

Agenda for TICA Board of Directors - Special Meeting

Date: April 25, 2020

Location: Harlingen, Texas (Telephonic)

Welcome and Roll Call – 7:30 – 7:45 am, CDT

Approve Consent Agenda

- 1. Approve Minutes - Winter Meeting, January 15-17, 2020 (telephonic)**
- 2. Approve Minutes - Emergency Meeting, March 14, 2020 (telephonic)**

Breed Standard Changes 7:45 – 8:15 am

- 1. Bengal Breed - Acceptance of Charcoal Pattern**
- 2. Ragdoll Breed - Acceptance of Changes to Standard**

Proposals - Standing Rules 8:15 – 8:45 am

- 1. Add Standing Rule 107.3.1.1 - Transfer of Regional Fund - Yawata**
- 2. Add Standing Rule 1023.8.3 - JOTY Criteria - Yawata**
- 3. Amend Standing Rule 1012.1 - North and South Korea Alignment - Yawata**

Discussion - Extension of Show License Cancellation – 8:45 – 9 am

Executive Session - Protests and Complaints – 9 am – 10 am

Proposal to Amend Standards – Attachment

List below the current wording to the standard to be amended:

1. **COLORS:** Brown Tabby, Seal Sepia Tabby, Seal Mink Tabby, Seal Lynx Point, Black Silver Tabby, Seal Silver Sepia Tabby, Seal Silver Mink Tabby, Seal Silver Lynx Point. Spotted or Marbled Patterns ONLY
2. **PATTERN:** Spotted or Marbled.
3. **COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:** Brown Tabby: All variations of brown are allowed. Markings various shades of brown to black. Light spectacles encircling the eyes and a virtually white ground color on the whisker pads, chin, chest, belly and inner legs is desirable.

Seal Sepia Tabby, Seal Mink Tabby, and Seal Lynx Point Tabby: Pattern can be various shades of brown. There should be very little or no difference between the color of the body (pattern) markings and point color.

List below the changes to the current standard (include revised wording):

1. **COLORS:** Brown Tabby, Seal Sepia Tabby, Seal Mink Tabby, Seal Lynx Point, Black Silver Tabby, Seal Silver Sepia Tabby, Seal Silver Mink Tabby, Seal Silver Lynx Point. **Spotted, marbled, charcoal spotted and charcoal marbled patterns only.**
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SeeTICAUniformColorDescription(71.8.3).

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Charcoal Tabby: The face should include a mask that is dark in color. It should run over the nose and connect at the cheekbones. In addition, the eyes shall be encircled by near white colored goggles. There should be a broad dark dorsal stripe running the length of the back (preferable but not required in the color point series ONLY).

Rationale for proposed change:

Charcoal is a wild derived trait which can be traced back to even the earliest examples of the Bengal breed from the 1980s and in recent years has been selectively bred and developed to create a very distinctive appearance setting it apart from its respective counterparts. As the breed has long since celebrated these unique traits derived from its wild ancestry (such as the whited tummy), we feel that the charcoal's distinctive appearance differentiates it from its respective counterparts enough to establish a separate categorization to allow for it to be judged appropriately and appreciated for its uniqueness.

BENGAL BREED GROUP (BG/BGL) HEAD	35 points
Shape	6
Ears	6
Eyes	5
Chin	3
Muzzle.....	4
Nose	2
Profile	6
Neck	3
BODY	30 points
Torso.....	5
Legs	4
Feet	4
Tail	5
Boning.....	6
Musculature	6
COAT/COLOR/PATTERN	35 points
Texture	10
Pattern	15
Color	10

CATEGORIES: All.

DIVISION: Tabby, Silver/Smoke.

COLORS: Brown Tabby, Seal Sepia Tabby, Seal Mink Tabby, Seal Lynx Point, Black Silver Tabby, Seal Silver Sepia Tabby, Seal Silver Mink Tabby, Seal Silver Lynx Point.

Spotted, Marbled, Charcoal Spotted, Charcoal Marbled Patterns ONLY. PERMISSIBLE OUTCROSSES: None.

HEAD:

BG Shape: Broad modified wedge with rounded contours. Longer than it is wide. Slightly small in proportion to body, but not to be taken to extreme. The skull behind the ears makes a gentle curve and flows into the neck. Allowance to be made for jowls in adult males. Overall look of the head should be as distinct from the domestic cat as possible.

BGL Shape: Broad modified wedge with rounded contours. Longer than it is wide. Slightly small in proportion to body, but not to be taken to extreme. The skull behind the ears makes a gentle curve and flows into the neck. Allowance to be made for jowls in adult males.

Feathering behind the ears and into ruff, giving a frontal effect of roundness framing the head is desirable. A mane is acceptable but not required. Overall look of the head should be as distinct from the domestic cat as possible.

BG Ears: Medium to small, relatively short, with wide base and rounded tops. Set as much on side as top of head, following the contour of the face in the frontal view, and pointing forward in the profile view. Light horizontal furnishings acceptable; lynx tipping undesirable.

BGL Ears: Medium to small, relatively short, with wide base and rounded tops. Set as much on side as top of head, following the contour of the face in the frontal view, and pointing forward in the profile view. Horizontal furnishings are desirable. Lynx tipping is permissible.

Eyes: Oval, almost round. Large, but not bugged. Set wide apart, back into face, and on slight bias toward base of ear. Eye color independent of coat color

except in the lynx points. The more richness and depth of color the better.

Chin: Strong chin, aligns with tip of nose in profile.

Muzzle: Full and broad, with large, prominent whisker pads and high, pronounced cheekbones. Slight muzzle break at the whisker pads.

Nose: Large and wide; slightly puffed nose leather.

Profile: Curve of the forehead should flow into the bridge of the nose with no break. Bridge of nose extends above the eyes; the line of the bridge extends to the nose tip, making a very slight, to nearly straight, concave curve.

Neck: Long, substantial, muscular; in proportion to the head and body.

BODY:

Torso: Long and substantial, not oriental or foreign. Medium to large (but not quite as large as the largest domestic breed).

BG Legs: Medium length, slightly longer in the back than in the front.

BGL Legs: Medium length, slightly longer in the back than in the front. Britches should be medium to short. Toe hair is acceptable.

Feet: Large, round, with prominent knuckles.

BG Tail: Medium length, thick, tapered at the end with a rounded tip.

BGL Tail: Medium length, thick, tapered at the end with a rounded tip. The tail hair should be long and voluminous. Allowance for shorter tail hair in kittens.

