



Judging Program

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Preface

The Board of Directors of The International Cat Association has appointed a Judging Committee to oversee, administer or advise on the Judging Program. Appointed members of the Judging Committee are selected through an election process by their peers, members of the judging panel. The Board remains the ultimate judicial authority for the enforcement of rules, procedures and operation of the Judging Program.

Applicants to and participants in the Judging Program should understand that the Board of Directors and the Judging Committee shall expressly retain the right and full discretion to consider factors not listed within the program in making determinations regarding acceptance into, or advancement within the Judging Program.

Acceptance into, or advancement within, The International Cat Association's Judging Program will be considered only at regularly scheduled Board of Directors or Judging Committee meetings and will be considered only upon the applicant furnishing proof of having met all requirements at each level as set forth in the TICA Judging Program.

Decisions regarding advancement to Probationary Specialty Judge shall take into consideration the applicant's knowledge, ability, training, club activity, personal appearance, deportment, ethics, attitude, reports from TICA members, and willingness to abide by the TICA By-Laws, Show Rules, Registration Rules, the TICA Standards, the TICA Mission and Policy Statements and the Rules and Codes as set forth in the Judging Program, as well as any other pertinent factors deemed applicable. Advancement may be granted, denied, or subject to completion of additional work.

Decisions regarding applications for further advancement in the Judging Program will take into consideration the applicant's knowledge, personal appearance and demeanor, ethics, attitude and reports from TICA clubs, members, and/or exhibitors, the ability to abide by the Judging Program rules and requirements, the timeliness of Judge's Books received at the Executive Office and the number of mechanical errors, and/or the habitual repetition of either late books or numerous errors, timely payment of dues, fees, and/or fines, the providing of a professional photograph for the Yearbook and any other appropriate factors deemed applicable. An applicant's request for advancement may be granted, denied, or subject to completion of additional work.

If an applicant is denied acceptance into or advancement within the Judging Program, the applicant may file an appeal with the Board of Directors for review. The appeal will normally be heard at the Board's discretion. If an applicant for acceptance or advancement is denied by the Board of Directors, the applicant may not apply for reconsideration for one year.

Fee Schedule

Application Fee	\$40
Processing Fee	\$15
Advancement from Trainee to Probationary Specialty Judge-License Fee	\$25
Processing Fee	\$15
Advancement from Probationary Specialty Judge to Approved Specialty Judge	N/A
Annual License Fee-Probationary Specialty Judge	\$25
Annual License Fee-Approved Specialty Judge	\$25
Advancement from Approved Specialty Judge to Provisional Allbreed Judge	
Processing Fee	\$20
Annual License Fee-Provisional Allbreed Judge	\$25
Advancement from Provisional Allbreed to Approved Allbreed	
Processing Fee	\$25
Annual License Fee-Approved Allbreed Judge	\$25
Application of Judges from Other Cat Associations for TICA	
Application Fee	\$40
Processing Fee	\$15
Appropriate License Fee	
Reinstatement	
Application Fee	\$40
Processing Fee	\$15
Appropriate License Fee	
Leave of Absence	
Application Fee	\$40
Processing Fee	\$15
Appropriate License Fee	
Household Pet Judging Program License Fee	\$15

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Article One – Judging Committee

41.1 Duties of the TICA Judging Committee

41.1.1 Maintaining an accurate list of TICA Judges with their current contact information as well as a listing by region and a listing by license level.

41.1.2 Maintaining accurate files on each TICA Judge.

41.1.3 Addressing non-formal complaints received regarding TICA Judges and providing advice/recommendations for disciplinary actions.

41.1.4 Providing a quarterly TICA Judges Newsletter.

41.1.5 Overseeing the online TICA Judges List.

41.1.6 Assuring production of the annual Refresher Test.

41.1.7 Evaluating requirements for license renewals (Refresher Test, Record Form, Payment of Dues & Fees, Photos).

41.1.8 Tracking the activities of TICA Training Judges.

41.1.9 Ensuring production of exams for acceptance into or advancement within the Judging Program.

41.1.10 Approving acceptance into and advancements within the Judging Program.

41.1.11 Approving Guest Judges.

41.1.12 Providing opportunities for continuing education for participants in the Judging Program.

41.1.13 Evaluating all elements of the Judging Program to assure responsiveness to the needs of the organization and its Judge population.

41.2 Duties of the TICA Judging Administrator

41.2.1 Serving as the Chairperson of the TICA Judging Committee.

41.2.2 Presiding at all the meetings of the Judging Committee.

41.2.3 Acting as a liaison with the TICA Judging panel.

41.2.4 Serving as a resource to the TICA Judges' population and a diplomat for the TICA organization.

41.2.5 Communicating effectively and timely with all members of the TICA Board, TICA Executive Office, TICA Judging panel and TICA members (or others) applying as judges or guest judges or submitting complaints verbally and in writing as required.

41.3 Duties of the TICA Deputy Judging Administrator

41.3.1 Serving as the Chairperson of the TICA Judging Committee in the absence of the TICA Judging Administrator.

41.3.2 Assisting the TICA Judging Administrator as indicated and needed.

41.3.3 Acting as a Liaison with the TICA TREND to provide updated information on TICA Judges and those applying for entrance to the Judging Program as well as for those applying for advancement.

41.3.4 Acting as a Liaison with the Yearbook Editor to assure updated photos of the TICA Judges are published.

41.3.5 Acting as a Liaison with the TICA Webmaster to assure updated information on TICA Judges is available.

41.4 The Judging Committee shall appoint one of their members as the Trainee Coordinator with the following responsibilities:

41.4.1 Maintains an organized file tracking all the activity of the LH/SH Trainees (training sessions, critiques, comparisons, CEUs, etc.).

41.4.2 Provides follow-up communication with each Trainee to ensure they are progressing as expected.

41.4.3 Identifies any difficulties and provides coordination with the Allbreed Sponsor to assist in remedying as appropriate.

41.4.3 Provides a report to the Judging Committee prior to each Board Meeting that can be incorporated into the Judging Administrator's report to the Board of Directors.

41.5 Meetings of the Judging Committee

41.5.1 All meetings of the Judging Committee are conducted using Robert Rules of Order as a guideline.

41.5.2 A minimum of three meetings shall be held annually. The meetings shall be held electronically. Meetings of the Judging Committee shall be held in December, in April and in August.

41.5.3 A meeting agenda shall be distributed at least 2 weeks in advance of the meeting. Each meeting agenda shall include setting the date of the subsequent meeting.

41.5.4 The number of Committee members which shall constitute a quorum in a regularly scheduled meeting shall be one-half of the Committee members plus one.

41.5.5 All meetings shall be open to the judging panel unless the matter under discussion concern matters relating to acceptances into the Judging Program or is of such a nature that it may be embarrassing, derogatory or humiliating to an individual, in which case the Judging Committee may go into closed session.

41.5.6 Minutes of the meetings of the Judging Committee shall be completed within 10 working days following the meeting for distribution to the judging panel.

41.5.7 Acceptances into the Judging Program and for advancement within the Judging Program shall require an affirmative vote by a majority of the Judging Committee members present and voting. The vote of the individual Committee Members shall be reported in the public minutes of the meeting.

41.5.7.1 Applications for acceptance into the Judging Program and for advancement within the Judging Program shall be considered only at scheduled Judging Committee meetings.

41.6 Delegation and Right of Review

41.6.1 The Board of Directors of The International Cat Association has delegated certain administrative duties and authority to the Judging Committee. However, the Board remains the final authority for the enforcement of the rules within the Judging Program.

41.6.2 If the application of an applicant for acceptance into or advancement within the Judging Program is denied by the Judging Committee, they may request a review by the Board of Directors.

41.6.2.1 Within five days of notification of denial, an applicant may request that the Judging Committee submit their application to the Board of Directors for review at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

41.6.2.2 The final decision on acceptance or denial will be solely at the Board's discretion.

Article Two – The Role of the Approved Allbreed Sponsor

42.1 The Approved Allbreed Sponsor plays an important role in the participation of an individual in the TICA Judging Program and in the advancement of the individual through the levels of the Judging Program from Trainee to Approved Allbreed Judge.

42.2 The Sponsor must have been an Approved Allbreed Judge for at least 3 years, have some knowledge of the applicant's background and current activities and ideally reside in the same Region. In isolated areas or regions where there are no Approved Allbreed Judges available, a neighboring region may be considered. Judges Emeriti shall not accept sponsorship of any new applicants.

42.3 An agreement between both the applicant and the Approved Allbreed Sponsor shall be signed by both parties. The Sponsor shall provide the applicant with the Endorsement of Approved Allbreed

Sponsor Form and shall be prepared to write letters of endorsement for each level of the participant's advancement through the Judging Program.

42.4 The Sponsor must review all applications and exams submitted for advancement and sign to that effect as well as verify fulfillment of requirements for acceptance into or the advancement within the Judging Program.

42.5 The Sponsor must be able to establish a good rapport with the applicant and work closely with him/her, enabling each to discuss openly and frankly any concerns or situations that may arise during the training and advancement period, and shall serve as a confidant to the participant, being aware that special needs may exist, and be of assistance where needed.

42.6 A training plan shall be discussed and implemented that will provide the most benefit to the Trainee. It shall be the responsibility of the Sponsor to discuss all Training Evaluations with the Trainee during the training period.

