Proposal 10: Amend Show Rules 27.2 to 27.4 (Qualifying Finals)

Rationale:

The Board were recently asked to clarify which finals are considered as "qualifying" finals under Article 7 of the Show Rules and accompanying Standing Rule 207.1.1. The provisions of Article 7, when read with the definitions of "formats" in Article 12 (prior to May 1, 2018), have always been interpreted by the TICA Executive Office to define "qualifying" finals as those finals which place in Top 5 SP or Top 5 AB and finals in places 6-9 only when at least 25 cats are present and Top 10 finals are awarded. This is a historical definition from the days when finals were either Top 5 (less than 25 cats) or Top 10 (25 or more cats).

This distinction seemed known only to the EO and has caused some comment among members who did not realise that not all finals qualified for titles above CH/CHA/MS. Consequently some cats did not actually obtain titles that their owners thought had been earned.

This proposal simplifies the policy so that a "qualifying final" is either a top 5 final in an SP ring or any final in an AB ring.

PROs:

Clarifies those finals that are a Qualifying Final for titles as the terms "Top 5" and "Top 10" are no longer defined in TICA's Rules.

CONs:

Increases the number of rings with Qualifying Finals, which might make some titles easier to achieve.

Amend Show Rules 27.2, 27.3 and 27.4:

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

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

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

Amend Associated Standing Rules 207.1.1:

207.1.1.1

Champion	HHP	Requirements for Titles
CH CHA	MS	300 points from 4 different judges, plus one final
	GRM	1000 points with 6 finals, 3 in Top top 5 SP or Top 10
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DGC DGCA	DGM	2000 points plus 1 final Top top 5 SP or Top 10 any
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TGC TGCA	TGM	3000 points plus 1 final in Top top 5 SP or Top 10 any
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QGC QGCA	QGM	4000 points plus 1 final in Top top 5 SP or Top 10 any
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SGC SGCA	SGM	6000 points plus 1 Best Cat as a QGC/QGCA/QGM
207.1.1.2		Isolated Areas:
Champion	HHP	Requirements for Titles
CH CHA	MS	150 points from 2 different judges, plus one final
GRC GCA	GRM	500 points with 3 finals, 1 in Top top 5 SP or Top 10 any
		final in AB
DGC DGCA	DGM	1000 points plus 1 final in Top top 5 SP or Top 10 any
		Final in AB
TGC TGCA	TGM	1500 points plus 1 final in Top top 5 SP or Top 10 any

final in AB

QGC QGCA QGM 2000 points plus 1 final in Top top 5 SP or Top 10 any

final in AB

SGC SGCA SGM 3000 points plus 1 Best Cat as a QGC/QGCA/QGM