

THE RULES

of

**THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE CAT FANCY OF
IRELAND**

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Breeders, Show Managers, Judges, Stewards and Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring that they are familiar with all sections of the Rules. Evasion or breach of any of the Rules is liable to result in disciplinary action.

SECTION 1 - REGISTRATION OF CATS/KITTENS

REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

Active and Non-Active Registers

1. Only cats/kittens required for breeding purposes should be registered on the Active Register.
2. The Non-Active Register should be used for cats not required for breeding. Progeny of these cats will not be registered.
3. Only the breeder may apply to transfer a cat from the Non-Active to the Active Register on payment of the appropriate fee. The Executive Committee may order a transfer in exceptional circumstances where the breeder is no longer available.
4. Only the registered owner may ask to transfer a cat from the Active to the Non-Active Register. A fee will be charged which will be determined from time to time. The Executive Committee may order a transfer in exceptional circumstances where the owner is no longer available.

Litter Registrations

5. Applications will not be accepted for kittens under the age of one calendar month.
6. Registration for cats over the age of one year (with the exception of imports) will be referred to the Executive Committee.
7. Kittens may be registered Active or Non-Active as appropriate.
8. A Veterinary Certificate of Entirety for a stud cat must be lodged with the Registrar before his first litter will be registered.
9. The following information must be given for kittens for registration purposes:
 - a. The number of kittens in the litter.
 - b. The breed and apparent colour of each kitten.
 - c. The sex of each kitten.
 - d. Date of birth.
 - e. Name of each kitten.
 - f. Breeder's prefix (if appropriate).
 - g. A Mating Certificate is required if the breeder is not the registered owner of the sire.
10. The owner of the stud cat must provide a Certificate of Mating to the owner of the queen upon collection of the queen.
11. A Certificate of Mating must state the registered name, breed/breed description and registration number of both the sire and dam, and the dates of mating and must be signed by the registered owner(s) of the sire.

Transfer of Registration

12. When a cat or kitten is sold as a pedigree cat the seller must provide the purchaser with a properly completed pedigree signed by the breeder(s) carrying 3 generations at least, showing all the breed numbers and registration numbers, also the breeder's name and address. If the cat/kitten is not registered, a copy of the mating certificate shall be supplied to the new owner.
13. If at the time of sale, the cat or kitten is registered the seller shall provide the purchaser with a transfer form duly completed and signed by the seller, unless it is jointly agreed in writing by both parties, at the time of the sale not to do so.

Application for Prefix Registration

14. The name, including the registered prefix, may contain a maximum of 26 letters (including spaces) and not less than 2 and not more than 4 words.
15. A prefix may only be used to register cats bred and registered by the prefix owner(s).
16. The breeder of a cat is the registered owner of the dam on the date of the cat's birth. In the case of a joint prefix the dam must be registered in the joint ownership of the prefix holders at the time of the cat's birth. When the prefix is owned by a single owner, the dam must be owned by that single owner only to be valid for use.

Application for Non-Prefix Registrations

17. All non-prefix applications will commence with an administrative prefix which will be agreed by the GCCFI and will change from time to time as considered necessary.
18. The name, including the administrative prefix, may contain no more than a maximum of 26 letters (including spaces) and not less than 2 and not more than 4 words.

PREFIX APPLICATIONS

19. To apply for a prefix a person must be a member of a GCCFI affiliated club for one year.
20. The granting of prefixes is at the discretion of the Council and their decision is final.
21. Applications for Prefix are sent in the first place to GCCF for a computer check. Ten alternatives should be given because of the vast number registered in the U.K.
22. The following will not be accepted as a name or part of a name:
 - a. Names of living people
 - b. Names which are primarily registered business or trade names
 - c. Names which are primarily those of towns, countries or districts comprising a wide area
 - d. Numbers in figures or letters (John 111, Robert Fourth, Louis Quatorze, Sean a Cuig etc.)
 - e. Repetition of words previously registered by the same person or under the same prefix except recognised appropriate breed colour words in English or Irish

- f. Hyphens, apostrophes etc.
 - g. GCCFI Show titles (Supreme, Champion, Premier, Tara etc.)
23. No cat once registered can have the name changed in any particular except at the discretion of the Council whose decision is final.