Boning: Sturdy, firm; never delicate.

Musculature: Very muscular, especially in the males, one of the most distinguishing features.

Revised 05/01/17 **Bengal Breed Group Standard, 05/01/2017 COAT/COLOR/PATTERN:**

BG Length: Short to medium.

Allowance for slightly longer coat in kittens.

BGL Length: The coat should be medium to long in length lying close to the body, with furnishings. Allowance for slightly shorter coat in kittens.

Texture: Dense and luxurious, closely lying, unusually soft and silky to the touch.

Patterns: Spotted, Marbled, Charcoal Spotted, Charcoal Marbled Spotted: Spots shall be random, or

aligned horizontally. Rosettes showing two distinct colors or shades, such as paw print shaped, arrowhead shaped, doughnut or half-doughnut shaped or clustered are preferred to single spotting but not required. Contrast with ground color must be extreme, giving distinct pattern and sharp edges.

Strong, bold chin strap and mascara markings desirable. Virtually white undersides and belly desirable. Blotchy horizontal shoulder streaks, spotted legs and spotted or rosetted tail are desirable. Belly must be spotted.

Marbled: See TICA Uniform Color Description (74.1.1.2.1).

Charcoal Spotted/Marbled: See TICA Uniform Color Description (71.8.3). **Colors:** Brown Tabby: All variations of brown are allowed. Markings various shades of brown to black. Light spectacles encircling the eyes and a virtually white ground color on the whisker pads, chin, chest, belly and inner legs is desirable.

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GENERAL: The goal of the Bengal breeding program is to create a domestic cat which has physical features distinctive to the small forest-dwelling wildcats, and with the loving, dependable temperament of the domestic cat. Keeping this goal in mind, judges shall give special merit to those characteristics in the appearance of the Bengal which are distinct from those found in other domestic cat breeds. A Bengal cat is an athletic animal, alert to its surroundings; a friendly, curious, confident cat with strength, agility, balance and grace. It is a medium to large cat which exhibits a very muscular and solid build. Its wide nose with prominent whisker pads and large oval, almost round eyes in a slightly small head enhance the wild appearance and expressive nocturnal look. Its very slight, to nearly straight, concave profile and relatively short ears with wide base and rounded tips add to the Bengal's distinctive and unique appearance. The short, dense coat has a uniquely soft and silky feel. The coat may be glittered or not glittered, with neither type to be given preference. A thick, low-set, medium-length tail adds balance to the cat. **ALLOWANCES:** Smaller size, in balanced proportion, of females. Slightly longer coat in kittens. Jowls in adult males. Eyes slightly almond shaped. Mousy undercoat. Paw pads not consistent with color group description.

PENALIZE: Spots on body running together vertically forming a mackerel tabby pattern on spotted cats; circular bulls-eye pattern on marbled cats; substantially darker point color (as compared to color of body markings) in Seal Sepia, Seal Mink, or Seal Lynx Point cats **EXCEPT in the case of any Charcoal Sepia, Charcoal Mink or Charcoal Lynx Point cats.** Any distinct locket on the neck, chest, abdomen or any other area.

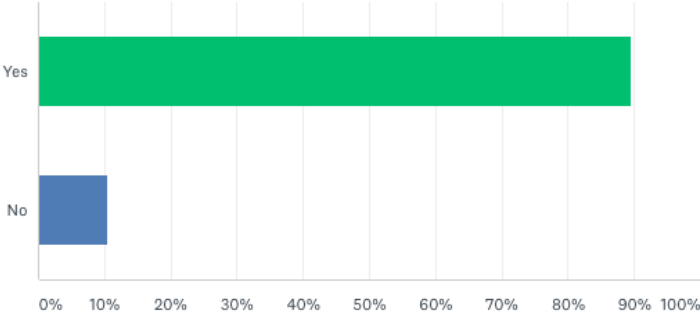
WITHHOLD ALL AWARDS (WW): Belly not patterned.

Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain aloud but may not threaten to harm. In accordance with Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN, the following shall be considered mandatory disqualifications: a cat that bites (216.9), a cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (216.10), adult whole male cats not having two descended testicles (216.11), cats with all or part of the tail missing, except as authorized by a board approved standard (216.12.1), cats with more than five toes on each front foot and four toes on each back foot, unless proved the result of an injury or as authorized by a board approved standard (216.12.2), visible or invisible tail faults if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.4), crossed eyes if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.5), total blindness (216.12.6), markedly smaller size, not in keeping with the breed (216.12.9), and depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself (216.12.11.1).

See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for more comprehensive rules governing penalties and disqualifications.

Do you approve the above change to the standard:

Answered: 364 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	89.56% 326
No	10.44% 38
TOTAL	364

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Rules Committee Comments on Advancement of Charcoal Bengals (New Traits to Championship)

(The application packet was sent to both Rules and Genetics Committees on 18 Nov 2019).

In terms of numbers (number shown, number registered, number of breeders, signatures of breeders supporting application), the application meets the all criteria set out in Reg Rules 33.9.2.

The EO will need to confirm to the Board that they have verified the registration information, shows attended, active breeders and membership status of signatories as this Committee has no access to this information.

A valid Notice of Intent has been published, but this is not 120 days prior to the Winter 2020 Meeting. The application itself is not sent in 120 days prior to the Winter Meeting.

There were no objections to the Breed Standard by Rules Committee.

In accordance with TICA's rules, the application must be deferred to the Spring 2020 Meeting, but a Breed Section vote can now proceed as per Reg Rule 33.9.2.6.

Since the result of that ballot will be known in good time, the Board may choose to schedule a special Board meeting at least 120 days after 18 Nov 2019 but prior to 1 May 2020, to ratify the Breed Section vote (if positive) so that they may be shown in Championship from 1 May 2020.

(28 Nov 2019)

1. Ragdoll - Proposed Change: Shape

Current:

Broad modified wedge, with slightly rounded contours, slightly rounded forehead (not domed), appearance of flat plane in area between ears, skull medium in size.