42.7 The Sponsor shall monitor ring training or judging when possible to enable better assessment of the progress of the participant.

42.8 The Sponsor must receive the Monthly Report from the Trainee by the first of each month. The critiques and the evaluations contained in the report shall be reviewed by the Sponsor, discussed in depth with the Trainee and any concerns addressed immediately.

42.9 The Sponsor must be willing to address any negative feedback with the Trainee, the Training Judge, the Trainee Coordinator or the Judging Committee.

42.10 The Sponsor acts as an advisor, mentor, guide and confidant to the participant and must be able to devote time and effort to accomplish this.

42.11 The Approved Allbreed Sponsor shall be available to assist in other areas; checking examinations, refresher tests, additional training and any other areas where the Sponsor's expertise would be beneficial in helping the participant reach their goal.

42.12 Should it become necessary that the Approved Allbreed Sponsor drop the Sponsorship of an applicant, trainee or judge she/he must inform the Judging Committee of the reason. She/he shall notify the applicant, trainee or judge in a formal letter with a copy to the Judging Committee.

Article Three – Application of Trainees - Requirements for Application for Admission into the Judging Program

43.1 Names of applicants must be published in two issues of the TREND. Notices must be sent to the Judging Committee Designee and received by April 15th for application at the August Meeting, August 15th for application at the December Meeting or December 15th for application at the April Meeting. The Deputy Judging Administrator will notify the TREND Editor. TICA members shall be invited to send comments, favorable and/or unfavorable, to the Judging Committee and to the applicant's Regional Director.

43.1.1 At the time of sending notice of intent to the Judging Committee, an applicant to the judging program must send a photograph to the Deputy Judging Administrator for publication with the notice in at least two issues of the TREND prior to the Judging Committee meeting at which the applicant is being considered.

43.2 General Requirements. Applicants must meet the following requirements:

43.2.1 Be 18 years of age or older.

43.2.2 Be a member of TICA in good standing.

43.2.2.1 Be a TICA member for a minimum of 4 years prior to the effective date of a TICA Probationary Specialty Judging License.

43.2.3 Have a TICA registered cattery.

43.2.4 Be a working member of an active TICA club which hosts TICA shows in resident region.

43.2.5 Provided sufficient documentation of experience as TICA Head Ring Clerk and TICA Master Clerk. (e.g. Be a licensed TICA Head Ring Clerk and a licensed TICA Master Clerk.)

43.2.6 Provided documentation on having successfully entry clerked twice, to include a letter from each club attesting to performance of a satisfactory job.

43.2.7 Have actively served at least two times as a TICA show manager (may be "co-show manager" only once).

43.2.8 Have an eligible Approved Allbreed Judge as sponsor.

43.2.9 Have attended one TICA judging school, one breed seminar and one TICA genetics seminar within 1 year of application.

43.2.10 Be familiar with and agree to abide by the TICA By-Laws, TICA Show Rules, TICA Registration Rules and TICA Standards.

43.2.11 Prior to being granted a Probationary Specialty License, breeder applicants must have been breeding cats for 4 years AND non-breeder applicants must have been actively showing cats in TICA for a minimum of 4 years. (See 43.2.2.1.)

43.3 Breeding and/or Showing Requirements in Established Areas.

43.3.1 For Breeders. Prior to application, must:

43.3.1.1 Have bred a minimum of five TICA registered litters.

43.3.1.2 Have shown in at least 25 TICA shows (back-to-back shows will be considered as one show).

43.3.1.3 Have shown to TICA Grand Champion status a minimum of four cats, as follows:

43.3.1.3.1 Three of the four must be unaltered.

43.3.1.3.2 One of the four must have been bred by the applicant; any cat not bred by the applicant must be acquired by 5 months of age and must live with the applicant from the time the cat is acquired until the requisite title is achieved.

43.3.1.3.2.1 For developing areas of TICA where quarantine or equivalent restrictions exist, the requirement to acquire a kitten at 5 months of age or younger may be waived by the Judging Committee based on:

43.3.1.3.2.1.1 Proof that the kitten cannot come out of quarantine until it reaches a specified age up to one year.

43.3.1.3.2.1.2 The kitten/cat has not been shown as an adult or earned any titles prior to the applicant's showing of the cat as part of the Judging Program requirement.

43.3.1.3.3 One of the three unaltered cats must have achieved the title of Supreme Grand Champion.

43.3.1.3.4 One of the three unaltered cats must have received a Regional Win in the Top 25 Allbreed Cats.

43.3.1.3.5 One of the four must be a cat of opposite body type and coat length and achieve the title of Quadruple Grand Champion. Selection of the breed of cat of opposite body type and coat length must be approved by the Judging Committee.

43.3.2 For Non-Breeders. Prior to application must:

43.3.2.1 Have acquired all qualifying cats at 5 months of age or younger.

43.3.2.2 Have shown a minimum of five cats from both longhair and shorthair breeds to TICA Grand Champion or Grand Champion Alter status with no fewer than three from one body type and coat length.

43.3.2.2.1 Three of the five Grand Champions or Grand Champion Alters must achieve the title of Supreme Grand Champion or Supreme Grand Champion Alter.

43.3.2.2.2 One of the Supreme Grand Champions or Supreme Grand Champion Alters must be a different body type and coat length from the primary body type and coat length.

43.3.2.3 Have achieved a minimum of three Regional Wins in the Top 10 Allbreed Cats or Alters. At the discretion of the Judging Committee, a win lower than top 10 AB can be recognized based upon the number of points accrued by the cat(s)/alters(s).

43.3.2.3.1 One Regional Winner must be in the opposite body type and coat length from the primary body type and coat length.

43.3.2.3.2 Have shown in 25 TICA shows (back-to-back shows will be considered one show).

43.4 Application of Trainees in Remote/Developing Areas

43.4.1 In order to foster the growth of TICA in remote areas of the world, TICA must be able to encourage potential applicants to enter the judging program without the hardships of meeting current training program prerequisites. The Remote/Developing Area Judging Program will be in effect for overseas trainees entering the Judging Program until that area is considered by the Board of Directors to have established a TICA licensed judging population able to handle the demands of TICA shows

being produced within said area. After that time, new applicants may continue to apply to the program, but it will be under the regular and current rules of the Judging Program.

43.4.2 Anyone may apply to the Judging Committee for acceptance as a Trainee in the TICA Remote Area/Developing Country Judging Program. It will be the decision of the Board of Directors and the Judging Committee which areas of the world are to be considered remote/developing at the time of application.

43.4.3 The Judging Committee may require additional work or make certain exceptions when circumstances or experience warrant and may take the liberty of reviewing applications on a case by case basis. If an applicant is applying for acceptance into the Judging Program from a country not having a strong TICA presence, s/he has the option of applying using the Remote guidelines or using the guidelines in place for the full Training Program. Once a TICA presence has been established to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors and the Judging Committee, the opportunity to apply to the TICA Judging Program will revert back to the regular process guidelines to be followed for application.

43.4.4 Answers to questions on the Application Test and Form must be submitted in English.

43.4.4.1 All supporting documentation or attachments must be translated into/submitted in English.

43.4.5 All applicants to the Remote Area Judging Program must meet the following requirements:

- 43.4.5.1 Must be 18 years of age or older.
- 43.4.5.2 Must be a member of TICA in good standing.
- 43.4.5.3 Must have an eligible TICA Approved Allbreed Judge Sponsor.
- 43.4.5.4 Must have been a TICA member for a minimum of 4 years prior to the effective date of a TICA Probationary Specialty Judging License.
- 43.4.5.5 Must be a working member of an active TICA club.
- 43.4.5.6 Must have exhibited in a minimum of 15 TICA shows.
- 43.4.5.7 Must have a TICA registered cattery.
- 43.4.5.8 Must have been breeding cats at least 4 years and have a minimum of five TICA registered litters prior to the effective date of a TICA Probationary Specialty License.
- 43.4.5.9 Must have shown a minimum of three whole cats as follows:
 - 43.4.5.9.1 One of the three unaltered cats must have achieved Supreme Grand Champion status.
 - 43.4.5.9.2 Two of the three unaltered cats must achieve TICA Grand Championship status.
 - 43.4.5.9.3 One of the three must be a cat of opposite body type and coat length and achieve the title of TICA Grand Champion. Selection of the breed of cat of opposite body type and coat length must be approved by the Judging Committee.
- 43.4.5.10 Be a licensed TICA Head Ring Clerk and a licensed TICA Master Clerk.
- 43.4.5.11 Must have served as a TICA Entry Clerk 1 time. If this requirement becomes a hardship in obtaining a contract from a club, with the approval of the Judging Committee, the applicant may be permitted to take the Entry Clerking licensing exam one time to see if they are able to pass without the one-time experience. If passage is failed, then the one-time entry clerking assignment will need to be fulfilled and the test re-taken post-assignment completion.

43.4.5.12 Must have served as a TICA show manager 1 time with positive feedback from the club being represented.

43.4.5.13 Must have sent a 4 x 6 professional color photograph to the TICA Yearbook Editor.

43.4.5.14 Must be familiar with and agree to abide by the TICA By-Laws, Show Rules, Registration Rules and Breed Standards.