REGISTRATION POLICIES

24. A cat whose sire and dam are registered with GCCFI is also eligible for registration in accordance with the current GCCF Registration Policy for the breed in question. GCCFI follows the GCCF Registration Policies.

Cats/Kittens from Other Registering Bodies:

25. Cats already registered with another registering body will be eligible for registration with the GCCFI by paying the appropriate fee and supplying the following documentation:
- a. Original of Certified Pedigree showing 3 (4) generations of breeding certified as correct by the other registering body. This certified pedigree must be in accordance with the current GCCF Registration Policy for the breed in question.
 - b. A copy of transfer of ownership/registration certificate to the applicant whichever appropriate.
 - c. A GCCFI “Application to Register” form completed and fee enclosed.
26. When a cat is already registered with another registering body its name will not be changed, except that hyphens, apostrophes, etc. will not be permitted and any spaces produced by such punctuation will be closed.
27. An indicator will be used after the name of the cat to show that the name has been imported from another registering body.

Cats/Kittens First Registered by GCCF:

28. When cats first registered by GCCF are subsequently registered by GCCFI having followed all the rules governing such registration, GCCFI, in acknowledgement of GCCF requirements, agree that we:
- a. Require a certified pedigree, before importing a cat onto our register.
 - b. Respect the validity of the GCCF Non-Active registration.
 - c. Require all cats at any shows we licence and/or organize to be vetted-in.
 - d. Maintain a rejection list and will supply the GCCF with a copy of this list.
 - e. Will supply the GCCF with lists of exhibitors at our shows, together with their addresses.

Reciprocal Agreement:

29. In accordance with our reciprocal agreement with GCCF all cats born in U.K. including N.I. must first be registered with GCCF and all cats born in the Republic of Ireland must first be registered with GCCFI.

30. If registration with GCCFI is sought for a cat first registered by GCCF (or other recognised registering body) the following must be supplied:
 - a. Original copy of a 3 generation certified pedigree from the registering body.
 - b. A copy of GCCF (or other) transfer to the new owner. Apart from confirming the ownership this document supplies the names of the owners of sires and dams necessary to complete our registration document and also confirms the status, i.e. active or non-active.
 - c. Application for Certified Pedigrees for entire male cats or kittens must be accompanied by a Veterinary Certificate of Entirety.

SECTION 2 - SHOW MANAGEMENT

SHOW LICENCE

1. Applications to hold a competitive Show at which cats registered with the GCCFI are present must be made to *the Secretary of the GCCFI*.
2. Permission to hold a championship show will only be granted to a recognised affiliated Club, which has qualified by holding *1 exemption show and 2 sanction shows*.
3. The Show Manager may not be changed without the permission of the GCCFI and must be listed in the show schedule and catalogue. All disputes connected with the show must initially be referred to the Show Manager.
4. Application for Show licences will be brought by the Secretary to the Executive committee. When applying for a show date, consideration should be given to other major events which may impact on entries and gate attendance.

SHOW MANAGEMENT

5. The Show Manager of a championship show must qualify by:
 - a. Having managed at least *1* exemption shows, or
 - b. Having acted as assistant show manager at least 2 championship shows
and
 - c. Engaged in a training programme
 - d. In exceptional circumstances the GCCFI may permit a person not so qualified to act as show manager.
6. The GCCFI will maintain a list of qualified show managers.

Notes

- The aisles between the rows of pens must be a minimum of 1.8 metres.
- There should be a rigid non-see through division between and behind the pens.
- It is the responsibility of the Show Manager to ensure there are adequate arrangements should the hall need to be evacuated in case of fire.
- Adequate insurance should be in place, checking whether trade stalls have their own insurance.
- It is desirable to appoint an assistant show manager where possible, to encourage the training of new show managers.

SHOW FINANCES

7. The Show Manager carries overall responsibility to the GCCFI for the finances of the show.

8. A separate show account should be opened with the Show Manager and two other members of the Show Committee having signing authority; the Show Manager to hold a chequebook and lodgement book.
9. The Show accounts and cheque books should be passed to the Club Treasurer when completed. He/she will then pass them with the club accounts to the GCCFI, following the Club's AGM.