Proposed:

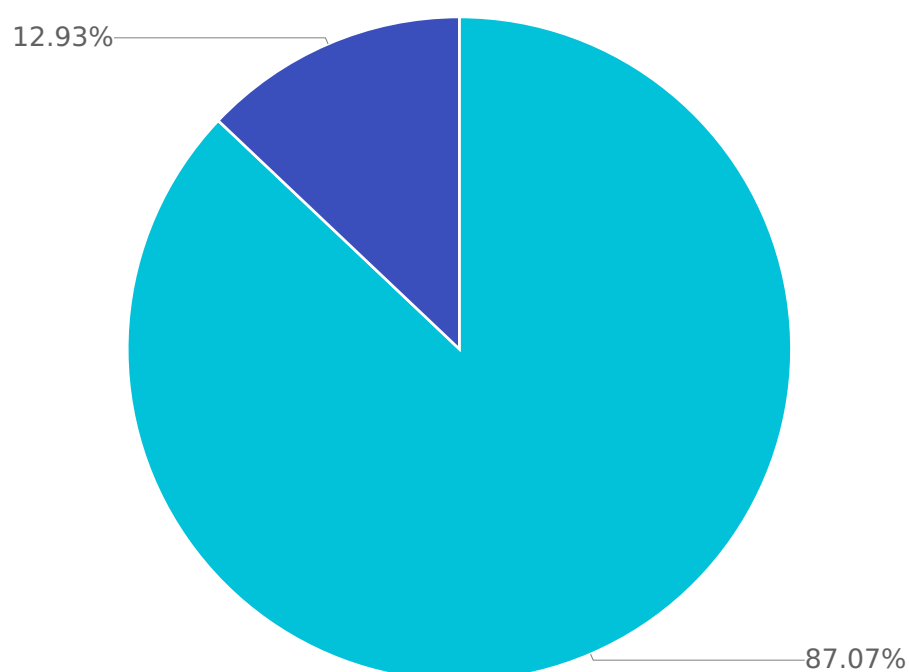
Broad modified wedge, with slightly rounded contours, with the appearance of a flat plane in area between ears when looking at the head from the front, skull medium in size.

Rationale:

The TICA Guidelines for Standards writes that head shape should be described as seen from head-on, not in profile. The words "slightly rounded forehead (not domed)" belong in the profile description, as they cannot be seen from head-on.

Do you approve the **above** change to the standard:

Answered: 348 Skipped: 24



● Yes

● No

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	87.07%	303
No	12.93%	45

2. Proposed Change: Eyes

Current:

Blue, large, oval, moderately wide-set, outer aperture to fall in line with base of ear.

Proposed:

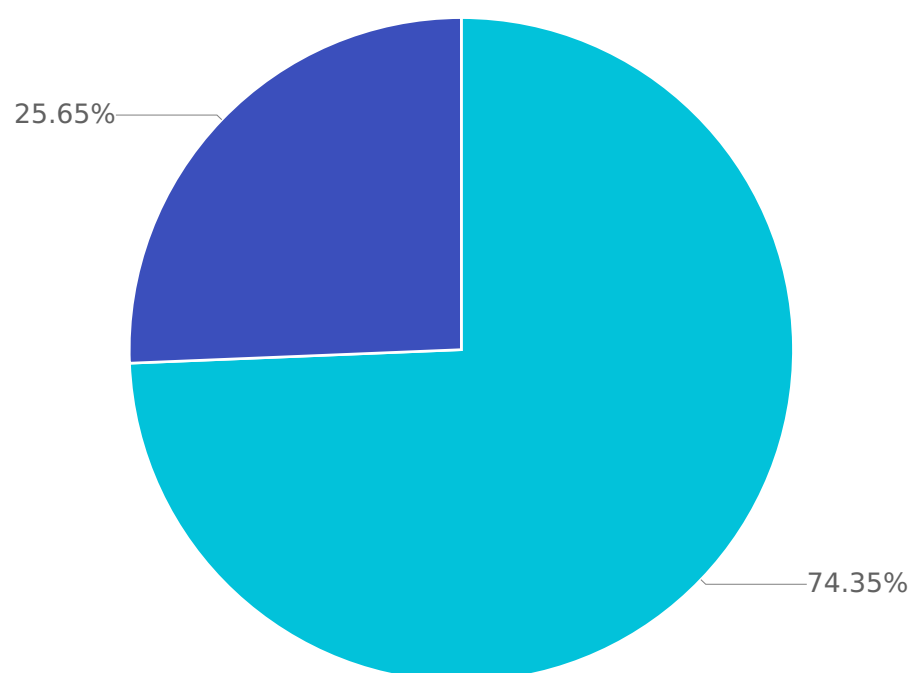
Blue, deeper color preferred. Large oval. Level set; moderately wide apart. Emphasis should be on correct shape, size and placement.

Rationale:

We would like to add the description “deeper preferred” to correspond to the UCD and make our standard more specific as to what our ideal is. However, we would also like to emphasize that correct shape, size and placement are more important overall than color. The breed committee would like to remove the "outer aperture to fall in line with base of the ear" because after testing it through many photos and examples, we feel it is inaccurate and difficult to understand. “Level set” means “not set at a slant”. This is the wording suggested to us by the Genetics Committee.

Do you approve the **above** change to the standard:

Answered: 347 Skipped: 25



● Yes

● No

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	74.35%	258
No	25.65%	89

3. Proposed Change: Chin

Current:

Well-developed.

Proposed:

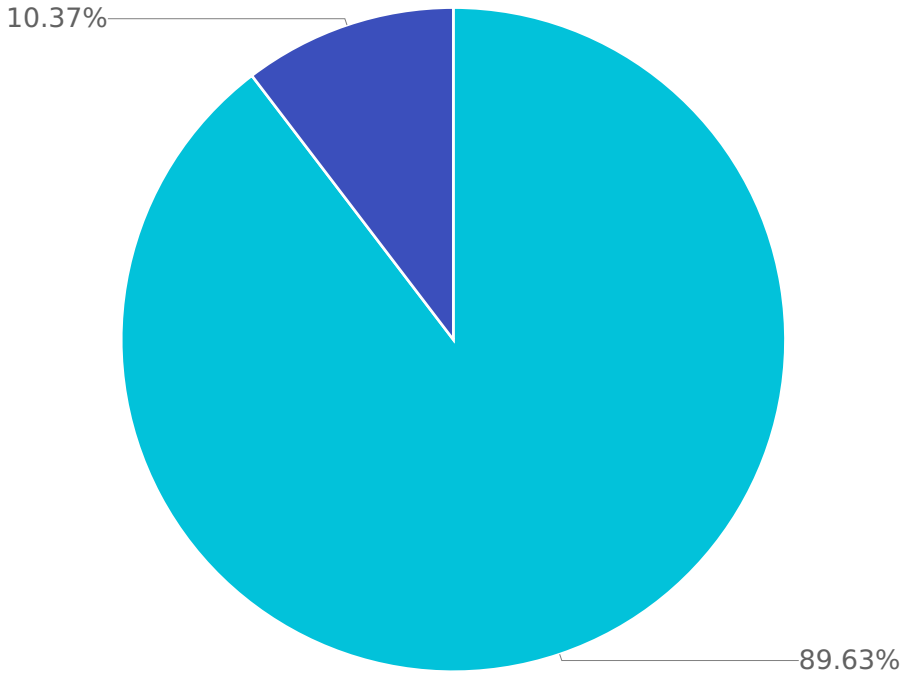
well-developed, with good depth, forming a perpendicular line with the upper lip and tip of the nose.