43.5 Consideration may be given for International or Regional awards or the equivalent thereof from other associations; however, all of the requirements in 43.2 and 43.3 must be met.

43.5.1 In Remote/Development Areas consideration may be given for International or Regional awards or the equivalent thereof from other associations; however, all requirements in 43.4 must be met.

43.6 Applicant must submit the application fee in US currency to the Executive Office, and an official Application to the Judging Program to the Judging Committee together with:

43.6.1 Personal resume.

43.6.2 A letter of letter of recommendation from the club in region of residence in which the applicant is an active member.

43.6.3 Copy of Head Ring Clerk and Master Clerk License.

43.6.4 A letter of sponsorship from one eligible TICA Approved Allbreed Judge who must review the applicant's complete packet and sign where indicated on the check-off list that the application has met all requirements.

43.6.5 A recent professional 5" x 7" (12.5cm x 18cm) color photograph.

43.6.6 Documentation verifying fulfillment of all requirements as listed above.

43.7 When the applicant has an eligible Allbreed Sponsor and up to 1 year prior to the anticipated date of application, the applicant may request a comprehensive written open book examination covering TICA By-Laws, Show Rules, Breed Standards, Ethics and the cat fancy, in general. The applicant must score 95 per cent or higher on the examination, and all questions missed must be answered correctly. If the applicant fails to complete the examination within the time allowed, application may not be re-submitted for 6 months.

43.7.1 Application and examination must be received no later than May 15th for application at the August meeting, October 15th for application at the December Meeting and January 15th for application at the April Meeting.

43.8 Upon successful completion of the examination, the Judging Committee will consider the applicant's name for acceptance into the TICA Judging Program.

43.8.1 The Judging Committee will consider the applicant's knowledge, ability and experience in breeding, showing, clerking, show management and club activity. The Judging Committee will also consider the applicant's personal appearance, deportment, attitude and any other factors it deems appropriate. The Judging Committee may approve the applicant upon any appropriate terms or conditions, deny the applicant or require additional work.

43.8.2. If the applicant is denied admission to the Judging Program, the applicant may not apply for reconsideration for 1 year. During this time the applicant shall complete any additional requirements set forth by the Judging Committee. If the candidate decides to file an appeal with the Board of Directors for review, the appeal will be heard at the next scheduled Board meeting. The final decision on acceptance or denial is solely at the Board's discretion.

43.8.3 Upon reapplication the applicant need only furnish proof to the Judging Committee that any requirements set have been met. The Judging Committee has all the documentation and fee-paid information and will advise the TREND editor to continue the listings in the TREND.

43.9 Upon acceptance by the Judging Committee, the applicant must send a recent professional color photograph (5" x 7" / 12.5cm x 18cm) scanned at 300 dpi to the Yearbook Editor.

Article Four – Training Program

44.1 The applicant may begin ring training when the following requirements have been met:

44.1.1 All requirements set forth by the Board of Directors and the Judging Committee.

44.1.2 Paid a \$15 processing fee to the Executive Office.

44.1.3 Received permission from the Judging Committee to proceed with ring training.

44.2 Trainee Responsibilities. A 15 months training period is required before a trainee can apply for a Probationary Specialty License. The trainee must be actively involved in writing breed critiques, attending schools, conferences and seminars, ring training, solo training, and sending the required monthly reports to the Trainee Coordinator outlining all activity for each month.

44.2.1 During the training period the trainee must attend one of each of the following:

44.2.1.1 TICA Judging School.

44.2.1.2 TICA Judges Conference.

44.2.1.3 TICA Breed Seminar.

44.2.1.4 TICA Genetics Seminar.

44.2.2 During the training period, the trainee may:

44.2.2.1 Show a cat only through the use of an agent until all training sessions for the weekend are complete.

- 44.2.2.2 Write breed critiques and breed comparisons in the benching area of the show hall, not in proximity to the judging rings.
- 44.2.2.3 Be in the show hall prior to training or doing solos but may not be in proximity to the judging rings except during the training/solo sessions.
- 44.2.2.4 Have no access to the show catalog until all training is complete for the weekend.
- 44.2.2.5 Send the Trainee Coordinator a statement commenting on the type and quality of training received from any instructor.

44.2.3 During the training period, the trainee must:

- 44.2.3.1 be a working member of an active working TICA club in their resident region
- 44.2.3.2 agree to and abide by the TICA Code of Ethics
- 44.2.3.3 accumulate six Continuing Education Units (CEU's) each show season
- 44.2.3.4 take an annual refresher test, which must be returned to the Judging Committee Designee with a postmark, fax or email date no later than June 30th of each year. The test must be passed with a score of 95 percent or high.

44.2.4 If a trainee has not undertaken any training activities for one year, then the Judging Committee will notify the trainee (with a copy also sent to the trainee's Allbreed Sponsor) that they will be removed from the Judging Program.

44.2.4.1 A trainee's Allbreed Sponsor may request one six-month extension by submitting to the Judging Committee, within 30 days of that notification, a plan of action to resume training activities.

44.2.4.2 If no extension is requested, then the trainee will be removed from the Judging Program 30 days after notification was issued.

44.2.4.3 If training activities are not resumed in accordance with the approved plan of action or within the extension period, the trainee will then be removed from the Judging Program.

44.3 Training. The trainee must obtain written permission from both the club hosting the show and the training judge. The trainee must complete a Permission to Train Form for each show at which s/he wishes to train. This form will indicate the type of training agreed upon. Permission to Train Forms must be signed by all parties prior to the day(s) of training. Copies must be sent to the Trainee Coordinator and the trainee's Allbreed Sponsor.

44.3.1 Training will consist of:

44.3.1.1 A minimum of 40 ring training sessions.

44.3.1.2 A minimum of four solo judging sessions. Solo judging cannot be started until all ring training sessions have been completed.

44.3.1.3 Trainees accepted under the Remote/Developing Areas program must complete the requirements of 44.3.2 and 44.3.3 with the following exceptions:

44.3.1.3.1 Must complete 20 training sessions, 5 of which must be completed with Licensed Ring Instructors.

44.3.1.3.2 Must train with a minimum of 15 different judges. Trainees may have more than one session with the same judge but no more than 3 times during their training.

Must complete 4 solo sessions, which may be completed in the Trainee's region of residence with 2 different Approved Allbreed Judges.

44.3.1.3.3 If a Remote program candidate would like to transfer to the full Established program, that individual must complete the entry requirements for the full program before approval to transfer.

44.3.1.3.4 Upon completion of these requirements, the Trainee may apply for a Probationary Specialty License in (Country, Region). See 45.2.

44.3.2 Ring Training.

44.3.2.1 Ring training consists of handling a minimum of 40 kittens, cats, alters, household pets or new breeds. The selection of the cats for training is at the training judge's discretion. Training may consist of handling full classes (such as championship cats, etc.) or handling full breeds or breed groups (such as the Persian Breed Group or Maine Coon kittens, cats and alters, etc.). The trainee is expected to handle his or her own cat(s) during the training session without calling attention to the ownership of the cat. The trainee is expected to remain in the judging ring until dismissed by the instructor. During the final five training sessions, the trainee must stay with the training judge the entire day handling cats as designated by the judge.

44.3.2.2 Training sessions are limited to one training session per calendar day.

44.3.2.2.1 Trainees are limited to 2 ring training sessions with the same judge during any 2-day or 3-day show period, provided that the training sessions are on different cats/classes.

44.3.2.3 The trainee may train with any Approved Allbreed Judge. At least ten of these judges must be Licensed Ring Instructors.

44.3.2.3.1 Must train with a minimum of 30 different judges. Trainees may repeat sessions with the same judge no more than 3 times during their training.

44.3.2.4 Trainees residing in North America must train in at least six North American regions. Trainees residing on either the East or West Coast must train on an opposite coast at least once. Trainees located centrally must train on both coasts.

44.3.2.5 All trainees are strongly advised to train at least once Overseas. Criteria for overseas training:

For a trainee living in:	Overseas will be considered:
Asia	Europe, North America or South America.
Europe	Asia, North America or South America.
North America	Asia, Europe or South America.
South America	Asia, Europe or North America.
International Region	Trainees need the approval of the Judging Committee.

44.3.3 Solo Training.

44.3.3.1 Solo judging consists of handling no fewer than 20 entries (or of handling the entire class if fewer than 20 cats are present,) as directed by the instructor, marking the judge's book correctly, hanging ribbons and presenting final awards. Trainees must furnish their own rosettes for their solo finals.

44.3.3.2 Solo training sessions and ring training sessions may not be conducted during the same 1-day, 2-day or 3-day show period. Solo judging may take place before the show begins, during the show or after the completion of the show, under the direction of the instructor.

44.3.3.3 At least two of the four solo training sessions must be done outside the region of residence or beyond 500 miles from the trainee's residence.

44.3.3.4 At least three of the solo judging sessions must be with 3 different Licensed Ring Instructors.

44.4 The Training Sessions. These are minimal guidelines. The instructor should at all times evaluate the level of experience and development of the trainee and plan training accordingly.

