



FIFe Show Rules

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1.8.i	01.01.15	Addition	Clarification of which ISO-codes of country names are to be used
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1.13	01.01.15	Addition	Copy of entry form to be sent by the cat's owner to the FIFe Member/club where he holds his membership
1.14	01.01.15	Addition	Indication of name or ISO-code of country of residence for judges listed in the show catalogue
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2.8	01.01.15	New	Best in Show titles for house cats at the World Show and the Scandinavian Winner Show
4.9.3	01.01.15	Addition	Best in Show can be chosen from categories I & II together and/or categories III & IV together
4.9.4.8	01.01.15	Deletion	If a "Breed BIS" is held it should be announced at least 2 weeks prior to the date of the show
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5.4	01.01.15	Addition	Non-European judges for classes 13a, 13b + 13c at shows in non-European countries
		Addition	For classes 13a, 13b + 13c: judges must be qualified for the relevant category
5.5.4	01.01.15	Addition	Classes 13a, 13b + 13c are available for cats belonging to preliminary recognised breeds
6.1.3	01.01.15	Addition	Maximum number of cats to be judged by instructing or examining judges at shows in non-European countries
6.7.3	01.01.15	Deletion	It is forbidden for a judge, student judge or steward to have an electronic device in operation during judging and Best in Show
Annex 3	01.01.15	Addition	Exception for all certificates to be obtained in one country for Israel
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		Deletion	The word "abnormal" in "Any abnormal depression depressions, protrusions or fissures in the skull"
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1 The organisation of national and international shows

1.1 General conditions and restrictions

- a. No shows may be held during the weekend immediately following the General Assembly.
- b. The most recent version of the FIFe show calendar is published on the FIFe website: on request a printed version of the show list can be sent to a FIFe Member or FIFe Judge.
- c. Any appeal against a show can only be made to shows up to two years in advance.
- d. Shows can be held on any day of the week. Two shows within a week can take place.

1.2 Request for organising a show

A request for a license to organise a show must be made by the FIFe Member through the show request tool on the FIFe website at least one month in advance of the exact date of the event. Shows can only be booked up to 10 calendar years in advance.

1.3 License fee for organising a show

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

The current amounts can be found in Annex 1 of the FIFe General Rules.

1.4 Distance between shows

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

The show first applied for takes priority.

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

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

1.5 Wild cats, Munchkin and Scottish Fold

It is forbidden to exhibit, promote or advertise:

- any type of “wild” cat or any breed based on “wild” cats (see FIFe General Rules article 13.1)
- cats suffering from (pseudo-)achondroplasia (such as Munchkin) or osteochondrodysplasia (such as Scottish Fold), or with such a cat in its ancestry.

1.6 International show

In order to obtain the right to organise an International Show and to issue certificates CAC, CAP, CACIB, CAPIB, CAGCIB, CAGPIB, CACS and CAPS, the organisers must comply with the conditions of the present rules.

1.7 The FIFe rosette

A FIFe rosette shall be awarded at each International show.

1.8 Conditions for an international show

A show called “International” must satisfy the following conditions:

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

At shows arranged on two consecutive days by the same Member and if the show organisers so wish, those cats that are exhibited on both days need only go through the veterinary examination on the first day of the show.
- c. The cats have been vaccinated by a veterinary surgeon in accordance with each country's veterinary regulations, against feline panleucopenia, feline calici virus and feline herpes virus, and have had the required boosters, at least 15 days prior to the show.
The period of validity for the vaccination is marked by the veterinary surgeon in the pet passport or on the vaccination certificate.

Vaccination against rabies is to be according to national legislation.
- d. It is desired that judges, student judges and stewards are vaccinated against tetanus in accordance with medical regulations.
- e. At least 150 cats, of which at least 80% must be pedigree cats, must be entered for competition and listed in the catalogue. In case these numbers are not reached 14 days before the show, the show will be declared as “national”, with a minimum amount of 80 cats.
- f. In countries with developing areas or in special cases members can ask for permission of the FIFe Board to organise shows with less than 150 cats up to a minimum amount of 100 cats. The written permission can be given by the FIFe Board after thorough evaluation of the reasons.
- g. The minimum amount of cats required for international shows in Asia, Latin America, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece, Iceland, *Israel*, the United Kingdom and for Patronage members is reduced to 100, of which at least 80% must be pedigree cats, entered for competition and listed in the catalogue.
For Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece and the United Kingdom this reduced number is valid until the date indicated in the Table with Exceptions to the Show Rules (see page 31).
- h. Official documents, show invitations, show catalogues, judges' reports and diplomas, carrying the FIFe logo should be printed in the Latin (Western) alphabet, in addition – if needed – to the national alphabet (*reference to the FIFe General Rules article 13.4*).
- i. *When ISO-codes for country names are used, they shall be the international ISO 3166-1 alpha-2 code of country names. A complete current list of relevant codes can be found in Annex 2 of the FIFe General Rules.*

1.9 Conditions for a national show

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

- article 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 and 1.5
- article 1.6 by:
 - replacing “international” by “national”
 - deleting CACIB, CAPIB, CAGCIB, CAGPIB, CACS and CAPS
- article 1.8 by:
 - replacing the text under 1.8.e. with: at least 80 cats, of which at least 80% must be pedigree cats, must be entered for competition and listed in the catalogue
 - deleting the text under 1.8.g.

1.10 The organiser's responsibility

The organisers must:

- a. invite recognised judges (see article 6.1).
- b. cover the judges and staff of the show by an insurance policy.

Clubs which cannot insure foreign judges, student judges and stewards while they are officiating at the show must notify them in advance, so that they are given the opportunity to insure themselves in their own country.