Rationale:

We feel this wording is clearer in its description of the chin we want to see on a Ragdoll.

Do you approve the **above** change to the standard:

Answered: 347 Skipped: 25



● Yes

● No

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	89.63%	311
No	10.37%	36

4. Proposed Change: Profile

Current:

Chin well-developed in line with nose. Straight nose to bridge followed by change of direction to gentle curve to brow. Appearance of flat plane between ears.

Proposed:

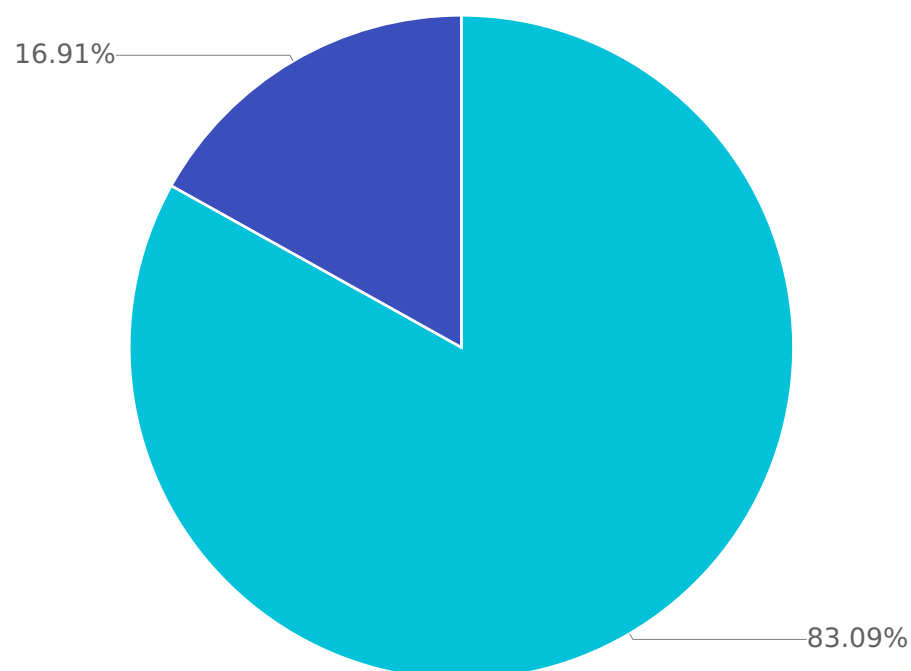
Straight nose to bridge, followed by a concave curve to the brow. Convex curve to the forehead. Appearance of a flat plane between the ears.

Rationale:

Remove chin description, because it is already covered in the section "chin", no need to have it twice. Replacing "change of direction" with "concave curve" because a poll of TICA judges confirmed unanimously that it is a more accurate description. Also, the Ragdoll breed standards of WCF, CFA, LOOF and FIFe also use "curve", not one uses "change of direction". Promotes consistency among standards of varying associations. Adding "convex curve to the forehead" to clarify that the forehead is not flat, only the top of the head between the ears has the appearance of a flat plane.

Do you approve the **above** change to the standard:

Answered: 349 Skipped: 23



● Yes

● No

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	83.09%	290
No	16.91%	59

5. Proposed Change: Length

Current:

Semi-long, allow for shorter coats on unaltered adults and seasonal variations.

Proposed:

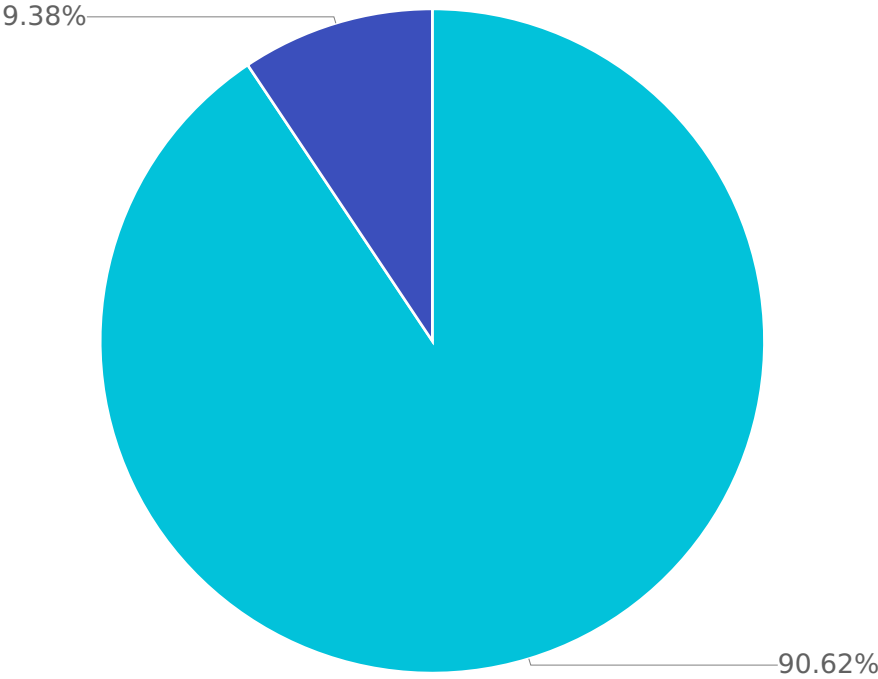
Semi-long, allow for shorter coats on unaltered adults and seasonal variations. Correct coat texture is more important than coat length.

Rationale:

Correct coat texture is essential to keeping the Ragdoll coat low maintenance and non-matting. It should be given more consideration than the overall length of the coat.

Do you approve the **above** change to the standard:

Answered: 341 Skipped: 31



● Yes

● No

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	90.62%	309
No	9.38%	32

6. Proposed Change: Texture

Current:

Silky soft, plush. Minimal undercoat gives the coat body, but coat still falls smoothly. Not wooly or cottony.

