



## FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE FELINE - FIFe

Hrušovany n/J, November 2015.

Dear FIFe Members, FIFe Judges and FIFe commission members,  
Dear colleagues and friends,

With this letter the FIFe Board informs you about the implementation of **the new categories at shows as per the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2016**.

As of that date, FIFe will have the new categories at shows (to be indicated by Arabic digits: 1, 2, 3 and 4) as accepted by the General Assembly 2013. To refresh your memory, we have attached this proposal to this document.

Because proposals regarding the modification of the judges training programme did not receive the necessary majority and were rejected both by the 2014 and the 2015 General Assemblies, the categories for judges training, including examinations and stages, remain unchanged and are still indicated by Roman figures: I, II, III and IV. Furthermore a proposal to postpone the implementation of the new categories at shows with one year was rejected by the 2014 General Assembly.

You find the categories at shows listed as an annex to the 2016 version of the Show Rules and the categories for the judges training as an annex to the 2016 version of the Judges Rules, both to be send to you at the end of the year. For your convenience, both divisions are included in this letter.

Apart from the new category division at shows the following changes to the Show Rules (printed below in bold) per 01.01.2016 were accepted by the 2014 General Assembly:

- a judge shall not abstain from voting during the Best in Show, **except if he is not qualified to judge all presented breeds; in this case he must abstain from voting** (§ 4.9.7)
  - show organisers are permitted to organise Breed BIS for the breeds in **all categories** (§ 4.9.4).
- Additionally the 2015 General Assembly decided that show organisers have the option to **include any sister breed** for a Breed BIS.

Summarising, in 2016 FIFe will have two different category divisions running in parallel: one for the shows and one for the judges training. Only the categories at shows are changed to the new 1, 2, 3 and 4. The judges training / exam / stage procedures continue to follow the rules existing before 01.01.2016 and categories I, II, III and IV are still in place for training purposes. Consequently there will be no new standards, no new Judges Rules, no new student judge certificates, examinations and examination questionnaires. The judges list stays as it is, indicating only the training and not the show categories. In the EMS list the breeds will be ordered alphabetically by EMS code and the Show Rules will define the mapping of the breeds and the show categories. On the next pages we addressed the most important issues regarding the implementation of the new categories at shows. If you have any doubts or further questions, please contact Mr. Karl Preiss, [vicetreas@fifeweb.org](mailto:vicetreas@fifeweb.org).

With reference to the FIFe Statutes § 5.1, we emphasize that the FIFe Board is responsible for **the implementation of the decisions taken by the FIFe General Assembly** and is not empowered to change, overrule or ignore such decisions; this would be a violation of our Statutes.

We kindly ask our Members to forward this letter to their student judges and show organisers.

We hope to have informed you adequately, and remain, with our very best regards,

By order of the Board,  
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### SHOW AND TRAINING CATEGORIES PER 01.01.2016

SHOW CATEGORIES	TRAINING CATEGORIES
<b>1</b>	<b>I</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>II</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>III</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>IV</b>

\* = preliminary recognised breed



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### QUICK REFERENCE TABLE

R o w	You are	You can judge *	You may take students/ be examiner/ supervise stages/ be mentor **	Student judge ***
A	a category I and II judge	all breeds in show categories 1 and 2	in training categories I and II	If you are a student judge in training category III and/or IV you continue your training / may do your exam for the breeds in category III resp. IV
B	a category I judge, but not a category II judge	EXO and PER in show category 1 <i>No voting during the entire BIS of show category 1 if other breeds than the 2 before mentioned are present in any of the 6 panels (males, females, etc.)</i>	in training category I	If you are a student judge in training category II you continue your training / may do your exam for the breeds in training category II
C	a category II judge, but not a category I judge	all breeds in show category 2 and RAG, SBI and TUV in show category 1 <i>No voting during the entire BIS of show category 1 if other breeds than the 3 before mentioned are present in any of the 6 panels (males, females, etc.)</i>	in training category II	If you are a student judge in training category I you continue your training / may do your exam for the breeds in training category I
D	a student judge in training cat. I and/or II	X	X	You start/continue your training / may do your exam for the breeds in training category I or II
E	a category III and IV judge	all breeds in show categories 3 and 4	in training categories III and IV	If you are a student judge in training category I and/or II you continue your training / may do your exam for the breeds in category I resp. II
F	a category III judge, but not a category IV judge	all breeds in show category 3 and ABY, CRX, DRX, DSP, GRX, JBT, RUS, SOM and SPH in show category 4 <i>No voting during the entire BIS of show category 4 if other breeds than the 9 before mentioned are present in any of 6 panels (males, females, etc.)</i>	in training category III	If you are a student judge in educational category IV you continue your training / may do your exam according to breeds in training category IV
G	a category IV judge, but not a category III judge	BAL, OLH, OSH, PEB, SIA and THA in show category 4 <i>No voting during the entire BIS of show category 4 if other breeds than the 6 before mentioned are present in any of the 6 panels (males, females, etc.)</i>	in training category IV	If you are a student judge in training category III you continue your training / may do your exam for the breeds in training category III
H	a student judge in training cat. III and/or IV	X	X	You start/continue your training / may do your exam for the breeds in training category III or IV