- c. publish a schedule stating:
 - the date of the show
 - the location and address of the show hall
 - the closing date for registration
 - the amount of the entry fee
 - a list of the officiating judges, *including (the ISO-code of) their country of residence – and not of membership* – and the categories they are qualified to judge
 - a list of hotels where cats are admitted in order to allow exhibitors to make their own reservations
 - entry requirements concerning health and border formalities
 - opening and closing times of the show
 - account numbers (bank or others) to which payment of the entry fees must be effected.
- d. keep the following documents for a minimum period of three years:
 - all copies of judges' reports
 - the original list of the cats proposed by each judge for Best in Show
 - copies of the list stating all cats nominated for Best in Show
 - the show catalogue
 - the result list and all absent cats.
- e. give the necessary documents to the judge before the judging commences, including – as soon as possible – a list of absent cats.
- f. make judging cages (near the judge's table in the judge's ring) available for a minimum number of 4 cats.
- g. equip the judging cages with partitions.
- h. send the name and address of the hotel to the officiating judges at least 14 days before the show. The judges must also be informed as to the transfer to the hotel.
- i. moved to article 6.7.2

1.11 Ribbons and rosettes

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1.12 Payment of show entry fees

Payment of show entry fees must be effectuated in accordance with the instructions from the show organising club.

Guarantee for payment of entry fees only applies to exhibits whose entries have been confirmed by the FIFe Member or club to which the owner of the cat belongs.

1.13 Showing abroad

The entry form must be completed and submitted in accordance with the instructions from the show organising club.

When entering cats for shows abroad, a copy of the entry form must be sent by the cat's owner to the FIFe Member or its affiliated club where he holds his membership in accordance with the instructions from the FIFe Member/club.

1.14 The catalogue

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

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

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

The catalogue must also contain:

- a list of the officiating judges, *including (the ISO-code of) their country of residence – and not of membership* – and the categories they are qualified to judge
- a list of the owners of all exhibits, at least indicating:
 - the name of the owner
 - the ISO-country code of the owner's address
 - the organisation or club where the owner holds his membership
 - the catalogue number(s) of his exhibit(s).

For shows where cats can obtain a certificate on several days, a joint catalogue may be published, provided for all cats it is clearly indicated on which days they compete.

1.15 Cats appearing in the catalogue

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

1.16 Sending the catalogue to the FIFe Secretariat

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

1.17 Responsibility for the organising club concerning exhibitors and visitors

The organising club is responsible for:

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

2 World Show

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

2.1 Application for the World Show

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

2.2 Date of the World Show

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

2.3 Qualifications for the World Show

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

Participation in the World Show is only possible for cats which have:

1. achieved the following qualification in the thirteen months prior to the show:
 - a. Kittens (class 12):
 - Best in Variety
 - or – Nomination for Best in Show
 - or – 3x Excellent 1.
 - Addition for class 12 (4-7 months):
Kittens 4-7 months may participate in class 12 at the World Show, if they have achieved at least 1x Excellent 1. This qualification is valid only in class 12.
 - b. Juniors (class 11):
 - Best in Variety
 - or – Nomination for Best in Show
 - or – 3x Excellent 1.
 - c. Adults (classes 1 – 10):
 - Best in Variety
 - or – Nomination for Best in Show
 - or – Each adult cat that qualified in the kitten class or in the junior class during the 13 months before the World Show.
 - d. House cats (class 14):
 - Nomination for Best in Show house cat.

OR

2. obtained one of the following titles:
 - a. International Champion, International Premier or higher
 - b. house cats with the title Distinguished Show Merit (DSM).

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

2.4 World Winner title

Each cat winning at the Best in Show will receive the title World Winner (WW) also mentioning the year of the show. The winning cats will have their title registered in their pedigree in the same way as other official FIFe titles (see article 4.1.1).

2.5 Restrictions for shows on date of the World Show

No other FIFe show will be allowed on the same weekend that the FIFe World Show takes place.

2.6 Scandinavian Winner Show

Scandinavia (Norway, Sweden *and Finland*) may once a year organise a show in accordance with the rules valid for the FIFe World Show:

1. with the exception of article 2.2 and 2.3.2.b
2. replacing article 2.3.1.a by:
 - Kittens (class 12):
 - Best in Variety
 - or – Nomination for Best in Show
 - or – 1x Excellent 1.
3. replacing article 2.4 by:

Each cat winning at the Best in Show will receive the title Scandinavian Winner (SW). The winning cats will have their title registered in their pedigree in the same way as other official FIFe titles (see article 4.1.1).

2.7 Judges' participation in the Best in Show panel

FIFe Members conducting shows as outlined in this chapter are required to ensure that:

- all judges officiating in a category shall participate in the Best in Show panel of that category
- if needed, a referee judge (see article 4.9.7) shall be available and announced to participate in the Best in Show panel of a category, to avoid decisions by drawing lots.

Exceptions: circumstances beyond control.

2.8 *Best in Show house cats*

At shows arranged according to this chapter, house cats are given the titles:

- *Best in Show house cat longhair*
- *Best in Show house cat shorthair.*

3 Admission to shows

3.1 Registration in the LO or RIEX register

All cats entered for a show must be registered either in the LO or RIEX register of a FIFe Member with the exception of:

- housecats
- novices
- cats entered by exhibitors as outlined in article 8.2.2.

The following cats may not have been entered in the LO or RIEX register yet, but must have their registration pending:

- kittens (4-7 months)
- cats imported from other organisations.

3.2 Micro-chipping

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

3.3 Minimum age

The minimum age of a cat must be at least 4 (four) months during the show.

This rule applies to International and National Shows, Seminars and Breed and Propaganda Shows.

3.4 Admission to shows

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

Not admitted to shows are:

- lactating queens
- pregnant queens
- dwarf cats
- de-clawed cats
- cats with deformities of the feet or legs (for example poly- or oligodactylism)
- blind cats
- deaf cats
- cats with docked tails
- cats with cropped ears
- unneutered house cats aged 10 months or older
- tattooed cats, except when having a tattoo with an identifying code as a form of registration (ref. to FIFe Breeding & Registration Rules article 3.4).

3.5 White cats

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

3.6 Competing according to phenotype

A cat competes at shows according to its physical appearance (phenotype).

If this differs from its known genotype, both the cat's known genotype and phenotype must be noted in the pedigree. The phenotype must be in accordance with the description of the EMS system and must be written in brackets.