Proposed:

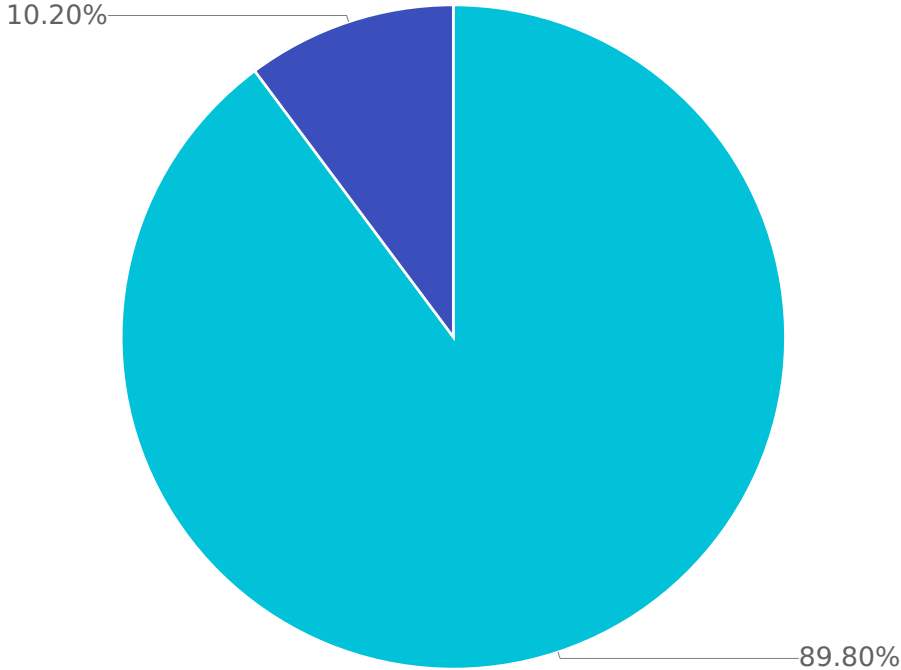
Silky soft. Minimal undercoat gives the coat body, but coat still falls smoothly. Not wooly or cottony.

Rationale:

After asking judges at a RD breed seminar what they thought of our coat description, they agreed that the word "plush" should be removed, as this word is used in the British Shorthair/British Longhair standard to describe their coat, and is not a correct descriptor for our breed.

Do you approve the **above** change to the standard:

Answered: 343 Skipped: 29



● Yes ● No

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	89.80%	308
No	10.20%	35

7. Proposed Change: Bicolor Pattern

Current:

Feet and Legs: All white preferred. Small spots of point color allowable.
Paw Pads: Pink preferred, but mixture of color on paw pads acceptable because of two colors in pattern.

Proposed:

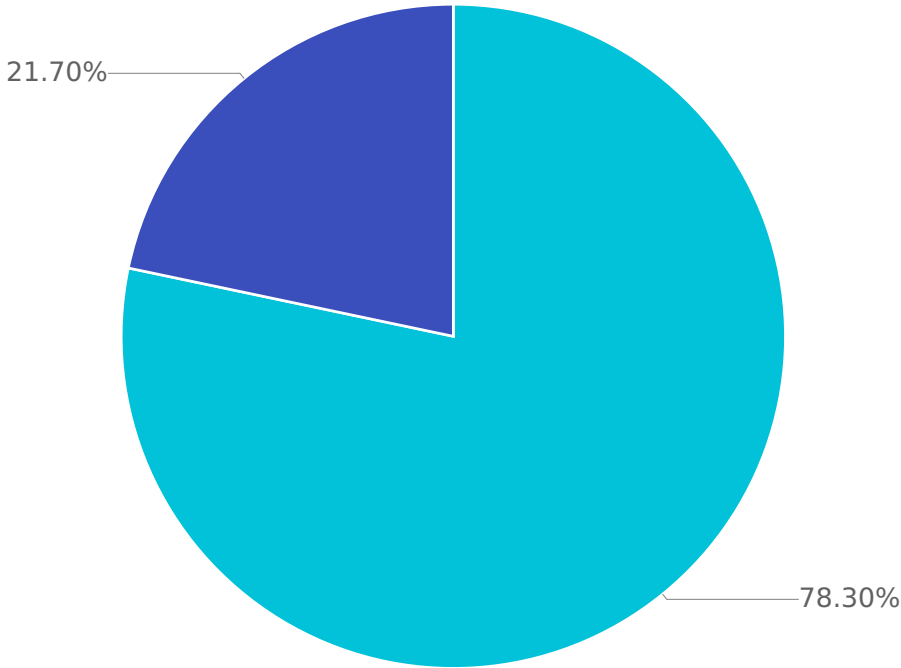
Feet and Legs: All white preferred.
Paw Pads: Pink preferred.

Rationale:

The pattern description should clearly describe the ideal pattern. Any allowances for less than perfect should be in the allowances section. Also, the current wording allows for spots of point color on the feet, legs, and paw pads on a bicolor only. If allowances are to be made, they should be for both the mitted and bicolor patterns.

Do you approve the **above** change to the standard:

Answered: 341 Skipped: 31



● Yes ● No

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	78.30%	267
No	21.70%	74

8. Proposed Change: General Description

Current:

The Ragdoll is a semi-long haired, blue eyed pointed cat with a sweet personality. The Ragdoll grows large and heavy but is slow to mature and may not reach full weight and size for four years. Full color is not reached until 3 years old. The Ragdoll is muscular with little fat except on the lower abdomen fatty pad.

