



Scores are calculated ring-by-ring. Basically, each score is a representation of the finals points plus cats defeated. If the cat did not make a final, points are scored for each cat defeated in breed, division, or color (whichever is highest). Finals points are the same as for title claims, with the exception of less than 10 cats (see attached tables).

The number of cats competing is figured on a ring-by-ring basis. Total count includes cats who were disqualified, withheld awards, for presentation only, less than 5th best of color, etc. Absentees are not counted. Total scores are based on a summary of the ring scores. The top 50 rings are used to determine total points for cats, alters, and household pets; top 30 rings are used to determine total points for kittens and household pet kittens. Total points are exactly the same for Regional and International Awards. If your cat competes out of region, scores are still accumulated toward total. Cumulative scores are based on the show year -- May 1st through April 30th each and every year. The score totals as of April 30th are used in the Regional Awards Presentations (usually the following summer) and the Annual Awards Presentation (the following Labor Day weekend). Come May 1st, everybody starts all over again with 0 points.

Scores are calculated and entered into the database in the Executive Office. At the end of the show year, the scores are compiled, checked against registration information, and furnished to each Regional Director, who coordinates the awards presentation for his/her region. Your scores will be included with your notification of standings sent out by your Regional Director. If there is a problem, it can then be worked out with the Executive Office.

**For Example:** Your cat has a total of 12,421 points, with the lowest score being 227. He goes to a 10-ring show and wins the following awards:

Ring 1: 5<sup>th</sup> Best Cat Allbreed (67 competing)  
Ring 2: 8<sup>th</sup> Best Cat Allbreed (65 competing)  
Ring 3: 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Cat Allbreed (68 competing)  
Ring 4: No final, 3<sup>rd</sup> best of breed with 17 in the breed  
Ring 5: 10<sup>th</sup> Best Cat Allbreed (62 competing)

Ring 6: Best Cat Specialty (32 competing)  
Ring 7: 7<sup>th</sup> Best Cat Specialty (31 competing)  
Ring 8: 4<sup>th</sup> Best Cat Specialty (35 competing)  
Ring 9: No final, no breed win, Best of Division with 7 in division  
Ring 10: 9<sup>th</sup> Best Cat Specialty (33 competing)

**What's his new score now? It works out like this:**

Ring 1:  $160 + 62 = 222$   
Ring 2:  $130 + 57 = 187$   
Ring 3:  $190 + 66 = 256$   
Ring 4: 14  
Ring 5:  $110 + 52 = 162$

Ring 6:  $150 + 31 = 181$   
Ring 7:  $90 + 24 = 114$   
Ring 8:  $120 + 31 = 151$   
Ring 9: 6  
Ring 10:  $70 + 24 = 94$

Now, since his lowest score was 227, he can only use RING 3 toward his total score. Take the prior score (12,421), subtract the lowest ring (227), then add the replacement ring (256) and you've got his new score: 12,450.



## Standing Rules to the Scoring System

Cats will be scored in the region of residence on January First. Kittens will be scored in the region where they were first shown unless the Executive Office is notified in writing.

If a cat or kitten completed its show career before January First, it will be scored in the region where it completed that career.

**Transfers:** For purposes of scoring, the transfer date on a Certificate of Registration is the date the transfer is received in the Executive Office. In order for a new owner to be shown on the awards, the transfer must be received in the Executive Office by January 1st; if the cat was shown only after the transfer then the transfer must be received in the Executive Office by May 7th. If the cat was shown only before the transfer then the old owner(s) will be furnished the award.

In order for a cat/kitten to be eligible for a regional award, it must be shown at least once in that region. An exception will be made in the case of kittens and household pet kittens in that a show as an adult will fill the requirement that they be shown one time in the region.

Points earned in a breed congress format (Show Rule 1.68) or a breed/multi-breed congress format (Show Rule 1.69) shall not be scored for regional or international awards.

The cutoff date for scoring corrections from exhibitors is May 7th. Corrections/additions/deletions of suffixes must be received from exhibitors in the Executive Office by May 7th. After notification by the appropriate Regional Director, please call the Executive Office for questions concerning the points earned by a cat.

No scoring is done in the Executive Office unless the registration number is in the scored catalog (excluding Household Pet Kittens).

The scoring system starts at tenth place final points for the last position in the final when there are less than 10 cats, kittens, alters, household pets, or household pet kittens competing.

The Standing Rules to the Show Rules state: "UNREGISTERED CATS - May be shown only once in TICA without a registration number. All points and/or wins for titles and/or Annual Awards acquired by an unregistered cat, kitten, alter or household pet adult in the second and/or subsequent shows shall be irrevocably lost. The exhibitor is obligated to furnish the registration number to the entry clerk or master clerk and the Executive Office. In order to obtain credit for any points and/or wins received at the first show where the cat was shown as unregistered, the owner must notify the Executive Office in writing requesting the first show be credited and stating the name, date and location of the show, and the name, breed (if applicable), registration number, and the entry number."

Titles used for Regional and/or International awards will be the highest title which has been claimed and verified at the end of the show season for which the award is applicable. If the cat has earned a higher title, but that confirmation application has not been received in the Executive Office by May 7th, it will not be used for awards presentation.

If a cat is altered in mid-show season, it is entitled to the points won to that point for placement in the championship standings. As an alter, the cat starts again at zero points. At the end of the show season, it is entitled to the points won as an alter for placement in the alter championship standings.

A cat, kitten, or alter is not entitled to a breed certificate, or a cat is not entitled to a color certificate, if said cat, kitten, or alter has not earned a total of at least 25 points during the show season.