SCHEDULE

10. The Show Manager shall issue a schedule, which shall include:
 - a. The title of the Show, including the fact that it is held under the auspices of the GCCFI.
 - b. The name(s) and address(es) of the Show Manager(s) and the names of the members of the show committee.
 - c. A list of open classes, which will consist of:
 - **Grand Champion** and **Grand Premier** classes for eligible exhibits. To be eligible for entry into these classes the exhibit must have obtained the status of GCCFI Champion or Premier, on or before the closing date for entries published in the schedule. This status shall be obtained by the awarding of three certificates by three different judges.
 - **Open** classes for each breed for which is eligible for a certificate.
 - **Intermediate** classes for provisional breeds eligible for an intermediate certificate.
 - **Assessment** classes for preliminary breed, where a suitable judge is available; these cats are judged against a standard of points, (rather than competing against each other) for a merit certificate. When a suitable judge is not available these breeds are eligible to go on exhibition.
 - **Miscellaneous** classes, the number and type at the discretion of the show management team.
 - d. The names of the judges engaged.
 - e. The judges on the Best in Show panel.
 - f. The Show Manager must obtain the permission in writing of all judges before announcing them in the schedule, ensuring that such judges have not judged the same class at a GCCFI show in the previous 18 months.
 - g. Names of veterinary surgeons attending.
 - h. A list of classes offered to exhibitors with the judge engaged for each class and the entry fee required.
11. **Open** Classes may only be judged by judges appointed to that list; if more than one breed is covered (e.g. in miscellaneous classes) the judge must be on the list of at least one of the breeds involved.
12. If for any reason the judge is unable to fulfil his/her engagement in Open classes and another judge takes over, after the schedule has been distributed, exhibitors may

withdraw their exhibits from competition in the relevant open class and entry fees may be refunded.

13. In the event of a judge change of an open class after the closing date of the show, provided the exhibitor notifies the show manager prior to judging that a certificate has previously been awarded by the replacement judge, the show manager shall appoint another qualified judge to assess the cat and countersign the certificate if the exhibit is considered of sufficient quality. This shall count towards championship status. Should another qualified judge not be available the certificate awarded by the replacement judge shall count towards championship status.
14. All classes with the exception of assessment classes shall be split male and female.
15. An adult cat must be at least **nine** calendar months old on the day of the show.
16. Kittens may not be shown under **four** calendar months of age on the day of the show.
17. Non pedigree classes may be judged by a person approved by the show committee.
18. The closing date for entries shall be prominently printed on the schedule; entries may be accepted after this date at the discretion of the show manager and only if they can be included in the catalogue. Show managers are authorised to refuse any entry without giving reasons and in the case of such refusals all entry and other monies must be returned to the sender.
19. Show managers, assistant show managers, section managers and members of their household may not exhibit in competition at their own show. A judge or section manager in the non-pedigree section may exhibit in the pedigree section.

ENTRY FORMS

20. Entry forms must include:
 - a. The name of the exhibitor; the registered name of the cat.
 - b. The names of the sire and dam.
 - c. The date of birth, sex and breed number of the exhibit.
 - d. GCCFI registration number (If a kitten, A/F - applied for- may be entered). RAF (registration applied for) may be used in the case of cats. This should only be used if the GCCFI registration form and fee has been submitted to the Registrar. This must be done if there is a delay in receiving further documentation (i.e. certified pedigree, transfer certificate) from another registering body. The Show Manager should check with the Registrar in respect of any entries where RAF has been used. (The Registrar can issue a letter confirming that the paperwork and fees have been received.)
 - e. Name of the breeder.
 - f. Class numbers exhibit is to be entered in.
 - g. The entry form must include a copy of the declaration, which must be signed by the exhibitor or guardian, in the case of a junior.
21. Prior to the show, the Show Manager shall check the exhibitor list against the official rejection list and the official bite/scratch list, supplied by the GCCF. No cat living at

the same address as any exhibitor on the reject list may be shown until a clearance certificate has been received and acknowledged.