3.7 Locking of cages

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

3.8 Symptoms of sickness during the show

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

3.9 Faults leading to disqualification

Moved to the Table of faults in the Annexes

3.10 General faults in all breeds

Moved to the Table of faults in the Annexes

4 Show titles and certificates

4.1 Show titles and certificates

4.1.1 Show titles and their abbreviations

Show title	Abbr.	Article	Issue date	Remark
Champion	CH	4.2		These titles are placed before the full name of the cat
Premier	PR	4.2		
International Champion	IC	4.3		
International Premier	IP	4.3		
Grand International Champion	GIC	4.4		
Grand International Premier	GIP	4.4		
European Champion	EC	–	until 31.12.08	
European Premier	EP	–	until 31.12.08	
FIFe American Champion	FAC	–	until 31.12.08	
FIFe American Premier	FAP	–	until 31.12.08	
Supreme Champion	SC	4.5	from 01.01.09	
Supreme Premier	SP	4.5	from 01.01.09	
National Winner	NW	4.17	from 01.01.11	These titles are placed before the full name and before possible Championship/ Premiership titles of the cat
Scandinavian Winner	SW	2.6		
World Winner	WW	2.4		This title + the year are placed before the full name and before possible Championship/ Premiership titles of the cat
Junior Winner	JW	4.15		These titles are placed after the full name of the cat
Distinguished Merit	DM	4.13		
Distinguished Show Merit	DSM	4.14		
Distinguished Variety Merit	DVM	4.16		

For preliminary recognised breeds the abbreviations of the titles Champion, Premier, International Champion and International Premier will be preceded by a "P" indicating a preliminary title (i.e. PCH, PPR, PIC, PIP).

All FIFe show titles are:

- only available for FIFe registered cats (and house cats), owned by individual members of national FIFe Members
- to be displayed by their abbreviation only, except the WW title.

4.1.2 Certificates and their abbreviations

Name of certificate	Abbreviation of certificate
Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat de Beauté	CAC
Certificat d'Aptitude au Premium de Beauté	CAP
Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat International de Beauté	CACIB
Certificat d'Aptitude au Premium International de Beauté	CAPIB
Certificat d'Aptitude au Grand Championnat International de Beauté	CAGCIB
Certificat d'Aptitude au Grand Premium International de Beauté	CAGPIB
Certificat d'Aptitude au Championnat Suprême de Beauté	CACS
Certificat d'Aptitude au Premium Suprême de Beauté	CAPS

4.2 Obtaining the title Champion or Premier

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

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

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

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

4.3 Obtaining the title International Champion or International Premier

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

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

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

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

A maximum of 2 (two) CACIB respectively CAPIB could be obtained in the same country.

Exceptions are made for individual members residing in the countries as outlined in the Annexes.

4.4 Obtaining the title Grand International Champion or Grand International Premier

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

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

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

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

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

OR

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

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

4.5 Obtaining the title Supreme Champion or Supreme Premier

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

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

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

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

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

OR

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

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

4.6 Approval of titles

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

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

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

All certificates for a title must have been obtained in the same variety (EMS code) / group.

If a change in EMS code results in a change of variety / group, then:

- already approved titles must always be retained (for recognised varieties)
- all certificates for the next title must be obtained in the new variety / group.

4.7 Going to a higher class

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

A cat that has already obtained the maximum number of required certificates towards a title in the same country, may not be entered in the concerning class on a show in this country again.

As long as it does not fulfil the requirements for the following higher class, the cat may only be exhibited out of competition.

4.8 Best in Variety (BIV)

- a. Best in Variety will be chosen by the judge among all cats of one variety disregarding age or sex on condition that at least 3 exhibits of this variety are present.
- b. In case of a larger amount of competitors a maximum of 3 different BIV can be decided upon (kitten 4-7 months, junior 7-10 months and adults) under application of the above-mentioned rule. See minimum possibilities on page 34.
- c. Neuters aged at least 10 months compete separately among themselves for Best in Variety neuter.
- d. To achieve Best in Variety the exhibit must have obtained at least 95 points.
- e. A judge is at liberty to withhold Best in Variety if the exhibits do not have sufficient merit, however Best in Variety cannot be refused if an exhibit has obtained the necessary 95 points in its class.

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

4.9.1 Nomination for Best in Show (NOM)

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

- adult male
- adult female
- adult neuter male
- adult neuter female
- junior 7-10 months (not divided by sex)
- kitten 4-7 months (not divided by sex).

House cats may be nominated regardless of age as:

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

4.9.2 Conditions for Nomination for Best in Show

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

The exhibit must have obtained at least 97 points.

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

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

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

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

Probational judges may nominate their best exhibits.

4.9.3 Best in Show (BIS)

The Best in Show can be chosen from:

- overall: category I, II, III and IV together
- separate: category I, II, III and IV
- *combined: category I and II together and/or category III and IV together.*

When Best in Show is:

- overall, the panel is composed of at least one International all-breed judge
- separate, international judges in their specific categories can be called upon
- *combined, the panel is composed of at least one International judge qualified for the two particular categories.*

Each category can have six (6) Best in Show titles:

- adult male
- adult female
- adult neuter male
- adult neuter female
- junior 7-10 months (not divided by sex)
- kitten 4-7 months (not divided by sex).

At the show organiser's discretion:

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

House cats can have a maximum of two (2) Best in Show titles:

- Best in Show house cat shorthair and Best in Show house cat longhair, or
- Best in Show house cat male and Best in Show house cat female, or
- Best in Show house cat.

4.9.4 Breed Best in Show

Show organisers may hold a separate Best in Show for a breed on the following conditions:

1. There are at least 50 cats entered in the classes 1 – 12 and in competition at the show, of any given breed (defined by EMS code) in either category II or III.
2. The other breeds of the category in question in the classes 1 – 12 must number also at least 50 in total.
3. Breeds that have a "Breed BIS" do not compete in the Best in Show of their category. Judges may nominate six (6) exhibits for the "Breed BIS" and six (6) for the Best in Show of the other breeds in the category (reference to article 4.9.1).
4. Best in Show titles of "Breed BIS" have full validity towards FIFe titles DSM and JW.
5. Such "Breed BIS" are limited to one per day, regardless of the category.
6. The number of 50 cats is the lowest limit; FIFe Members may increase the minimum amount for "Breed BIS" for their shows or countries to a higher amount.

