

Amend Show Rules 212.3, 212.4 (Top 10 AB Alters)

Rationale:

Amendments to these rules were approved by the membership in the 2016 membership ballot. During programming work it became clear that the rule changes had left definitions of final awards for SP rings as ambiguous and therefore unacceptable. In April 2017 the Board agreed to delay implementation until May 2018 so that revised wording could be submitted to the membership.

The above rules have been completely re-written to represent the Top 10 AB Alters proposal as originally envisaged.

If this change does not pass this membership ballot, then the wording of these rules will revert back to those as of August 2016 – in other words the concept of “Top 10 finals in all AB Alter Rings” is rejected - and a proposal to revise the old wording to use the simpler format below will be put forward in 2018.

The purpose of this change is to encourage additional entries to the Alter class by allowing all AB Alter rings to award up to 10 Final places. SP alter rings will still follow the existing rules. It is based upon a similar scheme in the horse show world that did increase entries with horse shows without sacrificing quality of exhibits.

PROS:

Provides an incentive to support smaller shows

May increase cat counts in Alter class

CONS:

Means that different final award systems are in place within TICA's pedigree classes

May not encourage additional Alter entries (similar HHP changes had no real effect)

Judges may be forced to award Finals to alters that are, in their opinion, not worthy of them

Amend Show Rules 212.3 and 212.4:

(delete current 212.3 and 212.4 and substitute new wording)

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

~~212.4 Number of Rosettes Awarded~~

~~212.4.1 Household Pet Adults and Household Pet Kittens – The number of rosettes awarded in the HHP adult class and Household Pet kitten class shall be equal to the number of cats competing up to a maximum of 10.~~

~~212.4.2 Alters – The number of rosettes awarded in the Alter allbreed rings shall be equal to the number of cats competing up to a maximum of 10. If there are FEWER THAN 10 alters competing in specialty rings, judges shall present the top five.~~

~~212.4.3 Top 5 Format – 20 or Fewer Cats Present: When 20 or fewer cats or kittens are present, the judge shall award Best through Fifth Best final awards.~~

~~212.4.4 Top 6 to 9 Format – 21 to 24 Cats Present: When 21 to 24 cats or kittens or household pets or household pet kittens are present, the judge shall award final awards as follows:~~

~~When 21 cats are present, Best through 6th Best, except Alters, HHP Adults and HHP Kittens, See 212.4.1 and 212.4.2~~

~~When 22 cats are present, Best through 7th Best, except Alters, HHP Adults and HHP Kittens, See 212.4.1 and 212.4.2~~

~~When 23 cats are present, Best through 8th Best, except Alters, HHP Adults and HHP Kittens, See 212.4.1 and 212.4.2~~

~~When 24 cats are present, Best through 9th Best, except Alters, HHP Adults and HHP Kittens, See 212.4.1 and 212.4.2~~

~~212.4.5 Top 10 Format – 25 or more Cats Present: When 25 or more cats, kittens, alters or household pets or household pet kittens are present, the judge shall award Best through 10th Best final awards.~~

212.3 Number of Final Places Awarded

212.3.1 Household Pet Adult class, Household Pet Kitten class, and AB Alter class.

The following places shall be awarded for finals of these classes depending on number of cats present and competing:

Number of Cats	Number of Final Places Awarded
Less than 10	equal to the number of cats competing
10 or more	10

212.3.2 All other classes.

The following places shall be awarded for finals of these classes depending on number of cats present and competing:

Number of Cats	Number of Final Places Awarded
Less than 5	equal to the number of cats competing
5 – 20	5
21	6
22	7
23	8
24	9
25 or more	10

212.4 Rule deleted