CATALOGUE

22. After the closing date for entries the Show Manager shall prepare a show catalogue, which shall include:
 - a. The names of the Show Manager, the show management team, and the judges.
 - b. A list of the names of all exhibitors; addresses will also be included unless specifically requested otherwise by exhibitors.
 - c. The classes with the names of the entries and exhibitors. Details of breeding, i.e. the names of the sire and dam, date of birth, sex of the cat, breed number.
 - d. A list of prizes and specials being offered. Rosettes may be offered only by clubs.
 - e. Acknowledgment that the show is being held under licence of GCCFI.

Notes

- Should an exhibit be missed out of the catalogue, manuscript additions to catalogues may be made provided there is proof that the exhibit had been accepted into the Show (i.e. receipt of payment, as confirmed in accounts and presence of entry form in Show Managers possession)
- Non-GCCFI titles may be placed in brackets after the cat's name and that of its sire and dam.

AWARDS

23. No extra first prizes may be awarded in any class.
24. Winners of Grand Champion or Grand Premier where the certificate has been awarded are automatically eligible to compete for best of variety.
25. In Grand Champion and Grand Premier classes only one prize i.e. Gr Ch/Gr Pr should be given and one reserve, which would merit the award of Grand Champion or Grand Premier in the opinion of the judge, in the case of disqualification of the grand winner.
26. When the Grand Champion or Grand Premier certificates are not awarded the reserve must also be withheld. The judge may award 1st and 2nd place and state in writing that the certificates have been withheld.
27. Assessment Open classes shall be provided for preliminary status breeds and shall be judged by full judges of the breed group where a qualified judge is available.
28. The provision of a copy of the standard of points rests with the exhibitor and should be placed on the top of the pen for the use of the assessment class judge.
29. Preliminary group exhibits are not eligible for Best in Show.
30. The winner of any class where the certificate has been withheld is not eligible for Best in Show.

31. Best of Breed shall be offered to adults, kittens and neuters.
32. The best of breed decision shall be made by the Open (not Grand) judge.
33. Exhibits in the Grand class but not in the Open are to be considered for best of breed.
34. Any exhibit which has had the certificate withheld is not eligible for best of breed.
35. If a certificate has been awarded best of breed may not be withheld.

BEST IN SHOW

36. Best in Show shall consist of Best Persian Exhibit, Best Semi Longhaired Exhibit, Best British Exhibit, Best Foreign Exhibit, Best Burmese Exhibit, Best Oriental Exhibit, and Best Siamese/Balinese Exhibit.

VETS

37. It is recommended to supply 1 vet for approx. every 60 entries.
38. All exhibits must be examined by a qualified veterinary surgeon prior to admission to the show hall; the decision of the veterinary surgeon is final and must be accepted without question.
39. The show manager must obtain full details of a local veterinary practice available to treat emergencies at the show.
40. All cats present at a GCCFI Show must have a current vaccination certificate against FIE, FVR and FCV (“cat flu”) which must have been completed more than 14 days before the show, the certificate to be examined by the veterinary surgeon vetting in the exhibit. Any exhibit without a certificate will not be admitted to the show unless the exhibitor undertakes to provide proof of vaccination, valid for that show, to the Show Manager within seven days of the show. Homeopathic vaccinations are not acceptable.
41. An adequate number of quarantine pens shall be available for isolation of suspect exhibits. These pens must be situated so that the public does not have access to them and it must be possible to separate pens so that cats suspected of having an infectious disease are kept separate.
42. If an exhibit is removed to isolation after judging has commenced, information regarding the section under which the cat has been rejected should be available to adjacent exhibitors through the Show Manager.
43. When the official vet is not readily available the Show Manager alone is empowered to take decisions concerning the welfare of the cats.

AFTER THE SHOW

44. The Show Manager shall within two days after the show send copies of any rejection slips to the GCCF so that details can be included on the GCCF official rejection list published for the next show. Details required are:
 - a. Name and address of owner(s)
 - b. Name of exhibit(s)

- c. Name and date of show
- d. Section under which rejected (B, C or D)

This can be done by email to the GCCF office.