44.4.1 Sessions 1 – 5.

44.4.1.1 Removing cats from and returning to the judging cages.

44.4.1.2 Learning to handle different body types.

44.4.1.3 Developing a routine for judging each cat no matter what breed.

44.4.1.4 Developing confidence.

44.4.1.5 Practicing basic mechanics.

44.4.1.6 Learning how to bend properly.

44.4.1.7 Learning when and how to use teasers.

44.4.1.8 Assessing cat "body language".

44.4.2 Sessions 6 – 10.

44.4.2.1 Developing a routine for checking for "faults".

44.4.2.2 Learning to keep track of large classes.

44.4.2.3 Developing a method of keeping track of "final worthy" cats.

44.4.2.4 Finding the essence of each cat.

44.4.2.5 Marking a judge's book.

44.4.2.6 Completing Breed Comparison reports.

44.4.2.7 Selecting cats for finals.

44.4.3 Sessions 11 – 20.

44.4.3.1 Learning to manage time in a large show.

44.4.3.2 Learning to manage time in a small show.

44.4.3.3 Learning to make a structural assessment of the cat.

44.4.3.4 Signing judge's book and giving a copy to clerk.

44.4.3.5 Applying skills – hanging judge's flats, marking book, cleaning table, etc.

44.4.3.6 Comparing features within a breed and between breeds.

44.4.3.7 Applying knowledge and principles of genetics to the cats.

44.4.4 Sessions 21 – 35.

44.4.4.1 Developing showmanship.

44.4.4.2 Presenting finals.

44.4.4.3 Dealing with mediocrity in a class.

44.4.4.4 Seeing the whole cat.

44.4.5 Sessions 36 – 40.

44.4.5.1 Refining the art of judging.

- 44.4.5.2 Making own decisions and sharing with exhibitors.
- 44.4.6 Solo Sessions.
- 44.4.6.1 Making independent decisions.
- 44.4.6.2 Dealing with the clerk.
- 44.4.6.3 Staying focused.
- 44.4.6.4 Loving what s/he's doing.

44.5 Written Requirements.

44.5.1 The trainee must submit 50 written critiques based on the breed standard for a minimum of 75 percent of the breeds recognized for championship. Critiques are to be sent to the trainee's Allbreed Sponsor and to the Trainee Coordinator.

44.5.2 The trainee must write Breed Comparison reports. These may be assigned by a training judge or the trainee may visit a cattery to write reports on select cats. Reports must be signed by the training judge or the cattery owner and returned to the trainee, who will send to the appropriate persons. Cattery reports must be reviewed and signed by the Allbreed Sponsor prior to being forwarded to the Trainee Coordinator. A minimum of 15 Breed Comparison Reports are required.

44.5.3 The trainee must make a set of judge's books if not furnished by the club. These books must be made from another judge's book, NOT from a show catalog.

44.6 Clerical Requirements.

44.6.1 The trainee is responsible for sending trainee/solo evaluations, breed critiques, and breed comparisons to the Trainee Coordinator and the Allbreed Sponsor on a monthly basis with the Monthly Report.

44.6.2 The trainee is responsible for sending the Quarterly Report to the Judging Administrator and the Regional Director at the end of March, June, September and December.

44.7 Other Requirements.

44.7.1 Any time during the training period, the Judging Committee may make recommendations for, or require, additional training in particular breeds and/or colors. The trainee must submit proof of any additional required training to the Trainee Coordinator and the trainee's Allbreed Sponsor.

44.8 Fees to Licensed Ring Instructors (Effective July 1, 2023)

44.8.1 Licensed Ring Instructors are entitled to receive a fee of \$25 for each ring training session they conduct.

44.8.2 Payment may be requested by submitting the ring training evaluation to the Trainee Coordinator.

Article Five – Probationary and Approved Specialty Judge

45 Advancement from Trainee to Probationary Specialty Judge

45.1 Names of applicants must be published in two issues of the TREND. Notices must be sent to the Judging Committee Designee and received by April 15th for application at August meeting, August 15th for application at the December meeting or December 15th for application at the April meeting. The Deputy Judging Administrator will notify the TREND Editor. TICA members shall be invited to send comments, favorable and/or unfavorable, to the Judging Committee Designee and to the applicant's Regional Director.

45.2 The applicant must have completed the following before applying for advancement:

45.2.1 Obtained a letter of endorsement from his/her Approved Allbreed Sponsor stating his/her approval of advancement.

45.2.2 Met any special requirements as set forth by the Judging Committee.

45.2.3 Paid a \$15 processing fee to the Executive Office NO LATER THAN May 15th for application at the August meeting, October 15th for application at the December meeting and January 15th for application at the April meeting.

45.2.4 When the training portion of the program has been completed, the trainee shall send the completed Application for Advancement to Probationary Specialty Judge to the Trainee Coordinator, the Allbreed Sponsor and the Judging Administrator to be received to be received by May 15th for application at the August meeting, October 15th for application at the December meeting or January 15th for application at the April meeting.

45.3. The Judging Committee shall consider the applicant's knowledge, ability, training, experience, show and club activity, personal appearance, deportment, attitude and any other factors it deems appropriate and may grant the probationary specialty license, deny the applicant, or require additional work.

45.4 If an applicant for advancement is denied, the applicant may not apply for reconsideration for 1 year. During this time, the applicant shall complete any additional requirements set forth by the Judging Committee. If the candidate decides to file an appeal with the Board of Directors for review, the appeal will normally be heard at the next scheduled Board meeting. The final decision on acceptance or denial is solely at the Board's discretion.

45.4.1 Upon reapplication the applicant need only furnish proof to the Trainee Coordinator that any requirements set by the Judging Committee have been met. The Trainee Coordinator has all the documentation and fee-paid information and will advise the TREND editor to continue the listings in the TREND.

45.5 The license fee of \$25 shall be sent to the Executive Office NO LATER THAN May 15th for application at the August meeting, October 15th for application at the December meeting or January 15th for application at the April meeting.

Advancement of Trainees in Remote/Developing Areas to Probationary Specialty Judge

45.6.1 Trainees accepted under the Remote/Developing Areas completing the requirements outlined in 44.3.1.3 may apply for a Restricted Probationary Special License in (Country, Region). This license will allow the individual to judge ONLY in the specific area noted on the license.

45.6.2 Upon completing 20 judging assignments in the specific area noted on the license plus 2 overseas training sessions, the individual may apply to the Judging Committee Designee for an unrestricted Probationary Specialty license. These 2 overseas training sessions shall be performed AFTER the 20 judging assignments in the specific area noted on the license and the instructors conducting these sessions must be approved by the Judging Committee.

45.6.3 In order to advance to Approved Specialty the unrestricted Probationary Specialty judge must follow the procedure stated in 45.7.

Advancement from Probationary Specialty Judge to Approved Specialty Judge

45.7 The probationary period shall be for a minimum of 1 year, and a minimum of 20 shows judged. The Probationary Specialty Judge shall submit the Application for Advancement to Approved Specialty Judge to the Judging Committee Designee for advancement to Approved Specialty Judge, which shall include a list of shows judged during the probationary period and which shall be signed by the Allbreed Sponsor.

45.7.1 The Judging Committee shall consider if any issues have arisen during the probationary period and any other factors it deems appropriate. The Judging Committee shall inform the Probationary Specialty Judge if they have successfully completed probation and shall then grant them an Approved Specialty license.

Article Six – Provisional Allbreed Judge

46 Advancement from Approved Specialty Judge to Provisional Allbreed Judge

46.1 Names of applicants MUST be published in two issues of the TREND. Notices must be sent to the Judging Committee and received by April 15th for application at the August meeting, August 15th for application at the December meeting or December 15th for application at the April meeting. The Deputy Judging Administrator will then place the notices in the TREND. TICA members shall be invited to send comments, favorable and/or unfavorable, to the Judging Committee and to the applicant's Regional Director.

46.2 The applicant must have completed all of the following before applying for advancement:

46.2.1 Have judged at least 30 TICA shows as Approved Specialty.

46.2.2 Obtained a letter of endorsement from his/her Approved Allbreed Sponsor stating his/her approval of advancement.

46.2.3 Passed the advancement examination (95 percent correct answers are considered a passing grade; however, all questions missed must be answered again correctly).

46.2.4 Met any special requirements as set forth by the Board or the Judging Committee.

46.2.5 Paid a \$20 processing fee to the Executive Office no later than May 15th for application at the August meeting, October 15th for application at the December meeting or January 15th for application at the April meeting.

46.2.6 The Application for Advancement to Provisional Allbreed Judge must be completed and received by the Judging Committee no later than May 15th for application at the August meeting, October 15th for application at the December Meeting or January 15th for application at the April Meeting. Applications received after the deadline will be presented at the following scheduled Judging Committee meeting.

46.3 A judge may request an examination anytime within 1 year of the time planned for advancement.

46.3.1 Once received, the applicant may complete and submit the examination in sections for grading; however, all sections must be initially submitted within 4 months. Sections, as received, will be graded and returned to the applicant if they require additional work or correction. Applicants will have up to 2 months from the initial examination return deadline to resolve any outstanding issues and receive a passing grade. Examination must be passed before the submission dates of May 15th for application at the August meeting, October 15th for application at the December meeting and January 15th application at the April meeting.

46.3.1.1 If the examination is not passed by the above stated deadlines, and/or if all other requirements have not been met by June 15th for application at the August meeting, November 15th for application at the December meeting or February 15th for application at the April meeting, the applicant must reapply for advancement at a following scheduled Judging Committee meeting.