7. It is not compulsory to hold a "Breed BIS" nor can there be an automatic expectancy; this is up to the decision of the individual show organiser or FIFe Member.
8. *DELETED.*
9. A "Breed BIS" may be entered as a remark on the official FIFe show list on the website using the format DD/MM/YYYY Breed BIS: XXX, where XXX is the EMS code of the relevant breed. Except for shows on one date, also the date must be indicated, for example 01/01/2012 Breed BIS: BRI.
10. A "Breed BIS" shall not be applied on shows as outlined in chapter 2.

4.9.5 Best in Show at single-breed shows

Single-breed shows are shows which are open for entry for one breed only (defined by EMS-code). At the show organiser's discretion sister breeds (see FIFe Breeding & Registration Rules, article 6.1) may be eligible for entry.

At **single-breed shows** each judge may nominate eight exhibits:

- adult male
- adult female
- adult neuter male
- adult neuter female
- junior male 7-10 months
- junior female 7-10 months
- kitten male 4-7 months
- kitten female 4-7 months.

A **single-breed show** can have the following eight (8) Best in Show titles:

- adult male
- adult female
- adult neuter male
- adult neuter female
- junior male 7-10 months
- junior female 7-10 months
- kitten male 4-7 months
- kitten female 4-7 months.

Remark: this article only applies to the Best in Show in the case of a single-breed show and should not be confused or combined with the Breed Best in Show as outlined in article 4.9.4.

4.9.6 Conditions for Best in Show

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

Probational and student judges must be present at the panel.

The cats have to be presented:

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

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

4.9.7 Voting during Best in Show

The voting during the Best in Show must be public and the number of votes a nominated cat has received must be shown by the judges or announced by the show organiser.

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

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

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

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

In every single case where the votes are equal, a decision shall be made as follows:

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

4.10 BIV, NOM and BIS on the result sheet

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

4.11 Neuters participation in BIV and BIS

DELETED – refer to articles 4.8 and 4.9

4.12 World Winner (WW)

DELETED – refer to article 2.4

4.13 Distinguished Merit (DM)

DELETED – refer to the FIFe Breeding & Registration Rules, article 5.3.2

4.14 Distinguished Show Merit (DSM)

This title is only available at International Shows and is available to adult cats of fully recognised breeds and to house cats. To obtain the title, the cat must win Best in Show (BIS) or Best in Show Opposite Sex (BOS) a minimum of 10 times in classes 1-10 or 14.

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

4.15 Junior Winner (JW)

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

In order to obtain the title, the cat must win Best in Show a minimum of 5 times in classes 11 and/or 12. Exceptions are made for individual members residing in the countries as outlined in the Annexes.

4.16 Distinguished Variety Merit (DVM)

This title is only available at National and International Shows to cats of recognised varieties of fully or preliminary recognised breeds. To obtain the title, the cat must win Best in Variety a minimum of 10 times in classes 1-12. The shortest qualifying period possible is two years and one day between the first Best in Variety and the tenth. This is to prevent a cat becoming a DVM too quickly.

4.17 National Winner (NW)

FIFe Members may award the title National Winner (NW) annually according to their own criteria which must be published in advance of the relevant year.

The following conditions must be met:

1. FIFe Members may award a maximum of 15 cats the NW title in any single calendar year; cats may only obtain one NW title in any single calendar year
2. such cats must have competed in the show classes 1 - 12 or 14 at shows during the relevant year; FIFe Members may decide a minimum number of shows
3. FIFe Members may only base the competition for NW titles on the results of shows organised by themselves
4. FIFe Members may only award the NW title to cats of fully recognised breeds registered in their own Pedigree Book (as well as to house cats), and which belong to their own individual members
5. the winning cats will have their NW title registered in the same way as other official FIFe titles (see article 4.1.1)
6. the names of the National Winner cats must be published.

5 Show classes

5.1 Competing in the correct class

Classification is according to FIFe rules.

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

The breed standard applied is the standard recognised by FIFe.

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

5.2 Diplomas

Moved to article 6.8.2.

5.3 Competing in the neuter class

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

5.4 The official show classes

Show organisers must adhere to the following official show classes:

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

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

Cats competing within classes 1 up to 12 can compete for Best in Variety with regard to article 4.8 and for Best in Show with regard to article 4.9 and 5.5.4.

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

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

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

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

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

Class 3: Grand International Champion class

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

Class 4: Grand International Premier class

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

Class 5: International Champion class

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

Class 6: International Premier class

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

Class 7: Champion class

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

Class 8: Premier class

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

Class 9: Open class

This class is open to cats which are aged at least 10 months during the show, in consideration of articles 1.17.e and 3.1. In this class a CAC is awarded.

Class 10: Neuter class

This class is open to castrated cats which are aged at least 10 months during the show, in consideration of articles 1.17.e and 3.1. In this class a CAP is awarded.

Class 11: Junior (7-10 months) class

This class is open to cats which are aged 7 months during the show, but not yet 10 months old, in consideration of articles 1.17.e and 3.1.

Class 12: Kitten (4-7 months) class

This class is open to cats which are aged 4 months during the show, but not yet 7 months old, in consideration of articles 1.17.e and 3.1.

Class 13a: Novice class

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

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

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

In this class cats are checked by two International FIFe judges.

In non-European countries this check can also be done by:

- two non-European FIFe judges, or
- an International FIFe judge together with a non-European FIFe judge.

Judges must be qualified for the relevant category.

The show organiser must provide the judges with a written explanation as to why the cat is presented in this class.

The novice cat must obtain the qualification "Excellent" (according to the target breed standard for recognised breeds) respectively "I" (according to the proposed standard for non-recognised breeds) in order to authorise re-registration with a target breed and use of the novice in a breeding programme for the target breed (see FIFe Breeding & Registration Rules, article 9.2.3).

The signatures of both judges are obligatory.