Proposed:

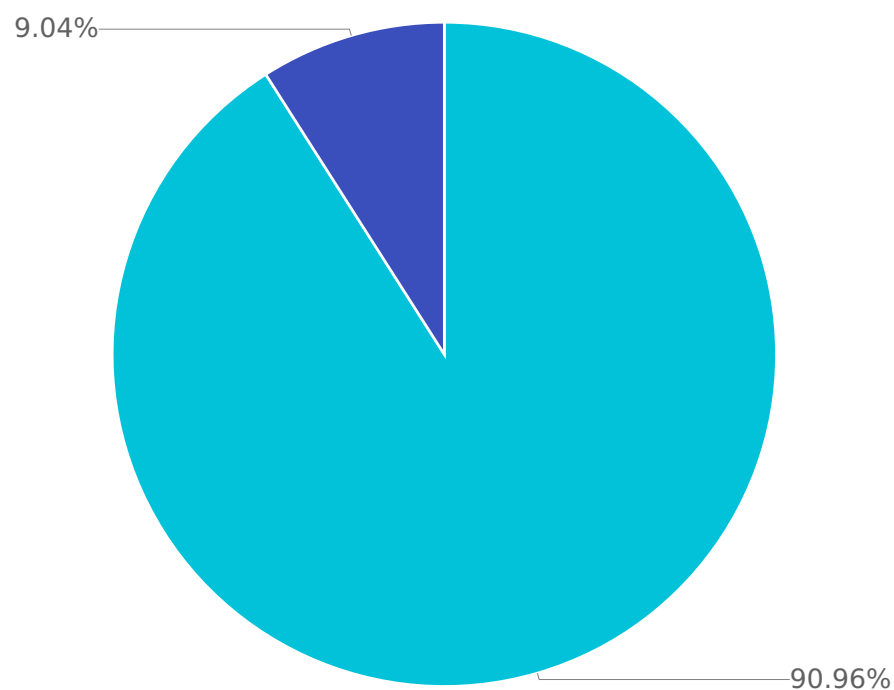
The Ragdoll is a semi-long haired, blue-eyed, pointed cat with a sweet personality. They are a well-balanced cat of moderate type, with no extremes, and no one feature overpowering another. The Ragdoll grows large and heavy but is slow to mature and may not reach full weight and size for four years. Full color is not reached until 3 years old. The Ragdoll is muscular with little fat except on the lower abdomen fatty pad.

Rationale:

We are currently seeing a trend to more extreme types in our breed, and we feel it is important to emphasize that the Ragdoll is and should stay a breed with moderate type and no extremes. Also, overall balance is an important feature that should not be overlooked.

Do you approve the **above** change to the standard:

Answered: 332 Skipped: 40



● Yes

● No

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	90.96%	302
No	9.04%	30

9. Proposed Change: Allowances

Current:

Seasonal changes in coat length.

Proposed:

General:

Seasonal changes in coat length, shorter coats on unaltered adults and kittens. Females may be smaller than males.

Mitted and Bicolor Patterns only:

Feet and Legs: Small spots of point color in designated white areas

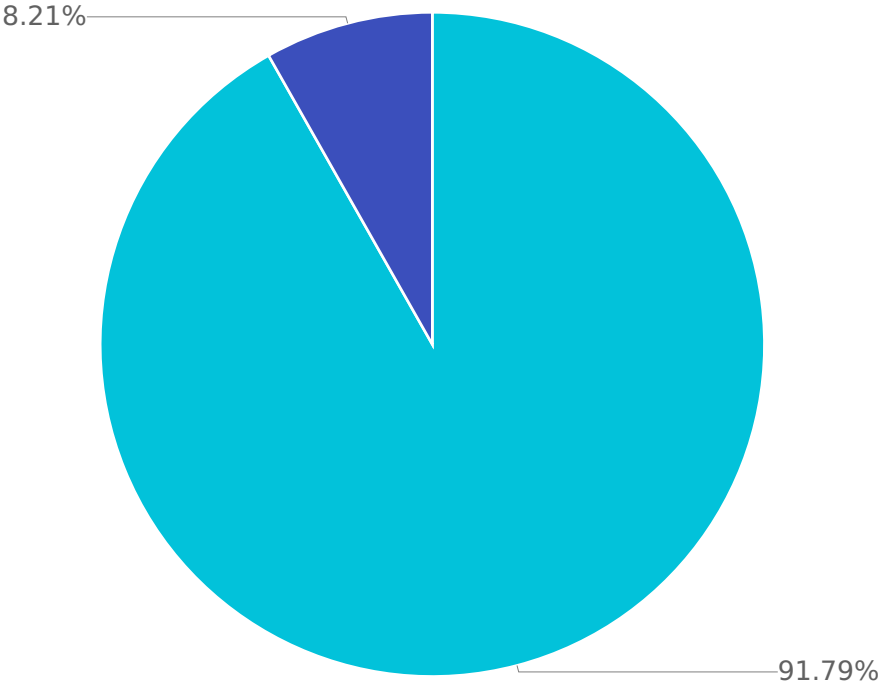
Paw Pads: Spots of point color on paw pads or colored paw pads

Rationale:

Adding allowances already mentioned in the current standard in other sections (i.e. under COAT and TORSO). These allowances should be made specifically here in the allowances section as well. The current standard also makes allowances for small spots of point color and colored paw pads, but in the incorrect section in the standard, and only for the bicolor pattern. This change should help clarify things, as well as treat both mitted and bicolor patterns equally.

Do you approve the **above** change to the standard:

Answered: 329 Skipped: 43



● Yes

● No

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	91.79%	302
No	8.21%	27

10. Proposed Change: Penalize

General:

Current:

Short tail, pointed ears, short legs; cobby body, round eyes, Roman nose, straight profile, woolly/cottony coat texture.

Proposed:

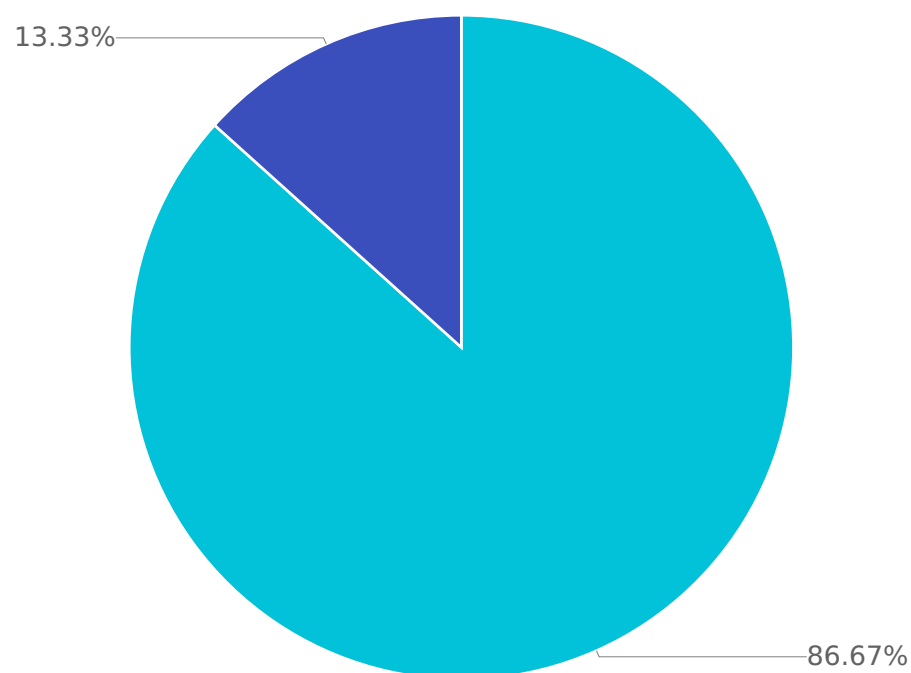
Very small ears, any eye shape other than oval, Roman nose, straight profile, cobby body, short legs, short tail, woolly/cottony coat texture.