46.3.2 Upon reapplication, all advancement requirements must be met, including successfully passing the advancement examination and payment of all fees.

46.4 The Judging Committee shall consider the applicant's knowledge, ability, training, experience, show and club activity, personal appearance, deportment, attitude and any other factors it deems appropriate and may grant the Provisional Allbreed License, deny the applicant, or require additional work.

46.5 If an applicant for advancement is denied, the applicant may not apply for reconsideration for 1 year. If the candidate decides to file an appeal with the Board of Directors for review, the appeal will normally be heard at the next scheduled board meeting. The final decision on acceptance or denial is solely at the Board's discretion.

46.5.1 Upon reapplication the applicant need only furnish proof to the Judging Committee that any requirements set by the Board have been met. The Judging Committee has all the documentation and fee-paid information and will advise the TREND editor to continue the listings in the TREND.

46.6 The license fee of \$25 shall be sent to the Executive Office no later than May 15th for application at the August meeting, October 15th for application at the December meeting or January 15th for application at the April meeting.

Article Seven – Approved Allbreed Judge

47 Advancement from Provisional Allbreed to Approved Allbreed Judge

47.1 Names of applicants must be published in two issues of the TREND. Notices must be sent to the Judging Committee and received by April 15th for application at the August meeting, August 15th for application at the December meeting or December 15th for application at the April meeting. The Deputy Judging Administrator will then place the notices in the TREND. TICA members shall be invited to send comments, favorable and/or unfavorable, to the Judging Committee and to the applicant's Regional Director.

47.2 The applicant must have completed all of the following before applying for advancement:

47.2.1 Been a licensed Provisional Allbreed judge for at least 2 years and judged at least 60 TICA shows as such (60 LH and 60 SH or 60 AB or any combination thereof).

47.2.2 Obtained a letter of endorsement from his/her Approved Allbreed sponsor stating his/her approval of advancement.

47.2.3 Passed the Approved Allbreed examination (95 percent correct answers are considered a passing grade; however, all questions missed must be answered again correctly).

47.2.4 Met any special requirements as set forth by the Board or the Judging Committee

47.2.5 The processing fee of \$35 shall be sent to the Executive Office no later than May 15th for application at the August meeting, October 15th for application at the December meeting or January 15th for application at the April meeting.

47.2.6 The Application for Advancement to Approved Allbreed Judge must be completed and received by the Judging Committee no later than May 15th for application at the August meeting, October 15th for application at the December meeting or January 15th for application at the April meeting. Applications received after the deadline will be presented at the following scheduled Judging Committee meeting.

47.3 A judge may request an examination anytime within 1 year of the time planned for advancement.

47.3.1 Once received, the applicant may complete and submit the examination in sections for grading; however, all sections must be initially submitted within 4 months. Sections, as received, will be graded and returned to the applicant if they require additional work or correction. Applicants will have up to 2 months from the initial examination return deadline to resolve any outstanding issues and receive a passing grade. The examination must be passed before the submission dates of May 15th

for application at the August meeting, October 15th for application at the December meeting or January 15th for application at the April meeting.

47.3.1.1 If the examination is not passed by the above stated deadlines, and/or if all other requirements have not been met by June 15th for application at the August meeting, November 15th for application at the December meeting or February 15th for application at the April meeting, the applicant must reapply for advancement at a following scheduled Judging Committee meeting.

47.3.2 Upon reapplication, all advancement requirements must be met, including successfully passing the advancement examination and payment of all fees.

47.4 The Judging Committee shall consider the applicant's knowledge, ability, training, experience, show and club activity, personal appearance, deportment, attitude and any other factors it deems appropriate and may grant the Approved Allbreed license, deny the applicant, or require additional work. The Judging Committee shall take into consideration the number of out of region shows the applicant has judged.

47.5 If an applicant for advancement is denied, the applicant may not apply for reconsideration for 1 year. If the candidate decides to file an appeal with the Board of Directors for review, the appeal will normally be heard at the next scheduled Board meeting. The final decision on acceptance or denial is solely at the Board's discretion.

47.5.1 Upon reapplication the applicant need only furnish proof to the Judging Committee that any requirements set by the Board have been met. The Judging Committee has all the documentation and fee-paid information and will advise the TREND editor to continue the listings in the TREND.

47.6 The license fee of \$25 shall be sent to the Executive Office no later than May 15th for application at the August meeting, October 15th for application at the December meeting or January 15th for application at the April meeting.

Article Eight – Application for Instructor

48.1 Names of applicants must be published in two issues of the TREND. Notices must be sent to the Judging Committee and received by April 15th for application at the August Meeting, by August 15th for application at the December Meeting and by December 15th for application at the April Meeting. The Deputy Judging Administrator will then place the notices in the TREND. TICA members shall be invited to send comments, favorable and/or unfavorable, to the Judging Committee and to the applicant's Regional Director.

48.2 The applicant must have completed all of the following before applying for advancement:

48.2.1 Been a licensed Approved Allbreed judge for no less than 2 years.

48.2.2 Judged no fewer than 50 TICA shows as an Approved Allbreed judge (50 LH and 50 SH or 50 AB or any combination thereof).

48.2.3 Conducted at least 5 training sessions, OR 3 training sessions plus successful completion of an approved Training seminar.

48.3 An Approved Allbreed judge may apply for ring instructor and/or school instructor or both.

48.3.1 Duties of a Ring Instructor: teach trainees, complete and return Trainee Evaluation Forms to the Trainee Coordinator and the Allbreed Sponsor within 48 hours of close of show.

48.3.2 Duties of a School Instructor: teach trainees, complete and return Trainee Evaluation Forms to the Trainee Coordinator and the Allbreed Sponsor within 48 hours of close of show; conduct judging schools, breed seminars and judge's conferences sending attendance list and subject matter covered to the Judging Committee within 30 days following any session conducted.

48.4 The applicant shall send the completed Application for Instructor to the Judging Committee to be received no later than May 15th for application at the August Meeting, October 15th for application at the December Meeting or January 15th for application at the April Meeting.

48.4.1 Applications for Ring Instructor only must be accompanied by an essay addressing how to work with a trainee, including, but not limited to, what the trainee can expect of the Instructor and what the Instructor will expect of the Trainee. The essay should be between 1,500 and 2,000 words. However, it is the quality of the narrative writing that is important, not the length.

48.4.2 Applications for School Instructor must include a judging school presentation and a breed seminar presentation. The presentations should be a slide show or similar format. The Judging School presentation must be delivered to an audience at a show/seminar/conference/webinar and will be assessed on the planning and delivery of the subject.

48.5 All other requirements must be passed by June 15th for application at the August Meeting, November 15th for application at the December Meeting or February 15th for application at the April Meeting. If all requirements have not been met by the deadline date, the applicant must reapply for Instructor at a following scheduled Judging Committee meeting.

48.6 The Judging Committee shall consider the applicant's knowledge, ability, training, experience, show and club activity, personal appearance, deportment, attitude and any other factors it deems appropriate and may grant instructor status, deny the applicant or require additional work.

48.7 If an applicant for advancement is denied, the applicant may not apply for reconsideration for 1 year. If the candidate decides to file an appeal with the Board of Directors for review, the appeal will normally be heard at the next scheduled board meeting. The final decision on acceptance or denial is solely at the Board's discretion.

48.7.1 Upon reapplication the applicant need only furnish proof to the Judging Committee that any requirements set by the Board have been met. The Judging Committee has all the documentation and fee-paid information and will advise the TREND editor to continue the listings in the TREND.

Article Nine – Acceptance of Judges from Other Cat Associations

49.1 Names of applicants must be published in two issues of the TREND; notices must be received by the Judging Committee by April 15th for application at the August Meeting, by August 15th for application at the December Meeting and by December 15th for application at the April Meeting. Notices must be sent to the Judging Committee. The Deputy Judging Administrator will then place the notices in the TREND. At the time of sending notice of intent to the Judging Committee, a new applicant to the Judging Program must send a photograph to the TREND Editor for publication with the notice in at least one issue of the TREND prior the Judging Committee Meeting at which the applicant is applying. TICA members shall be invited to send comments, favorable and/or unfavorable, to the Judging Committee and to the applicant's Regional Director.

49.2 Any judge who is or has been licensed by another domestic or international association, who has at least 5 years of judging experience with one association, and who has judged at least 25 cat shows before applying to TICA, may apply to the Judging Committee for a TICA judge's license no later than May 15th for application at the August meeting, October 15th for application at the December Meeting or January 15th for application at the April Meeting. The highest level for which an Allbreed applicant may apply is Approved Specialty. Transfer judges who are not Allbreed in their original association shall apply at the Probationary Specialty level. Any such application shall include a detailed description of prior training and education and shall be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Applications received after the deadline will be presented at the following scheduled Judging Committee meeting.

49.3 Payment of an application fee, a processing fee and the appropriate license fee shall be made to the Executive Office.

49.4 Applicants must meet all of the following requirements prior to submitting their application for a TICA Judging License:

49.4.1 Must be a member of TICA in good standing at the time of application.

49.4.2 Must be a working member of an active TICA club.

49.4.3 Must have served as a Master Clerk at a minimum of two TICA shows with positive evaluations and have passed the TICA Master Clerk Exam.