- 45. The Show Manager shall ensure that within seven days of the show a marked copy of the catalogue with all class results, is sent to the GCCFI Secretary & Registrar.
- 46. Accounts should be checked by an independent scrutineer. Entry forms and award slips shall be retained by the Show Manager.

SECTION 3 - JUDGES AND STEWARDS

JUDGES

1. Judges and Stewards are expected to behave in a professional manner and not engage in conversation with exhibitors until judges have completed their classes. They are expected to wear white coats. Judges and members of a judge's household may not exhibit in competition at shows at which the judge is engaged, except that an exhibitor of pedigree cats may judge in the non-pedigree section.
2. Acceptance of an engagement, in writing, by a judge places that judge under an obligation, in normal circumstances, to both Show Management and prospective exhibitors to attend and officiate at the show in question.
3. Judges may not inspect catalogues or otherwise obtain information as to the ownership or identity of exhibits until after they have completed their engagement. Necessary information with regard to the age, sex and breed number of particular exhibits may be obtained from the Show Manager; this information to be extracted from the entry form, not the catalogue, which may be in error.
4. In each class (except Assessment classes) cats are to be judged in competition with each other, against the Standard of Points for the breed and are placed in order of merit.
5. Only one first prize may be awarded; Judges may withhold first, second or any other prizes offered and may, subject to the approval of the Show Manager, award extra second or third places if the quality of the exhibits warrants this. Judges must sign the award slips and state thereon if prizes or certificates are withheld.
6. Judges are authorised to award GCCFI Challenge/Grand Challenge Certificates GCCFI Premier/Grand Premier Certificates, Intermediate Certificates to Open classes at Championship Shows authorised by GCCFI. Assessment classes are considered to be Open classes, and Merit Certificates may only be awarded by a full judge of the breed. A judge should withhold the certificate if in his opinion the winning cat is not of sufficient merit. Only one first prize may be awarded.
7. When Grand Challenge or Grand Premier Certificates are withheld, the Reserve award must also be withheld. The judge may award first and second prizes and state on the results slip that the certificates have been withheld.
8. A judge may withhold the Reserve Grand certificate if in his opinion the second placed cat is not of sufficient merit to be awarded the Grand certificate in the event of disqualification of the winner.
9. Winners of Open classes in which the certificate has been withheld are not eligible for Best of Breed or Best in Show nomination.
10. Probationer judges may not judge classes in which Certificates are awarded.
11. The Show Management shall reimburse judges promptly for expenses.
12. Clubs shall be free to invite senior overseas judges, i.e. judges who have been a full judge on the relevant list for a minimum of 3 years.

STEWARDS

13. The GCCFI regards experience as a judge's steward as an essential part of the training of new judges, and judges are expected to pass on their knowledge and techniques to their stewards.
14. The duties of stewards are determined by the judge concerned, but the following must be included:
 - a. To check and pass to the Show Secretariat, the detachable award slips from the judge's book, as soon as is practical after the judging of the class has been completed.
 - b. To keep an adequate record of all placings and absentees in each class judged.
 - c. To be available for carrying to the Best in Show Panel any cats nominated for Best in Show judging.
 - d. To be available to the judge at all times, for the handling of cats and to act as messenger between the judge, secretariat and Show Manager.
 - e. Stewards should be alert to the possibility of cross-judging.
 - f. To keep a record of certificates awarded for the judges to confirm the number of certificates for signing and correct details entered.
15. No person may steward for a judge under whom he or a member of his household is exhibiting in an Open class; this also includes cats not entered in the Open but to be considered for Best of Breed. This rule shall also apply to any persons acting as agent of a cat entered in the relevant class.
16. It is recommended that wherever possible, stewards assisting judges should not be involved in the vetting in procedure except in an emergency.
17. Stewards may not handle catalogues until their judge has concluded his duties.
18. Stewards who are entered in the GCCFI stewarding and judging scheme should keep a personal record of engagements.