Rationale:

Putting penalties in more logical order according to the standard (head, body, coat). Addition of very small ears and eye shape other than oval (instead of just round eyes). Removal of "pointed ears".

Do you approve the **above** change to the standard:

Answered: 330 Skipped: 42



● Yes

● No

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	86.67%	286
No	13.33%	44

11. Proposed Change: Withhold All Awards (WW)

Current:

- General:** Crossed eyes, any eye color other than blue.
- Pointed:** Any white.
- Mitted:** Lack of white chin.
- Bicolor:** Any dark markings inside the white "V" including the chin.

Proposed:

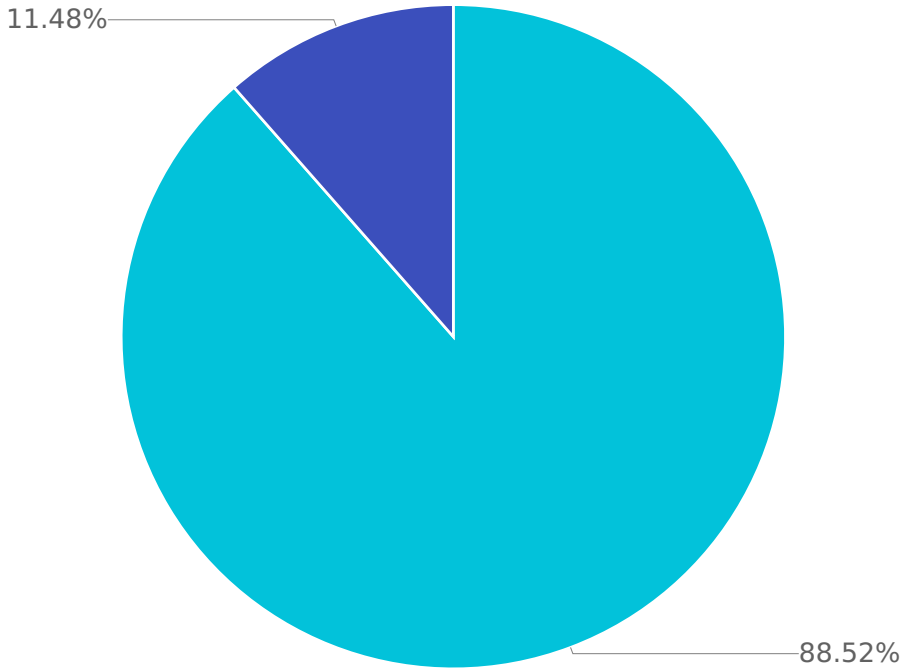
- General:** Any eye color other than blue. Doming.
- Pointed:** Any white.
- Mitted:** Lack of white chin.
- Bicolor:** Any dark markings inside the white "V" including the chin.

Rationale:

Move crossed eyes to DQ to be more in keeping with the rules. Add doming as it is considered a serious fault.

Do you approve the **above** change to the standard:

Answered: 331 Skipped: 41



● Yes ● No

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	88.52%	293
No	11.48%	38

12. Proposed Change: Disqualify (DQ)

Current:

None.

Proposed:

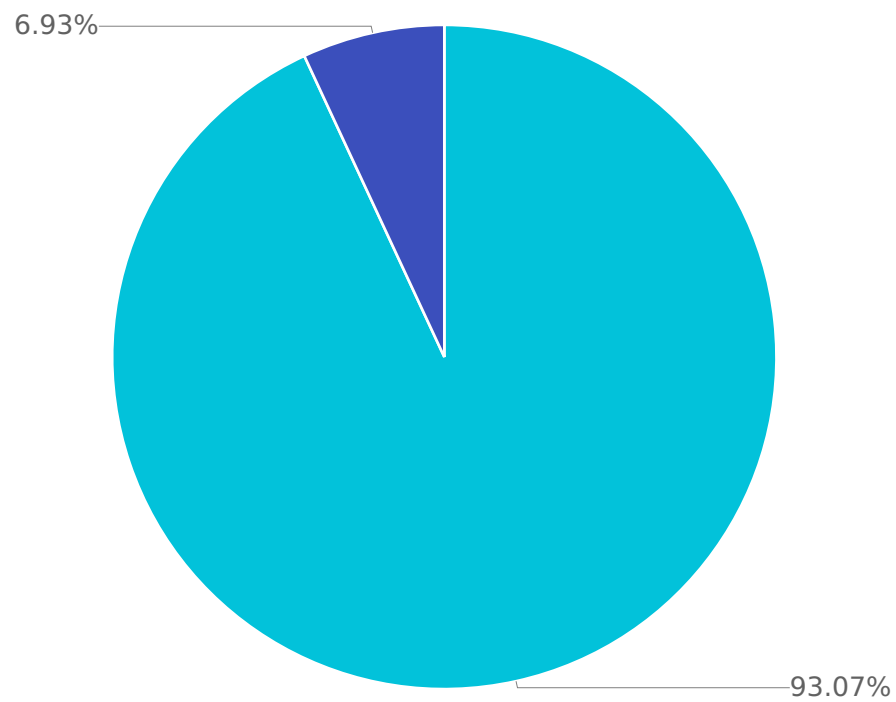
DQ: Crossed eyes, visible or severe tail faults, severe cow hocks.

Rationale:

The rules already state that a judge must penalize or DQ (depending on severity) these faults at their discretion. Adding them to our standard as a DQ would help ensure the health and soundness of our breed by explicitly telling the judges, we do not want severe faults being rewarded in the show ring.

Do you approve the **above** change to the standard:

Answered: 332 Skipped: 40



● Yes

● No

Choices	Response percent	Response count
Yes	93.07%	309
No	6.93%	23

Rules Committee Comments on Ragdoll Standard Change

The Committee reviewed the proposed changes to the Ragdoll standard and have no objections to the changes proposed.