49.4.4 Be familiar with TICA By-Laws, Registration Rules, Show Rules and Breed Standards.

49.4.5 Successfully complete the applicant examination.

49.4.6 In the 2 years prior to applying, applicants must

49.4.6.1 Attend a TICA judging school.

49.4.6.2 Attend a TICA genetics seminar.

49.4.6.3 Attend a TICA breed seminar.

49.4.6.4 Have an Approved Allbreed Judge as their sponsor.

49.4.6.5 Provide documentation in the application packet verifying fulfillment of all requirements as listed above.

49.5 The Judging Committee shall consider the applicant's knowledge, ability, training, experience, show and club activity, personal appearance, deportment, attitude and any other factors it deems appropriate and may grant the license in the appropriate status, deny the applicant or require additional work. Evaluation may require the applicant and their Allbreed Sponsor to participate in an interview with the Judging Committee.

49.6 All applicants must meet the basic requirements of 49.4; however, as the individual circumstances in each case are different, it is recommended that each applicant be considered separately for any additional requirements. The Judging Committee may approve the applicant at an appropriate level, require additional work, or deny the applicant.

49.7 Training requirements before the license is granted

49.7.1 An applicant who is a licensed allbreed judge in their current association at the time of application shall be granted a license only after the applicant has trained with TICA Instructors, handling all cats and kittens in a minimum of six different TICA shows. Prior to licensing, the applicant shall do at least one solo training session handling a minimum of 30 cats, kittens or alters. The applicant may be required to write breed critiques on all breeds not recognized in the association in which the applicant previously judged.

49.7.2 An applicant who is licensed less than Allbreed in another association must complete the requirements of 44.3.2, 44.3.2.2, 44.5 and do a minimum of 20 training sessions and 2 solo sessions. Any other requirements will be assessed on an individual basis.

49.8 If an applicant for advancement is denied, the applicant may not apply for re-consideration for one year. If the candidate decides to file an appeal with the Board of Directors for review, the appeal will normally be heard at the next scheduled Board meeting. The final decision on acceptance or denial is solely at the Board's discretion.

49.8.1 Upon reapplication the applicant need only furnish proof to the Judging Committee that any requirements set by the board have been met. The Judging Committee has all the documentation and fee-paid information and will advise the TREND editor to continue the listings in the TREND.

49.9 Advancement of Transfer Judges.

49.9.1 Applicants who are accepted at the level of Probationary Specialty must complete the requirements in 45.7, 45.7.1 in order to advance to Approved Specialty.

49.9.2 Applicants who are accepted at the level of Approved Specialty must have judged a minimum of 10 shows as a TICA Approved Specialty judge prior to requesting their Provisional Allbreed exam and applying for advancement.

49.9.2.1 Any additional shows required shall be determined by the Judging Committee, based upon the judge's background, experience, knowledge of mechanics and overall performance.

49.9.2.2 Must have successfully completed the examination for Advancement to Provisional Allbreed Judge.

49.9.2.3 Completed Application for Advancement to Provisional Allbreed, with any attachments, must be received by the Judging Committee and the Allbreed Sponsor no later than May 15th for application at the August Meeting, October 15th for application at the December Meeting, or January 15th for application at the April Meeting. Applications received after deadline will be presented at the following scheduled Judging Committee Meeting.

49.9.2.4 If an applicant for advancement is denied, the applicant may not apply for re-consideration for one year. If the candidate decides to file an appeal with the Board of Directors for review, the appeal will normally be heard at the next scheduled Board Meeting. The final decision on acceptance or denial is solely at the Board's discretion.

49.9.2.4.1 Upon reapplication the applicant need only furnish proof to the Judging Committee that any requirements set by the Board have been met. The Judging Committee has all the documentation and fee-paid information and will advise the TREND editor to continue the listings in the TREND.

49.10 Application of Transfer Judges in Remote/Developing Areas

49.10.1 In order to foster the growth of TICA in remote areas of the world, TICA must be able to encourage potential applicants to transfer into the judging program without the hardships of meeting current training program prerequisites. The Remote/Developing Area Judging Program will be in effect for overseas candidates transferring into the Judging Program until that area is considered by the Board of Directors to have established a TICA licensed judging population able to handle the demands of TICA shows being produced within said area. After that time, new applicants may continue to apply to the program, but it will be under the regular and current rules of the Judging Program.

49.10.2 Any judge, who is or has been licensed as Allbreed by another domestic or international association, who has at least 3 years of judging experience with one association, and who has judged at least 15 cat shows before applying to TICA, may apply to the Judging Committee for acceptance as a Transfer Judge in the TICA Remote Area/Developing Country Judging Program. It will be the decision of the Board of Directors and the Judging Committee which areas of the world are to be considered remote/developing at the time of application. The highest level for which a Remote Transfer Judge applicant may apply is Probationary Specialty (Remote area/country ONLY). Any such application shall include a detailed description of prior training and education and shall be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Applications received after the deadline will be presented at the following scheduled Judging Committee meeting.

49.10.3 Answers to questions on the Application Test and Form must be submitted in English.

49.10.3.1 All supporting documentation or attachments must be translated into/submitted in English.

49.10.4 All applicants to the Remote Area Judging Program must meet the following requirements:

49.10.4.1 Must be a member of TICA in good standing at the time of application.

- 49.10.4.2 Must be a working member of an active TICA club.
- 49.10.4.3 Must have served as a Master Clerk at a minimum of one TICA show with a positive evaluation and have passed the TICA Master Clerk Exam.
- 49.10.4.4 Be familiar with TICA By-Laws, Registration Rules, Show Rules and Breed Standards.
- 49.10.4.5 Successfully complete the applicant examination.
- 49.10.4.6 In the 2 years prior to applying, applicants must:
 - 49.10.4.6.1 Attend a TICA judging school.
 - 49.10.4.6.2 Attend a TICA genetics seminar.
 - 49.10.4.6.3 Attend a TICA breed seminar.
 - 49.10.4.6.4 Have an Approved Allbreed Judge as their sponsor.
 - 49.10.4.6.5 Provide documentation in the application packet verifying fulfillment of all requirements as listed above.

49.10.5 A remote applicant who is a licensed allbreed judge in their current association at the time of application shall be granted a license only after the applicant has trained with TICA Instructors, handling all cats and kittens in a minimum of two different TICA shows. Prior to licensing, the applicant shall do at least one solo training session handling a minimum of 20 cats, kittens or alters. The applicant may be required to write breed critiques on all breeds not recognized in the association in which the applicant previously judged.

Advancement of Transfer Judges in Remote/Developing Areas to Probationary Specialty Judge

49.10.6 Upon completing 10 judging assignments in the specific area noted on the license plus 2 overseas training sessions, the individual may apply to the Judging Committee for an unrestricted Probationary Specialty license. These 2 overseas training sessions shall be performed AFTER the 10 judging assignments in the specific area noted on the license and the instructors conducting these sessions must be approved by the Judging Committee.

49.10.6.1 In order to advance to Approved Specialty, the unrestricted Probationary Specialty judge must follow the procedure stated in 45.7 and 45.7.1.

Article Ten – Guest Judges

410.1 International Guest Judge: Approval of International Guest Judges is delegated to the Judging Committee.

410.1.1 International Guest Judge. A club may apply to the Judging Committee for approval for a licensed Allbreed judge from another cat association to judge a TICA show.

410.1.1.1 Application shall be made on the official TICA Application for Invitation of International Guest Judge.

401.1.1.2 Application must be submitted to the Judging Committee 60 days prior to the show dates.

410.1.2 An International Guest Judge must be licensed in the formats and/or breeds to be judged.

The International Guest Judge should be licensed as an Allbreed Judge; however, exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

410.1.3 Included with the application, the club must furnish documentation of the international judge's qualifications on the form provided to the Judging Administrator, with a translation to English if the original documents are in a language other than English. Documentation shall consist of one or more of the following:

410.1.3.1 A copy of the judge's license.

410.1.3.2 A copy of the licensing association's listing of judges showing the applicant judge with their current status.

410.1.3.3 Other documentation or correspondence from the office of the licensing association which indicates the judge's current status.

410.1.4 If the judge is approved by the Judging Committee, the club is responsible for furnishing the International Guest Judge copies of TICA Show Rules and Standards, and working with said judge on interpretation and clarification.

410.1.4.1 Once a Guest Judge has been approved by the committee, any subsequent invitation/application for that same judge and the same show season may be automatically approved by the Judging Administrator without presentation to the committee, as long as the AB license is still valid and no problems have been reported on previous assignments and it will not exceed the limitations as listed in 410.1.5 or 410.1.6.

410.1.5 A judge may serve as a Guest Judge no more than nine (9) shows 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 shall be considered on a case-by-case basis. Exceptions to 410.1.5 and 410.1.6 shall be considered on a case-by-case basis. For the show seasons 2021/2022 and 2022-2023 only, this provision shall also apply for any show held in any Region.

410.2 Licensed International Guest Judge. A Licensed International Guest Judge may judge for any TICA club upon invitation without approval of the Judging Committee or restriction of the number of show weekends.