Notes

- Judges and stewards who have had ringworm diagnosed in their catteries/household, must not attend shows until a Clearance Certificate as required by GCCFI has been obtained.
- Any person whose cats have been rejected under Sections C or D must not officiate as a judge or steward or in any other capacity which requires the handling of cats at shows, until a Clearance Certificate as required by GCCFI has been obtained.

SECTION 4 - EXHIBITS AND EXHIBITORS

ENTRY

1. With the exception of Household Pets, all cats and kittens exhibited at a show licensed by the GCCFI must be registered with GCCFI. Cats entering the adult and neuter classes must be 9 calendar months or over on show day. Kittens under the age of 4 calendar months on show day must not be shown (in competition or on exhibition).

Under the current reciprocal agreement, breeders in Britain and Northern Ireland must first register cats and kittens with the GCCF. When the certificates have been received, application can then be made for Irish registration which, if both parents have GCCFI registration, only requires the addition of a copy of GCCF registration/transfer. If one or both parents have not GCCFI registration a 3 generation certified pedigree from GCCF will, in addition to copy of registration/transfer, be required.

2. The Owner of the cat is the person so named in the GCCFI register.
3. Registration and transfer applications must be received by the Registrar not less than 21 days prior to the show. The date of receipt by the Registrar of such applications shall be the relevant date.
4. The entry form must be accurately completed. The onus is on the exhibitor to enter in the correct classes and to enter all details to correspond with the details on the registration/transfer certificate. Each exhibit must be entered in its open class.
5. After a cat or kitten has been to any show or public exhibition, a period of 13 days must elapse before a cat or kitten from that household may be exhibited again.
6. GCCFI health declaration must be carefully read, signed and the rules specified therein must be observed. If the cat is in joint ownership, both owners must sign.
7. Correct Entry Fees as specified in Schedule must be enclosed.
8. Entries and fees must be returned by designated closing date.
9. Entries may be withdrawn before published closing date by writing to Show Manager. Fees will be returned.
10. After published closing date entries may only be withdrawn and fees returned:
 - a. in the case of death or serious illness of exhibit(s) confirmed in writing by a Veterinary Surgeon
 - b. if there should be a change of open class judge from that published in Schedule.

Notes

- In the event of a change of open class Judge occurring after the closing date of the show, and provided that the Exhibitor informs the Show Manager, prior to judging, that a Certificate has previously been awarded by the replacement Judge, the Show Manager shall, if possible, appoint one other Judge to countersign any Certificate awarded to that cat in that class. This Certificate shall then count towards Championship status. Should

another qualified judge not be available the certificate awarded by the replacement judge shall count towards championship status.

11. Judges, and members of a judge's household, may not compete in shows at which the judge is engaged, with the exception of the Household Pet Section.
12. Exhibitors may not show at unlicensed shows and if they do so they may be barred from shows licensed by GCCFI.

(Special arrangements allow for showing at GCCF shows in Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Exhibitors intending to show at other than GCCF and GCCFI shows must inform the Secretary, GCCFI giving details of the proposed show. The 13 day rule must be observed when entering for any show. One may only withdraw from a GCCF or GCCFI show before the closing date. This rule is considered to be infringed if one enters for two shows within the prescribed time even if one does not attend either.

SHOW DAY

13. Exhibits must be brought in secure escape proof carriers and be accompanied by owner or owner's representative. A top loading carrier is recommended.
14. Exhibitor or Exhibitor's representative must be available at all times during the course of the show in case any emergency should arise.
15. Exhibits should be in good health, free of all outward sign of illness or skin disease or vermin infestation.
16. All exhibits must be presented to the appointed Veterinary Surgeon(s) for examination before entering the penning area.

Exhibitors with a number of exhibits must present all to the same Veterinary Surgeon for examination.