Class 13b: Control class

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

A cat can only be exhibited in the Control class on international shows in its own country, at a minimum age of 4 months and after having been checked by the National FIFe Member with regard to the FIFe Breeding & Registration Rules.

In this class cats are checked by two International FIFe judges and this may be done before the official judging starts.

In non-European countries this check can also be done by:

- *two non-European FIFe judges, or*
- *an International FIFe judge together with a non-European FIFe judge.*

Judges must be qualified for the relevant category.

The show organiser must provide the judges with a written explanation as to why the cat is presented in this class.

The cat does not receive a written evaluation, but must obtain the qualification “Excellent” (according to the target breed standard for recognised breeds) respectively “I” (according to the proposed standard for non-recognised breeds) in order to be re-registered in its target breed (see FIFe Breeding & Registration Rules, article 9. 1).

The signatures of both judges are obligatory.

Class 13c: Determination class

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

In this class cats are checked by two International FIFe judges and this may be done before the official judging starts.

In non-European countries this check can also be done by:

- *two non-European FIFe judges, or*
- *an International FIFe judge together with a non-European FIFe judge.*

Judges must be qualified for the relevant category.

The cat does not receive a written evaluation, a qualification or a classification, but only a confirmation of its full EMS-code, to be signed by both judges.

Class 14: House cat class

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

5.5 Non-standard / Non-recognised / Preliminary recognised

5.5.1 Non-standard varieties

Exhibits belonging to a non-standard variety of a breed must be entered for a show and appear in the catalogue and on the judge’s report as XLH * <XXX> or XSH * <XXX> (see article 6.1 in the FIFe Breeding & Registration Rules).

* means additional information following the EMS system; i.e. lower case basic colour letter, etc., XXX is the EMS code of the originating breed

On shows non-standard varieties are considered as longhair/shorthair progeny (XLH/XSH): refer to article 5.5.3.

5.5.2 Non-recognised or preliminary recognised varieties

Exhibits which do not belong to a *fully* recognised variety, must be entered for a show and appear in the catalogue and on the judge’s report under their applicable EMS breed code, with the addition of the letter “x” in the case of an unrecognised variety.

For example: PER x *, EXO x *, SBI x *, BRI x *, ABY x *, OSH x *.

* means additional information following the EMS system; i.e. lower case basic colour letter, etc.

Those cats, whose variety is not *fully* recognised, will receive a qualification (Excellent, Very Good, Good) and will be classified, but will not receive a certificate (CAC, CAP or more).

These cats may not compete for Best in Show.

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

5.5.3 Non-recognised breeds and house cats

Exhibits belonging to a non-recognised breed must be entered and appear in the catalogue and on the judges report under their applicable EMS breed code, including the addition “non” to indicate a non-recognised breed (see article 8.1 of the FIFe Breeding & Registration Rules).

They will be subdivided in classes according to breed, sex and age.

Show organisers must inform the judges well in advance of the show date as to which non-recognised breeds with a preliminary abbreviation (EMS codes: * non) they have to judge.

In each class, the exhibits will only be classified I, II, III and IV, but will not receive a qualification. In case of a class larger than 4 entries, all other exhibits in this class will be classified V (joint 5th place).

This applies to:

- non-recognised breeds (* non) listed in the FIFe Breeding & Registration Rules (art. 8.1)
- longhair progeny (XLH)
- shorthair progeny (XSH)
- house cats (HCL/HCS).

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

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

5.5.4 Preliminary recognised breeds

Exhibits which belong to a preliminary recognised breed will receive a qualification and will be classified, but may not be entered in a higher class than class 7 or 8 and consequently they may not receive a certificate higher than CACIB or CAPIB.

Exhibits having obtained the last required certificate in class 7 or 8 may only be shown out of competition.

Exhibits which belong to a preliminary recognised breed may:

- compete for Best in Variety, but may not be nominated for Best in Show nor become Best in Show.
- | – *also be entered in classes 13a (Novices), 13b (Control) and 13c (Determination).*

5.6 Additional show classes

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

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

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

Exhibits in additional classes will only be classified I, II, III and IV, but will not receive a qualification. In case of a class larger than 4 entries, all other exhibits in this class will be classified V (joint 5th place).

6 Judges, stewards and judging

6.1 Judges

6.1.1 FIFe judges

- a. The current list of FIFe judges is published on the FIFe website.
On request a full printed version of this judges list can be send to a FIFe Member or a FIFe judge.
- b. Only a judge recognised by FIFe is allowed to judge at a national or an international show, which is organised by a FIFe Member or a club affiliated to the FIFe Member.
- c. A judge must be invited in writing by a show organiser.
- d. A judge must reply to a written invitation within a maximum time of one month of receipt.
- e. A judge may only accept an invitation to a national or an international show, which is listed in the official FIFe show calendar. This show list is published on the FIFe website.
A breach of this rule will result in disciplinary actions.
- f. A judge who – for whatever reason – cancels an already accepted invitation to officiate at a show may only accept an invitation for another show on the same date after the show organiser who sent the original invitation which was cancelled, has agreed in writing.
A breach of this rule will result in disciplinary actions.
- g. A dormant judge may not officiate at any show.

6.1.2 Non-FIFe judges

- a. A FIFe Member wishing to invite a non-FIFe judge to officiate at a FIFe show must first obtain the permission of the FIFe Board, separately for each assignment.
- b. The organiser of a show where a non-FIFe judge is to officiate must provide that judge in advance with the Show Rules, the Judges Rules and the Standards of FIFe.
- c. At a FIFe show, a non-FIFe judge is authorised to judge – according to the FIFe Standards and Rules – those breeds which he is licensed to judge by his own organisation.
- d. After the permission as outlined in article 6.1.2.a has been obtained, the name of the non-FIFe judge and the organisation with which he is licensed to judge must be stated in the show schedule (see article 1.10.c) and the show catalogue (see article 1.14).
- e. A non-FIFe judge cannot:
 - supervise a stage
 - act as an examiner
 - judge more than three weekends per calendar year at FIFe shows.
- f. At least 75% of the judges officiating at a FIFe show must be FIFe judges.