410.2.1 In order to maintain an active guest judge's license, the International guest judge must maintain active TICA membership with payment of annual membership dues and annual license fee by October 30th of each year, must have a TICA Approved Allbreed Judge as a sponsor, and must pass the annual Refresher Exam by June 30th of each year.

410.2.2 Effective May 1, 2023 the designation of Licensed International Guest judge will terminate. Any remaining Licensed International Guest Judges, who otherwise meet the requirements for relicensing, will be considered licensed as Provisional Allbreed Judges.

Article Eleven – Reinstatement

411.1 Names of applicants must be published in two issues of the TREND. Notices must be sent to the Judging Committee and received by April 15th for application at the August Meeting, August 15th for application at the December Meeting, and December 15th for application at the April Meeting. The Deputy Judging Administrator will then place the notices in the TREND. TICA members shall be invited to send comments, favorable and/or unfavorable, to the Judging Committee and to the applicant's Regional Director.

411.2 Any judge formerly licensed as a TICA judge may, within 10 years of resigning their license, apply to the Judging Committee for reinstatement . Applications for reinstatement at all levels must be made no later than May 15th for application at the August Meeting, October 15th for application at the December Meeting or January 15th for application at the April Meeting. Applications received after the deadline will be presented at the following scheduled Judging Committee Meeting.

411.2.1 To be reconsidered for reinstatement, all applicants must:

411.2.1.1 Meet the requirement of 411.1

411.2.1.2 Forward payment of an application fee, a processing fee, and the appropriate license fee to the Executive Office to be received no later than May 15th for the application at the August Meeting, October 15th for application at the December Meeting or January 15th for application at the April Meeting.

411.2.2 Applicants for reinstatement as Provision or Approved Allbreed Judge must meeting any training requirements deemed necessary by the Judging Committee, assigned on a case-by-case basis.

411.2.3 Applicants for reinstatement as Probationary or Approved Specialty Judge must:

411.2.3.1 Successfully complete the Reinstatement Exam no later than May 15th for application at the August Meeting, October 15th for application at the December Meeting or January 15th for application at the April Meeting.

411.2.3.2 Once approved, train with TICA Ring Instructors, handling all the kittens and cats at a minimum of four (more may be required) different TICA shows and complete breed critiques on any breeds as required by the Judging Committee.

411.3 Each application for reinstatement shall be considered on a case-by-case basis including circumstances surrounding the former judge's resignation, any changes in those circumstances, knowledge, ability, training, experience, show and club activity, personal appearance, deportment, attitude and any other factors the Judging Committee deems appropriate. The Judging Committee may grant reinstatement at the appropriate level, deny the applicant, or require additional work.

411.3.1 If an applicant for reinstatement is denied, the applicant may not reapply for 1 year. If the candidate files an appeal with the Board of Directors for review, the appeal will normally be heard at the next scheduled Board Meeting. The final decision on acceptance or denial is solely at the Board's discretion.

411.3.1.1 Upon reapplication the applicant need only furnish proof to the Judging

Committee that any requirements set by the board have been met. The Judging Committee has all the documentation and fee-paid information and will advise the TREND editor to continue the listings in the TREND.

411.4 If a license is granted, applicant shall enter the Judging Program at the level approved by the Judging Committee.

411.5 Any judge demoted by the Board may, after a period of 1 year, apply to the Board for reinstatement to their previous level of certification by applying to the Judging Committee no later than May 15th for application at the August Meeting, October 15th for application at the December Meeting or January 15th for application at the April Meeting. Applications received after the deadline will be presented at the following scheduled Board meeting.

411.6 Based on present performance and the Judging Committee's recommendation, the Board may grant the reinstatement, require additional work, or deny the advancement to previous certification level.

Article Twelve – Leave of Absence and Resignation

412.1 Any TICA judge requiring a leave of absence must notify the Judging Committee, giving the effective date of the leave.

412.2 If the leave of absence is expected to be less than one year, then all dues and license fees shall be paid and all refresher tests shall be successfully completed during the leave of absence.

412.3 If the leave of absence is less than one year, and all dues and license fees are current and all refresher tests successfully completed, the judge shall notify the Judging Committee when they are ready to resume judging.

412.3.1 If dues or license fees lapse, or if refresher tests are not satisfactorily completed during the leave of absence, the judge shall be required to apply for reinstatement as set out in Article Eleven.

412.4 If the leave of absence is one year or more, the judge must apply to the Judging Committee for reinstatement. Any requirements for reinstatement established by the Judging Committee shall be completed.

412.5 The Judging Committee shall consider the applicant's knowledge, ability, training, experience, show and club activity, personal appearance, deportment, attitude and any other factors it deems appropriate and may grant reinstatement at the appropriate level, deny the applicant, or require additional work.

412.5.1 If an applicant for reinstatement is denied, the candidate may file an appeal with the Board of Directors for review, the appeal will normally be heard at the next scheduled Board meeting. The final decision on acceptance or denial is solely at the Board's discretion.

412.6 A resignation submitted by a judge shall take effect immediately unless the resignation itself states an effective date, in which case the resignation shall become effective on the stated date. A judge can subsequently withdraw their resignation, provided that the withdrawal is made before the effective date.

412.7 Following the effective date of their resignation, a judge can apply for reinstatement as set out in Article Eleven.

Article Thirteen – Continuing Education

413.1 With the permission of the show management and the officiating judge, anyone participating in the Judging Program is encouraged to handle breed(s) and/or color(s) as a training session for the purpose of gaining more knowledge.

413.2 A CEU is a Continuing Education Unit. One hour of instruction equals one CEU. No more than six CEUs shall be granted for any session.

413.2.1 Six annual CEUs must be accumulated earned by attending one or more of the following during each show season: judging school, breed seminar, genetics seminar, judges' conference or workshop. The Judging Administrator may award CEUs for other cat fancy activities at his/her discretion (such as, but not limited to, writing articles in feline publications, translating TICA material, or attending feline health seminars).

413.3 Judges and trainees must earn CEUs.

413.3.1 A Judge Emeritus (JE) is exempt from the CEU requirement.

413.3.2 A Distinguished Judge must lead a judges' conference or breed seminar or conduct a judging school or genetics seminar (if qualified) at least once every 2 years. No further CEUs shall be required for this time period.

413.3.3 A Judge of Merit is encouraged to lead a judges' conference or breed seminar or conduct a judging school or genetics seminar (if qualified) each show season. If he/she does so, no further CEUs shall be required for that year show season. Otherwise, the Judge of Merit must earn 6 CEUs.

413.3.4 Licensed Ring Instructors may receive earn 1 CEU credit for conducting a ring training session. (1-hour CEU for each completed training session, with

413.3.4.1 A maximum of three CEUs may be earned in this manner annually each show season).

413.4 Conducting or moderating any of the above schools, seminars, conferences or workshop sessions satisfies the requirement of attendance.

413.4.1 Licensed School or Licensed Genetics Instructors shall earn 1.5 CEU's for each hour of instruction in a Judging School/Workshop or a Genetics Seminar.

413.4.2 All senior Allbreed Judges are encouraged to participate by conducting seminars.

413.4.3 The instructor or moderator shall send a typed/printed attendance list along with attendees' signatures and summary of what was covered to the Judging Administrator/Designee within 1 month following the session.

413.5 Any judge may earn CEU credit for conducting a Clerking School. A maximum of one CEU may be earned in this manner annually.

413.5.1 Judges are encouraged to clerk at TICA shows. A maximum of one CEU may be earned for clerking.

Article Fourteen – Schools, Seminars and Workshops

414.1 A breed seminar, genetics seminar, or judges' conference is required to be at least one working hour in duration. Judging schools are required to be a minimum of two working hours.

414.2 Schools, seminars and workshops should be scheduled in advance with the Judging Committee. Formal/organized schools, seminars and workshops are strongly encouraged, rather than informal, impromptu gatherings.

414.2.1 "One-on-One" sessions are allowed only in special circumstances; for example, when a trainee has been given prior approval by the Judging Committee to gain additional knowledge regarding a specific breed (or breeds) and/or if an Approved Allbreed Sponsor requests that a trainee participate in a "one-on-one" session.

414.3 It is recommended that schools, seminars and workshops be advertised in advance.

414.4 The organizers may charge a reasonable fee for attendance.

414.4.1 A \$50 honorarium should customarily be offered to the instructor, conductor or moderator.

414.5 Attendance at judging schools, breed and genetics seminars, and workshops is open to anyone.

414.5.1 The instructor or moderator shall send a legible typed/printed attendance list along with the attendees names and summary of what was covered to the Judging Committee within one month following the session.

414.6 Judging schools address topics relating to procedures, techniques, standards and rules of judging and must be conducted by licensed School Instructors.

414.7 Genetics seminars must be conducted by licensed Genetics Instructors.

414.8 Breed seminars are moderated by any Approved Allbreed judge.

414.9 Judges' conferences are moderated by any Approved Allbreed judge.

414.9.1 Judges' conferences shall be considered a private gathering, a meeting ground where participants may speak openly and freely among themselves without consequences and are restricted to those in the Judging Program. At the discretion of the Instructor and with the Judging Committee's approval, attendance may be restricted to licensed TICA judges.

