall penalize, but not disqualify, entries for the following:

216.13.1 Unrepaired umbilical hernia.

216.13.2 Damaged ears or eyes as a result of an injury.

216.13.3 Spots, patches or sprinkling of incorrect color (i.e. color faults) other than lockets and belly spots.

Allowances:

216.14 Cats that have been declawed shall not be penalized.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN - *Judges Records*

217.1 The judge's book shall be signed (if stamped, each copy must be stamped) and all notations thereon shall be made in pen and posted at the completion of each color class, division or breed. The posting copy of the judge's books shall be available in the show hall. Awards as posted shall be final and shall not be changed except for correction of errors or fraud.

2017.1 *Judges Books.* Judges must forward the COVER and the ORIGINAL (white copy) of all pages of the judge's book to the Executive Office of TICA within 48 hours after the close of the show. The yellow copy of all pages of the judge's book is to be turned in to the master clerk at the proper time during the show. The judge retains the pink copy of all pages of the judge's book for his/her personal records. At the completion of the show, the Master Clerk will submit the marked catalog and the yellow copies of the judge's books to the Club/Show Committee.

217.2 Any changes or corrections made in the judge's book should be initialed by the judge.

217.3 Judges shall record all absentees and transfers in the judge's book.

217.4 Judges are required to fill out all final awards forms.

217.4.1 Each judge shall indicate the number of cats present and competing in each class on the final sheets.

217.5 Championship and Kitten Classes.

217.5.1 Each judge shall select and place a first, second, third, fourth and fifth place award in each color class, except as provided in 216.7.

217.5.2 When a cat is judged, but receives less than 5th best of color, the judge shall clearly mark a dash (-) in the space in the judge's book where an award would have been placed to indicate that the cat was handled and judged.

217.5.3 Each judge shall select and place Best, Second and Third Best of Division, except as provided in 216.7. These selections are made from the Best, Second and Third Best of Color class awards.

217.5.4 Each judge shall select and place Best, Second and Third Best of Breed awards, except as provided in 216.7. These selections are made from all of the Best, Second and Third Best of Division awards.

217.5.5 Division awards and Breed awards shall be posted in the judge's book after each division and breed, respectively. If provision for these awards is not made in the judge's book, the judge must hand-write it in.

217.6 Household Pets.

2017.6 Household Pet Color Classification. Each household pet may be presented to an Allbreed Judge in order to determine the correct color on each entry, prior to the start of judging, and that classification will hold throughout the entire show.

217.6.1 All household pet entries, adult and kitten, receive a first place or merit award, except as noted in the Withhold All Awards section of the Household Pet standard.

217.6.2 At the end of each adult household pet division, the judge shall select and place Best, Second and Third Best of division for each respective household pet division. The selections shall be posted in the judge's book.

217.6.3 Household pet kittens do not receive division awards.

217.7 Championship Advancement Class.

2017.7 Merit Rosettes. Cats in Preliminary New Breed, Advanced New Breed and New Traits Classes are not separated into longhair and shorthair for judging. These classes are for educational purposes only and are non-competitive classes. Only one merit rosette is awarded per class without regard to coat length.

217.7.1 Preliminary New Breed

217.7.1.1 The judge shall select and place a first, second, third, fourth and fifth place award in each color class.

217.7.1.2 The judge shall select and place best, second and third best of breed.

217.7.1.3 The judge shall award one merit rosette to the best over-all example exhibiting in the Preliminary New Breed Class.

217.7.2 Advanced New Breed.

217.7.2.1 The judge shall select and place a first, second, third, fourth and fifth place award in each color class.

217.7.2.2 The judge shall select and place best, second and third best of breed.

217.7.2.3 The judge shall award one merit rosette to the best over-all example exhibiting in the Advanced New Breed Class.

217.7.3 New Traits Class Cats.

217.7.3.1 The judge shall select and place a first, second, third, fourth and fifth place award in each color class.

217.7.3.2 The judge shall select and place best, second and third best of breed.

217.7.3.3 The judge shall award one merit rosette to the best over-all example exhibiting in the New Traits Class.

217.8 If an obvious error is made in placing an award, and the error is not discovered until after the awards have been posted or until after the show, and the correct winner can be determined from the judge's book, the award shall be given to the correct entry. If the correct winner cannot be determined, that particular award shall remain vacant. The officiating judge is responsible for making the necessary corrections and notifying the show management, the Executive Office of TICA and the owner(s) of the cat(s) involved within 10 days after the error is discovered.

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN - *Championship Breeds/ Divisions and Colors*

218.1 The breeds accepted for championship and recognized as being eligible to compete in TICA sanctioned shows and eligible for appropriate titles and/or computation of Annual Awards are listed in the Standing Rules, 701.2.

ARTICLE NINETEEN - *Amendments*

219.1 TICA Show Rules may be amended or changed as provided in the By-Laws of TICA.

219.2 Any member may submit a proposal to amend the Show Rules. Said proposal shall be submitted in accordance with the Standing Rules (1017.1).

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