6.1.3 Number of cats to be judged

Under normal circumstances a judge should not have more than:

- 80 cats to judge during a two-day show
 - 40 cats to judge during a one-day show,
- however* an instructing or examining judge should not have more than:
- 60 cats to judge during an international two-day show
 - 30 cats to judge during an international one-day show.

Non-European FIFe Members are allowed, provided the judges are informed in writing in advance, to organise shows where the judges should not have more than:

- 120 cats to judge during a two-day show
 - 60 cats to judge during a one-day show,
- however an instructing or examining judge should not have more than:*
- 90 cats to judge during an international two-day show
 - 45 cats to judge during an international one-day show.

6.1.4 Student judges

It is recommended that a show organiser accepts at least one student judge at each International Show.

The student judge must send his application to the show organiser at least one month before the show. He must name the FIFe Member where he holds his membership and, if applicable, his mentor. The student judge must send a copy of his application to the FIFe Member, in which he holds his membership. The show organiser must answer in writing an application from a student judge in due time prior to the date of the show.

The show organiser must give an officiating judge advance notice of the following:

- if he is to instruct a student judge (only one per judge);
- if he needs to supervise a stage (only one per judge).

Judges may refuse such functions in writing and should make this known to the organiser.

6.1.5 Parallel judging

The show organiser is required to ensure that:

- the student judge has at least one steward at his disposal during the entire parallel judging,
- the parallel judging takes place under similar conditions as the official judging (light, cages, ring, etc.).

6.1.6 Practical judges' examination

The practical part of a judges' examination can be taken either during an:

- international one day show, or
- international two days show

where at least 50 cats in categories II or III resp. at least 40 cats in categories I or IV are entered (for non-European shows: at least 35 cats).

An examination can only be taken on the first day of a two-certificate show or a "border show".

The show organiser is required to ensure that:

- the candidate has at least two stewards at his disposal during the entire part of the practical examination;
- the practical examination takes place under similar conditions as the official judging (light, cages, ring, etc.).

6.1.7 Exhibition of cats when officiating as a judge or as a student judge

A judge or student judge may only exhibit their own cats "Out of competition" at a show where they are officiating.

At a 1-certificate show, divided in categories during 2 or more days, it is not allowed to officiate as a judge on the one day and exhibit on the other day.

Members of an officiating student judge's household may exhibit their own cat(s), but not in the category or categories in which the student judge is officiating.

Exhibits belonging to members of an officiating judge's household cannot compete at such a show.

6.1.8 Prohibition of possessing a show catalogue during judging

It is prohibited for judges and student judges to possess a show catalogue before the Best in Show has taken place.

6.1.9 Reimbursement of expenses and judges' allowance

Judges officiating at a show are entitled to:

- reimbursement of travel expenses (1st class train fare or economy class air fare)
- the provision of food and accommodation for the duration of the show
- if necessary, an additional night's meal and accommodation before returning home
- an allowance fixed by the FIFe General Assembly; the current minimum net amounts are listed in Annex 1 of the FIFe General Rules.

A show organiser is free to grant a further allowance above this amount.

A probational judge, who is carrying out a stage and performing the function of a full judge, shall be fully reimbursed.

6.2 Stewards

6.2.1 Duties of a steward

The steward must assist the judge and observe the following:

- while stewarding in the judge's ring he must be dressed to identify himself as a steward
- be able to move a cat correctly to and from a cage
- not leave the judge until judging is completed
- take reasonable actions to avoid presenting his own cat except at a show where the exhibitors are allowed to present their own cat
- not make comments or offer opinions about an exhibit
- with the judge's permission, inform the exhibitors of judging results
- inform the show secretariat if a cage is empty
- be at least 15 years of age.

6.2.2 Assistance by stewards

A judge must be assisted by at least two stewards, and may be further assisted by a secretary who is appointed by the show organiser.

Where the exhibitors are presenting the cats to the judges themselves, only one steward is necessary.

6.2.3 Steward certificates

The show organiser is required to provide the judges with the necessary steward certificates before judging commences.

The show organiser is recommended to use the steward certificate which is available for downloading on the FIFe website and which may be adjusted, if needed.

The steward certificate is to be issued in one of the three official FIFe languages, i.e. English, French or German.

The judge must mark on the steward certificate whether it is a show where stewards are presenting the cats or a show where the owners are allowed to present the cats themselves.

The judge should give the original steward certificate directly to the steward.

6.2.4 Training of stewards

Each FIFe Member is responsible for the training of stewards.

6.3 Absent exhibits

Exhibits can only be declared "absent" on the judge's report after the steward has checked with the show secretariat.

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

6.4 Consideration for the age of an exhibit

In assessing an exhibit the judge must take into consideration the overall condition of the exhibit with regard to its age.

6.5 Transfer of an exhibit during judging

A judge cannot transfer an exhibit from one class or variety, group or breed to another class, variety, group or breed unless an administrative error is established.

The judge should submit a transfer recommendation for the next show. A cat being in the wrong variety, group or breed receives a full report with the proposed breed, variety or group, but without qualification and classification.

In the case of a change of group, the judge should submit a transfer recommendation for the next show.

Transfer recommendations require the judge's report to be signed by a second officiating judge qualified for the relevant category.

6.6 No judging in front of the exhibition cages

It is prohibited to judge in front of the exhibition cages.

6.7 Judge's ring

6.7.1 Access to the judge's ring

Access to the judge's ring is prohibited to:

- exhibitors, except if the show is organised according to article 6.7.2.b and 6.7.2.c
- members of the organising committee if they are exhibitors, except if the show is organised according to article 6.7.2.b and 6.7.2.c
- visitors.