Rules Committee Comments:

- (A) I found it to all be reasonable
- (B) Agree with you (A). All reasonable changes.
- (C) I agree - the proposed changes seem reasonable and are well argued
- (D) I think the changes are good ones - and make the standard clearer
- (E) It looks good and in fact, a lot of the changes they made have been ones we have been saying for several years.
- (F) I have reviewed the proposed amendments to the RD standard and am in agreement with them. I especially appreciate the manner in which it was presented. Very easy to understand what they want to amend and why.
- (G) Everything looks good to me.

Add Standing Rule 107.3.1.1 (Regional Fund) - Yawata

Rationale:

For many years in certain TICA Regions there is a habit of not taking over the Regional Office bank account (or “regional fund”) even if the Regional Director changes. The surplus of the Regional Office bank account (or “regional fund”) information is not disclosed and will not be taken over by the new Regional Office bank account (or new “regional fund”). TICA E.O. does not conduct external accounting audits of any Regional Office bank account (or “regional fund”). So, it is necessary to increase transparency of the Regional Office bank account (or “regional fund”) in all Regions.

Add Standing Rule 107.3.1.1:

(Bylaw 17.3 below provided for context)

17.3 Duties of the Regional Directors.

17.3.1 The Regions shall be represented by Regional Directors. The Regional Directors shall have charge of the efficient operation of the Regions including but not limited to scheduling shows for the Regions, the appointment of Deputy Regional Directors, the promotion of Regional Awards, the promotion of judging schools and seminars in conjunction with shows, the recruitment of new clubs and new members of the Association, the dissemination of information to the clubs in the Regions and the Board of Directors and all other duties delegated to that office by these By-Laws or the Board of Directors.

107.3.1.1 When the Regional Director changes, the Regional Office bank account and/or the regional fund shall be taken over by the new Regional Office under the new Regional Director. (Recommended to be taken over with the accounting audit report)

Rules Committee Comments:

Rules Chair Note:

Although proposed originally as a Bylaw (new 17.3.1.1), Regional Funds are not mentioned anywhere in the Bylaws at the moment - to do so may suggest that such funds should be brought under TICA's control. This is a liability that TICA does not want to accept. Rules Committee consider that it is more appropriate to provide this change as a Standing Rule.

(A)

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107.3.1.1

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(B)

The TICA EO typically doesn't get involved in club business or regional business except for refunds from the show year and licensing of shows.

To me this would open the door for yet the EO to have to do one more thing that they really don't have time nor the inclination to mess with.

I think this sounds more like an internal regional issue than an association issue.

Most RD's will ask someone to be regional treasurer or they will leave it with the prior person.

(C)

TICA does not get into regional funding at all - the requirement to disclose the disbursement of funds returned to the region in the regional rebate was removed several years ago.

Add Standing Rule 1023.8.3 (JOTY Criteria) - Yawata

Rationale:

(1) Since TICA is not a closed private organization but an open organization around the world, it is not enough to require only 1023.8.2 regarding to disciplinary or ethical violations in the Association.

(2) Under current Standing Rule 1023.8, even criminals will meet the Judge of the Year requirements.

(3) Under current Standing Rule 1023.8, even if a person is accused of violating local or national regulations by animal abuse, can still receive the Judge of the Year.

(4) I believe it will contribute to the global development of TICA in the future that TICA expresses to respect the laws and ordinances of each country or region through TICA Rules stipulated.

(4) I believe it is important for TICA to indicate that TICA can exert a self-cleansing action for increasing public interest and trust in TICA through the provisions of TICA Rules.

Add Standing Rule 1023.8.3:

1023.8 Judge of the Year. Judges eligible to be selected as the most outstanding TICA judge for the year must meet the following qualifications.

1023.8.1 Currently licensed as an Approved or Provisional Allbreed Judge or Approved or Probationary Specialty Judge.

1023.8.2 Have not been the subject of discipline or sanction by the TICA Board of Directors within the 3 years immediately prior to the month in which the call for votes is issued.

1023.8.3 Have not been the subject to punishment, disciplinary action, or sanctions due to the laws, regulations or ordinances etc. of each country or region within the 3 years immediately prior to the month in which the call for votes is issued.

Rules Committee Comments:

(A)

I believe that point (3) of the rationale is incorrect. Under Bylaw 122.4, the Board has the power to suspend services of any member if they are charged with offenses relating to "violation of animal cruelty, welfare or related laws", and to also suspend a judging licence (if that member is a judge) whilst awaiting the outcome of legal action. I believe that is a "sanction" under 1023.8.2, hence it is already addressed in our existing rules.

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In addition, the proposed amendment is not suitable in its present form as a rule. It is too wide-ranging and would mean that minor traffic offenses (e.g. a speeding ticket or a parking fine) would be grounds to make a judge ineligible.

(B)

Another rule with someone's name attached!

How is TICA supposed to know if a judge got a speeding ticket?

(C)

No.

What if a judge protested in a country in which this is not allowed and got arrested and fined?

(D)

This would be a huge financial burden on TICA as they would have to run a background check on every judge, every year, which can be very expensive - and that's just on the US judges, I have no idea what the process or cost of running a background check on folk in other countries would be.

(E)

Is there a hidden message here? I wonder why this is being brought up now

(F)

As the proposal is impossible to enforce, it has no real value other than to send a signal to people both inside and outside TICA that TICA judges are 100% free from any and all charges - which in my opinion is unrealistic.

(G)

I concur with the advice put forward by (C)

Amend Standing Rule 1012.1 (South and North Korea) - Yawata

Rationale:

(1) I believe it is important for TICA and TICA members to maintain a politically neutral position. However, I cannot find a rational basis for making non-diplomatic countries/regions a member of the same Region. (2) I think that making North Korea a member of IN Region has more reasonable grounds than making it a member of the AE Region. (3) I am very surprised that North Korea is not on the Isolated Area List in Standing Rule 1012.3.1

Amend Standing Rule 1012.1 Regional List:

Asia East (AE)

Japan

~~North~~ South Korea

International (IN)

(Non-voting Regional Area)

North Korea

(remainder of rule excluded for brevity)

Rules Committee Comments:

(A)

The proposal is correctly submitted from a rules perspective. The Board will decide if this change is appropriate to make outside the usual frequency of regional alignments.

(B)

I agree.

(C)

I also agree.

(D)

I agree too