For all other combinations of training categories please use the combination of the respective rows.  
Example: a judge in category I, II and IV shall use rows A and G.

\* = all other judges rules still apply

\*\* = all other judges rules to take a student/exam, supervise stages or be a mentor judge still apply

\*\*\* = all other student judge rules still apply

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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### **FAQ Show organisers**

***Can I still invite all judges?***

Yes you can, no changes in your invitation policy are necessary.

***Which categories do I indicate for the judges?***

As always, you list the training categories, I, II, III and IV in the show catalogue and the show flyer.

***What should I take in consideration when distributing the cats to the judges?***

You may assign all breeds to a judge according to his training categories (I, II, III, and IV) and the judge may judge and nominate any cat of these breeds in their corresponding show category.

Example: if you distribute MCO, RAG and SBI to a judge who is a category II judge only, he can judge and nominate cats in show category 1 (RAG, SBI) and in show category 2 (MCO).

***What should I take in consideration during Best in Show?***

Judges must abstain from voting during the entire BIS of a show category when cats of breeds for which they are not qualified are nominated for the BIS. The abstention applies to the voting in all of the maximum 6 panels in the show category (male, female, male neuter, female neuter, junior and kitten).

Example: if you distribute MCO, RAG and SBI to a judge who is a category II judge only, the judge must abstain from voting during the entire BIS of show category 1 if a PER or EXO is nominated for the BIS.

Another example: if you organise a Breed BIS for BAL/SIA/OLH/OSH and all other requirements are fulfilled, you can invite a judge in category IV and he can judge, nominate and vote in this Breed BIS.

***What should I take in consideration when assigning student judges to instructing judges?***

Please read below, under FAQ Student Judges.

#### **FAQ Judges**

***What should I take in consideration during Best in Show?***

Please read above, under FAQ Show organisers.

***How do I select cats for a practical examination?***

You select cats from the breeds which are part of the training category in which the examination is taken, no matter in which show category these breeds are.

***How do I take / supervise a stage?***

Stages are taken and supervised in a training category. Only cats from the breeds in the training category may be counted on the stage certificate issued to a probational judge.

#### **FAQ Student Judges / Instructing Judges**

***Which breeds can I examine with instructing judges and can be put on the student judge certificate?***

You can only sit as a student judge with instructors who are qualified judges in your training category (I, II, III, and IV). Cats assigned to the instructing judge for judging but belonging to breeds which are not part of your training category may not be put on the student judge certificate. Student judge certificates remain to be issued for training categories and consequently only cats of the breeds in the specific training category may be included.

**Proposal 5 from the Board – a new division of categories**

The FIFe Board proposes that from 01.01.2016 the following category split shall apply to all shows held under FIFe Rules.

Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4
EXO	ACL	BEN	ABY
PER	ACS	BML	BAL
RAG	MCO	BRI	CRX
SBI	NEM	BUR	DRX
TUV	NFO	CHA	DSP
	SIB	CYM	GRX
	TUA	EUR	JBT
		KBL	OLH
		KBS	OSH
		KOR	PEB
		MAN	RUS
		MAU	SIA
		OCI	SOM
		SIN	SPH
		SNO	SYL
		SOK	SYS

Category 1: breeds from existing category I and II judged by colour

Category 2: breeds from existing category II judged in groups

Category 3: breeds of heavy/medium type from the existing category III

Category 4: breeds of oriental, hairless, rex and elegant types from the existing category III / IV.

One aspect of the new category 3/4 split is that the breeds BEN/MAU/OCI/SOK, DSP/PEB/SPH and CRX/DRX/GRX are kept together in the same category.

The FIFe Show Commission and Judges and Standards Commission shall prepare the necessary detailed changes to the FIFe Show Rules and FIFe Judges Rules to implement the revised category system and these shall be presented as proposals to the FIFe 2014 GA.

	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
JSC	6	0	0
SC	5	0	0
BC Cat IV	Against		
BC - others	In favour		
<b>Carried with</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>