6.7.2 Presentation procedures

Each FIFe Member may organise shows according to one of the following procedures:

- The cats are fetched and presented by the stewards:
 - each judge has at least two stewards at his own disposal
 - the cats are brought to their judging' cages by the stewards and are presented to the judge by the stewards
 - the steward will take reasonable actions to avoid presenting his own cat.
- The cats are brought by the exhibitors and presented by the stewards:
 - each judge has at least one steward at his own disposal
 - the steward calls up the cats (catalogue number) which the judge requires or places the number on the judging cage
 - the exhibitor (or a person chosen by him) has the possibility of placing the cat inside the appropriate judging cage
 - after the cat is placed inside its judging cage, the exhibitor must leave the judge's ring
 - if an exhibitor is not able – or does not wish – to bring his cat(s) to the judging cage himself, the steward is obliged to fetch the cat and to place it inside the appropriate judging cage
 - the cats are presented to the judge by the stewards.
- The cats are brought and presented by the exhibitors:
 - each judge has one steward at his own disposal
 - the steward calls up the cats (catalogue number) which the judge requires or places the number on the judging cage
 - the exhibitor (or a person chosen by him) has the possibility of placing the cat inside the appropriate judging cage
 - after the cat is placed inside its judging cage, the exhibitor must leave the judge's ring
 - when the judge or steward calls up the cat by its catalogue number, the cat is presented to the judge by the exhibitor
 - if an exhibitor is not able – or does not wish – to bring or present his cat(s) himself, the steward is obliged to fetch the cat and to place it inside the appropriate judging cage and/or present it to the judge.

Regardless the applicable procedure:

- each judge has his judging cages available for a minimum number of 4 cats
- the cats should always be presented with the catalogue number in writing
- it is obligatory to judge before the public; the judge is free to give explanations and announce the results
- once the judge has completed his judging or once the judges' results have been given, the judge or his steward will ask the exhibitors to collect their cats, or the steward takes the cat back to the exhibition cage
- during the Best in Show only the stewards are permitted to present the cats (see article 4.9.6).

6.7.3 Electronic devices

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6.8 Judge's report

6.8.1 Layout and language

The layout of the judge's reports must be uniform as far as possible for all shows held under FIFe rules and must carry the FIFe logo. Headings must be in English, French and German. Organisers are free to add their national language.

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

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

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

The judge can write his reports either in one of the three official FIFe languages (English, French or German) or in the language (or one of the official languages) of the country where the show is organised. The judge's reports must be legible.

6.8.2 Diplomas and distribution

The cat's name must be stated on a diploma accompanying the judge's report.

Otherwise, the cat's name must be put on the judge's report by the show organiser as soon as Best in Show judging is completed. The judge's reports must be distributed to the exhibitors during the show.

6.9 Qualification and classification

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

- classes 1 and 2: Supreme Champions, Supreme Premiers, European Champions, European Premiers, FIFe American Champions and FIFe American Premiers
- class 13c: determination; see article 5.4
- class 14: house cats (HCL/HCS); see article 5.5.3
- classes of non-recognised breeds (* non); see article 5.5.3
- classes of non-recognised longhair/shorthair (XLH/XSH); see articles 5.5.1 and 5.5.3
- additional classes; see article 5.6.

Qualification:

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

Classification:

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

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

- class 3-4: CACS – CAPS = 97 points
- class 5-6: CAGCIB – CAGPIB = 96 points
- class 7-8: CACIB – CAPIB = 95 points
- class 9-10: CAC – CAP = 93 points.

A judge may award the following certificates:

Country >	European		Non-European	
v Judge Show >	National	International	National	International
Non-European judge	can not officiate	can not officiate*	CAC/CAP	all certificates
International judge	CAC/CAP	all certificates	CAC/CAP	all certificates

* except with permission from the FIFe Board
(refer to the FIFe Rules for Judges & Student Judges, article 4.2.7.b)

6.10 Countersigning

If the requirement towards the number of different judges – as laid down in articles 4.2, 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 – will not be met, the exhibitor can request a judge who has already previously awarded a certificate to an exhibit in a class which he has to judge again, to countersign the new certificate by another qualified judge officiating at the show.

In this case the two certificates are to be considered as given by two different judges.

6.11 Withholding certificates

For faults precluding the certificate, please refer to the Table of faults in the Annexes.

Judges are at liberty to withhold a certificate if in their opinion the exhibit placed first does not possess sufficient merit.

The reason for withholding a certificate must be stated on the completed judge's report.

The signature of a second judge is not compulsory.

6.12 Disqualification

For disqualifying faults, please refer to the Table of faults in the Annexes.

In case of a disqualification:

- the judge's report does not have to be completed
- the judge's report must not give a qualification and/or classification, but must state the reason for disqualification
- the judge may call upon the opinion of the officiating veterinarian.

6.13 Judges decisions

Judges decisions cannot be disputed.

7 Responsibility and exclusion

7.1 Observance of the show rules

The show organising FIFe Member is responsible to FIFe for the observance of the Show Rules.

7.2 Shows in countries where there is no FIFe Member

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

7.3 The non-smoking rules

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

7.4 Violation of the rules

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

7.5 Investigation by the Show Commission

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

8 “Open Doors”

8.1 Showing in non-FIFe clubs

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8.2 Open Doors

1. Permit non-FIFe members to participate as exhibitors on FIFe shows and permit individual FIFe members to exhibit on non-FIFe shows.
2. Exhibitors belonging to any non-FIFe organisation may enter cats at FIFe shows under the following conditions:
 - a. all non-FIFe exhibitors must agree to respect all FIFe Rules and Standards
 - b. they may only enter their cats in classes 12, 11 and 9 or 10; if they wish to enter cats in higher classes, they should become individual members of a FIFe Member
 - c. all applications from non-FIFe exhibitors should be sent in and countersigned by the exhibitor's own organisation
 - d. all entry fees from non-FIFe exhibitors should be paid in accordance with the instructions of the organisers.
3. FIFe certificates may only be obtained at FIFe shows and are the only certificates valid to obtain a FIFe title.
4. This rule shall be extended until 31.12.2018.