17. All exhibits are required to have current vaccination against F.I.E. and cat 'flu, certificates to be dated at least 14 days prior to the date of show. Certificates should be brought and will be checked at vetting-in. Cats with an invalid vaccination certificate will be rejected under Section A. Cats unaccompanied by a vaccination certificate will also be rejected under Section A unless the exhibitor undertakes to provide proof of vaccination, valid for that show, to the Show Manager within seven days of the show. Failure to do so will lead to disqualification from the show and the cat's name will be placed on the rejection list until proof of vaccination is received.
18. Exhibits rejected by the Vet may not enter the show hall.
 - a. Depending on the reason for rejection the Vet may disqualify other exhibits from the same household or cattery and in some instances the owner(s) may also be refused entry.
 - b. Rejection under sections B,C,& D of the Rejection Form means that the owner will have to supply a Veterinary Clearance Certificate to the GCCFI and receive acknowledgement of its acceptance before entering another show.
 - c. Veterinary Surgeons are instructed not to admit adult monorchid or cryptorchid male cats.

- d. Queens which are pregnant, lactating or have kitted within the past 12 weeks may not compete.
 - e. A de-clawed cat must be rejected.
 - f. The Veterinary Surgeon (or a Judge) may disqualify from competition any cat or kitten which in their opinion is very under-developed or in very poor condition.
19. During the course of the show, if the official Veterinary Surgeon is not readily available, the Show Manager alone is empowered to take decisions concerning the well-being of the cats.
 20. In the case of veterinary rejection the exhibitor will receive a signed rejection slip from the Veterinary Surgeon, also a clearance form which in due course the Exhibitor's own Veterinary Surgeon should complete and return to the Show Manager.

Following rejection either at GCCF or GCCFI shows, a clearance certificate must be sent to GCCFI and acknowledgement received before the exhibits may compete at another show under either GCCF or GCCFI rules.

In the case of rejection fees will not be refunded.

21. The decision of the Vet is final and not subject to appeal.
22. Exhibits arriving too late for the Veterinary examination may not enter the show and fees will not be refunded.
23. If an exhibit seriously bites or scratches a Veterinary Surgeon, Judge or Steward, the matter must be reported to the Show Manager by the injured party. It is then the duty of the Show Manager to withdraw the exhibit from that show and to notify the owner in writing, while sending a copy to the Secretary GCCFI. If the Exhibit was defending itself in exceptional or frightening circumstances, this information should also be given to the Secretary GCCFI so that it may be reported to the Executive for consideration. If the exhibit is reported for biting or scratching at another show it shall be disqualified from participating at all future shows, both for competition and/or exhibition, unless the Executive rules otherwise.
24. The Show Manager may require any exhibit which shows undue distress for any reason to be withdrawn from the Show. In such a case the exhibit will be disqualified from further competition on the day.
25. Any exhibit which cannot be safely handled by a Judge and/or Judge's Steward may be disqualified, with forfeiture of the relevant entry fees. A Judge's decision in this matter is final. The Judge is at liberty to request the Show Manager to display a warning notice on the pen.
26. Any complaint arising from the Show should be sent to the Show Manager within 7 days of the Show.
27. During the course of the day no exhibitor, under penalty of disqualification, may approach a Judge until that Judge has completed his/her judging engagement.
28. Except in the case of the Household Pet Section, all items used in the pen must be regulation white and no identifying objects such as toys may be left in the pen until judging has been completed. A hot water bottle is permitted and should be concealed in the blanket.

29. Water must be left in the pen at all times, but feeding dishes must be removed before judging commences. Exhibits may be fed during the lunch interval.
30. The use of grooming aids in the show hall, other than the use of a clean brush and comb or cloth is prohibited. No powder or other grooming substances may be left in the coat of an exhibit.
31. Exhibitors are requested to point out to the Show Manager at the earliest possible moment, any errors in regard to their own entries which may appear in the Show Catalogue. If pointed out at a reasonable time during the Show, errors which have occurred as typing, printing or other managerial mistakes will be corrected in the judges' books and other relevant paper work. If error cannot be corrected the Show Manager may refund the entry fees on request.
32. Exhibits may not leave the show until the published closing time. Failing to observe this rule may result in awards being cancelled.
33. The Governing Council forbids the sale of cats or kittens at shows. Sale arrangements may be made at shows but a quarantine period of 7 days must elapse before a cat or a kitten is released from the Breeder to its new home. This is to protect the welfare of the cat/kitten and the interests of the Breeder and New Owner.