

DATE: 03/23/2021

BALLOT NUMBER: BB21-06

SUBJECT: Extension of flexibility of Guest Judges

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REQUESTED BY: Vicki Jo Harrison

BALLOT: Amend Judging Program 410.1.6.1 (Extension of flexibility of Guest Judges)

410.1.5 A judge may serve as a Guest Judge no more than five weekends per TICA show season except as stated in 410.1.6.1.

410.1.6 There shall be no more than two Guest Judges per show weekend or 50 percent of the rings whichever is less except as stated in 410.1.6.1.

410.1.6.1 The number of Guest Judges allowed to judge shows in Isolated Areas (see Standing Rules 1012.3.1) shall be considered on a case by case basis. **For the show season 2021/2022 only, this provision shall also apply for any show held in any Region.**

YES: Antenucci, Armel, Brooks, Brown, Hawksworth-Weitz, Ishimura, Joseph, Lawson, Meserve, Russo, Shi, Stadter, van Mullem

NO: Faccioli

NON-VOTING: Harrison, Rudge

RATIONALE: At the Special Board Meeting on 10 March 2021, the Board agreed (given the current state of the Covid-19 pandemic) that during the 2021/2022 show season there would be continued uncertainty over when TICA shows could resume in various countries and the ability of judges to travel outside their own countries.

The flexibility on Guest Judges allowed for the 2020/2021 show season should therefore be extended to include the 2021/2022 show season.

Instruction from Board to Judging Committee: For the show season ending April 30, 2022, the Board requests the Judging Committee be as flexible as possible in approving Guest Judges for shows but without knowingly compromising the quality of the judging experience for the exhibitor.

COMMENTS FOR THE TREND: Faccioli: I vote NO because I don't see a reason for amending the Judging Program. The instruction for the Judging Committee is sufficient for the effectiveness of this ballot.

This Board Ballot has Passed.