ANNEXES – Exceptions to the Show Rules

Annex 1 – Portugal – deleted

Annex 2 – Open doors – deleted

Annex 3 – Cyprus, Greece, Iceland, *Israel* and United Kingdom

Permit Cyprus, Greece, Iceland, *Israel* and the United Kingdom because of their geographic location all certificates to be granted in one country:

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

Annex 4 – Belarus, *Portugal*, Russia, Spain and Ukraine

Exemption for Belarus, *Portugal*, Russia, Spain and Ukraine until 31.12.2016:

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

Annex 5 – Norway and Sweden – deleted

Annex 6 – Asia and Latin America

The following exemptions for Asia and Latin America are valid until 31.12.2017:

All certificates to be granted in one country:

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

Annex 7 – French exhibitors – deleted

Annex 8 – Belarus – moved to Annex 4

Annex 9 – Iceland and *Israel*

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

Annex 10 – Group “C” Countries – deleted

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

TABLE – Exceptions to the Show Rules

Article/ Annex	Country	Valid until	Minimum number of cats	Classes 7 & 8	Classes 5 & 6	Classes 3 & 4
Art. 1.8.g	Asia Latin America Iceland <i>Israel</i> Patronage members	-----	100	-----	-----	-----
	Bulgaria Cyprus Greece United Kingdom	31.12.2018				
Annex 3	Cyprus Greece Iceland <i>Israel</i> United Kingdom	-----	-----	5 x CACIB / CAPIB 1 country 3 different judges	7 x CAGCIB / CAGPIB 1 country 5 different judges	10 x CACS / CAPS 1 country 7 different judges
Annex 4	Belarus <i>Portugal</i> Russia Spain Ukraine	31.12.2016	-----	5 x CACIB / CAPIB 1 country 3 different judges	-----	-----
Annex 6	Asia Latin America	31.12.2017	-----	3 x CACIB / CAPIB 1 country 3 different judges	6 x CAGCIB / CAGPIB 1 country 4 different judges	9 x CACS / CAPS 1 country 5 different judges
Annex 9	Iceland <i>Israel</i>	Allow 3 x Best in Show in classes 11 and/or 12 to qualify for the title Junior Winner				

TABLE – Disqualifying and general faults

DISQ = fault leading to disqualification (see also article 6.12)

NO EX = general fault precluding Excellent and any higher award

NO CERT = general fault precluding the certificate and any higher award than Excellent (see art. 6.11)

NR.	FAULT	DISQ	NO EX	NO CERT	REMARK
1. Body					
1.1	Deformities of the bone structure, deformities of the rib cage, including a flat chest, or any apparent deformity of the spine	●			
1.2	Any apparent weakness restricting the ability to move	●			
1.3	Dwarfism	●			
1.4	De-clawed cats (claws amputated)	●			
1.5	Deformities of the feet or legs, for example poly- or oligodactylism (too many or too few toes)	●			
1.6	Cats with an umbilical hernia	●			
1.7	A cat showing any testicular anomaly	●			Except for cats younger than 10 months
1.8	Unneutered house cats	●			
1.9	Any fixed deviation of the sternum or xiphisternum			●	Except for neuters and cats younger than 10 months
2. Head					
2.1	Deformity of the skull resulting in an asymmetrical face and/or head	●			
2.2	<i>Any depressions, protrusions or fissures in the skull</i>	●			
2.3	Narrow nostrils, loud and difficult breathing			●	
3. Jaws, dentition and tongue					
3.1	Cut teeth		●		
3.2	Crooked jaws		●		
3.3	Overshot or undershot jaw of more than 2 mm			●	
3.4	Persistent exposure of teeth and/or tongue			●	
4. Eyes					
4.1	Blind cats	●			
4.2	Abnormal size and form of the eyes and eyelids (entropion, ectropion)	●			
4.3	Cross-eyed (squinting) cats	●			
4.4	Tendency to squint			●	
4.5	Eyes set too deep or protruding			●	
4.6	Injuries of the eye, for example corneal injuries			●	
5. Ears					
5.1	Deaf cats	●			
5.2	Cats with cropped ears	●			
6. Colour					
6.1	All white spots, which are not allowed in the standard	●			
6.2	All pigmentation faults leading to a colour loss on the - nose leather, - paw pads and/or - lips, which are not permitted in the standard			●	
6.3	Insufficient contrast between points and body colour on Siamese pointed cats			●	
7. Tail					
7.1	Cats with docked tails	●			
7.2	Any deformities of the tail for example a kink or a knot			●	Except for neuters and bobtailed breeds

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NR.	FAULT	DISQ	NO EX	NO CERT	REMARK
8. Behaviour and condition					
8.1	Aggressive cats If two stewards are unable to take a cat out of its cage, it may not compete. If a cat is aggressive at three shows, it is left to the discretion of the member or organising club whether to withdraw the cat from future competition.	●			
8.2	Doped cats Cats which have had tranquillizers administered, affecting the nervous system and/or substances that extend the pupils of the eyes	●			
8.3	Pregnant or lactating queens	●			Such cats must be put into quarantine immediately
8.4	Cats which the veterinarian determines to be ill during the show	●			Such cats must be removed immediately from the show hall, together with all other cats belonging to the same exhibitor (see Show Rules article 3.8)
8.5	Cats which show obvious signs of bad health	●			Such cats must be put into quarantine immediately
8.6	Cats showing lack of cleanliness (e.g. dirty ears, presence of parasites)	●			
8.7	Cats which have been given cosmetic treatment (dyeing or colour rinsing)	●			
8.8	Tattooed cats	●			Except when having a tattoo with an identifying code as a form of registration (ref. to FIFe Breeding & Registration Rules article 3.4)
8.9	Undernourished or obese cats			●	
8.10	All signs of bad health (condition), too thin cats, etc.			●	
8.11	Cats which have been powdered excessively			●	
9. Breed specific faults (for more details: see the breed standards)					
9.1	Faults leading to disqualification	●			BAL/SIA/OLH/OSH/SYL/SYS, BEN, JBT, KBL/KBS, KOR, LPL/LPS, OCI, RAG, SIN, <i>THA</i>
9.2	Faults precluding the certificate and any award higher than Excellent			●	ABY/SOM, ACL/ACS, BAL/SIA/OLH/OSH/SYL/SYS, BUR, EUR, LPL/LPS, SBI, <i>THA</i>

TABLE – Best in Variety: minimum possibilities

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10+ = classes 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 7-10 = class 11 4-7 = class 12