414.9.2 The minutes or summary of a judges' conference are not to be published or sent to anyone other than the Judging Committee. The Judges Newsletter Editor may publish in the Judges Newsletter

subject matter from the judges' conference which, in the opinion of the Judging Committee would be of constructive interest to participants in the Judging Program, but participants' privacy will be protected.

414.10 Workshops are coordinated by any Approved Allbreed judge who has obtained advance permission from the Judging Committee or the Board of Directors.

414.10.1 The purpose of a workshop is to provide in-depth, intensive training to all applicants and participants in the Judging Program.

414.10.2 Workshops may be several days long and must consist of a minimum of 6 working hours per day.

414.10.3 Workshops may be arranged with the help of the Judging Committee or the Board of Directors.

414.10.4 Topics addressed should include but not be limited to breed standards, Show Rules, By-Laws, Registration Rules, clerking, genetics, colors, patterns, divisions and/or any other information that would be beneficial to the attendees.

Article Fifteen – Requirements for Annual Renewal of Judging License

415.1 All judges actively engaged in judging, including Distinguished Judges, Judges of Merit, and any Judge Emeritus still judging, shall be required to take an annual refresher test, which must be returned to the Judging Committee Designee with a postmark, fax or email date no later than June 30th of each year. The test must be passed with a score of 95 percent or higher.

415.2 All judges must accumulate six Continuing Education Units (CEU's) each show season, with the exception of Judges Emeritus. CEU's are earned as described in Article 13.

415.2.1 Judges failing to accumulate six CEU's in one show season must earn twelve CEU's in the next show season.

415.2.2 Any CEU's already earned by a trainee during the show season in which they become a judge shall count towards this total.

415.3 Each judge must be a working member of an active working TICA club in their resident region.

415.4 Each Judge must annually agree to and abide by the TICA Code of Ethics.

415.5 TICA membership dues and judge's license fee for the next show season must be paid to the Executive Office by October 30th of each year. Judges Emeriti and Distinguished Judges are exempt from license fees.

415.6 The completed annual Judge's Record Form must be sent to the Judging Committee Designee with a postmark, fax or email date no later than June 30th of each year. The annual Record Form lists

a judge's activities (shows, CEU's, etc.) for the previous show season (May 1st – April 30th). Judges Emeriti are exempt from the Record Form requirement.

415.7 Judges shall be licensed each year at the Judging Committee meeting in December. Judges with a current license will be listed in the appropriate publications.

415.8 If the Judging Committee votes not to renew a judge's license for the upcoming show year, based on missing requirements, it may renew a license when the missing requirements have been met. The license has not been revoked; it has expired; it may be renewed upon meeting requirements for renewal.

415.9 A judge's license shall not be renewed if that judge has any outstanding fines. However, the Judging Committee may renew the license when the fine(s) has/have been received in the Executive Office.

415.10 If a judge's license is not renewed, then the judge may file an appeal with the Board of Directors for review. The appeal will normally be heard at the next scheduled Board meeting. The final decision on renewal is solely at the Board's discretion.

415.11 A current professional color photo must be submitted to the TICA Yearbook Editor every 3 years. Photographs must follow the specifications set by the Yearbook Editor:

Article Sixteen – Penalties for Failure to Fulfill Judging Requirements

416.1 Failure to fulfill judging requirements shall include failure to comply with the Bylaws, Show Rules and other rules, including the Judging Program, specifically Article Sixteen, of this Association.

416.2 The penalty for failing to fulfill judging requirements shall be assessed by the Board of Directors on a case by case basis, and may include a fine, suspension, demotion or any other penalty.

416.3 The following penalties shall be automatically assessed, unless the judge is an Approved Allbreed Judge, in which case the Judging Administrator shall notify the judge that a hearing shall take place at the next meeting of the Board of Directors:

416.3.1 Penalties shall be assessed for failure to:

416.3.1.1 Satisfactorily complete the Annual Refresher.

416.3.1.2 Pay membership dues and/or license fees by October 30th.

416.3.1.3 Forward a complete Judge's Yearly Record form by June 30th.

416.3.1.4 Forward judges' books to the Executive Office within 48 or 72 hours per

Standing Rule 2017.1

416.3.1.5 Properly notify the Executive Office, show committee and the appropriate exhibitors, upon notification by the Executive Office that a mistake which requires correction has been made in a judge's book, of the correction within 10 days.

416.3.1.6 Provide the Yearbook Editor with a new picture every 3 years.

416.3.2 Penalties:

416.3.2.1 First offense – \$25 fine and letter of reprimand from the Judging Administrator.

416.3.2.2 Second offense (within any 12-month period) – \$50 fine.

416.3.2.3 Further offenses – may include, but are not limited to, fine, suspension, demotion or any other penalty, except that an Approved Allbreed Judge may not be demoted without a hearing.

416.3.3 Extenuating circumstances, when applicable, shall be taken into consideration.

Article Seventeen – Code of Ethics

417.1 All participants in the TICA Judging Program shall abide by the TICA By-Laws, Show Rules, Registration Rules, Judging Program, all Board rulings, the Code of Ethics and Judge's Contracts as written, and as employees of the club shall act accordingly.

417.2 Judges should be aware that they are being honored by being asked to judge a show.

417.3 Participants in the Judging Program are representatives of TICA at all times and shall conduct themselves as such.

417.4 Participants in the Judging Program shall act in a professional manner by displaying a considerate and caring attitude and courteous behavior whether verbal, written and/or as demonstrated by physical actions.

417.5 Participants in the Judging Program shall support the TICA Mission Statement, and the Position Paper on Pet Overpopulation.

417.6 Judges, whether judging, exhibiting or visiting a show, shall not cause disruption during a show.

417.7 If a judge shares a room with a cat, for any reason or at any place, that cat must be Presentation Only in that judge's ring for the next 6 months.

417.8 If there is a conflict between a written contract and a verbal contract by a judge, the written contract shall prevail. A change in the written contract voids the contract.

417.8.1 Any judge who has signed a contract to judge a show shall not accept another contract to judge a different show on that same date unless the original contract is canceled by the club. In the event that, inadvertently, more than one contract has been signed, the earlier date of signing will determine the applicable contract.

417.9 A judge may judge a show one day in one location, and judge a different show at a different location on a subsequent day of the same weekend only if:

417.9.1 Both clubs agree in writing to this arrangement.

417.9.2 The judge can make travel arrangements that do not require him/her to leave the show hall during the advertised hours; and

417.9.3 Neither club is required to pay more than the lowest available round-trip air fare from the judge's home.

417.10 A judge shall make every reasonable effort to keep travel, meal and other incidental expenses as low as possible for the hosting club.

417.11 No person residing in the same household as a judge or trainee may serve as Entry Clerk for a show at which the judge is officiating or the trainee training.

417.12 No action may be taken against an Approved Specialty Judge, Provisional Allbreed Judge, Approved Allbreed Judge or an Instructor without full documentation of charges against that judge and a hearing before the Board of Directors.

Article Eighteen – Discipline

418.1 The Board shall assess an appropriate penalty for:

418.1.1 Failure to comply with any provision of the Judging Program, Show Rules and/or By-Laws.

418.1.2 Conduct unbecoming a TICA judge.

418.1.3 Any judge against whom a complaint is filed which could evoke a reprimand shall be notified in writing by the Judging Administrator of the specifics of the complaint and given an opportunity to respond. Complaints regarding judges are to be sent to the Judging Administrator. Protests against judges are to be sent to the Executive Office for forwarding to the Judging Administrator.

418.1.4 Penalties shall include, but not be limited to, being dropped from the Judging Program, being denied advancement within the program, or being demoted following a hearing, if one is requested. (See 418.14.)

418.2 The Board may instruct the Judging Administrator to issue a Reprimand to any participant in the Judging Program. Such reprimand shall be considered notice to the participant that a problem exists, and further action may result.

418.3 If a judge is not an active member of an active TICA club, a current judging license may not be issued, or an advancement may not be granted. The Board may, however, take into consideration other contributions made by the judge to the cat fancy in general.

418.4 No person may judge a show without a valid judging license.

418.5 If the Board votes not to renew a judge's license for the upcoming show year, it may advise the Judging Administrator to issue a license when missing requirements have been met. The license has not been revoked; it has expired; it may be renewed upon meeting requirements for renewal.

418.6 If a judge's license is not renewed at the Winter Board Meeting, the judge may continue to judge until April 30. After May 1st, the judge does not have a valid TICA judging license and may not judge TICA shows until a valid judging license has been issued.

418.7 In the event an Approved Specialty or Provisional Allbreed judge's license is not renewed, and there are extenuating circumstances of which the Board is unaware, the judge may request a hearing within 45 days of the denial date by notifying the Executive Office and copying the Judging Administrator.

418.8 A judge whose license has not been renewed becomes a non-participant in the Judging Program on the effective date of the non-renewal.

418.9 If a judge's license is not renewed, the judge will be immediately dropped from the official TICA Judge's List, which is maintained by the Judging Administrator and published in the TICA TREND.

418.10 All hearing notices will be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested.

418.11 Upon receipt of notice of non-renewal of judge's license, the judge shall provide the Judging Administrator a complete list of shows contracted within 10 days. The Judging Administrator shall notify the clubs affected by this non-renewal.

418.12 The non-renewal date may be delayed for a show for which the affected judge has a contract and has purchased a non-refundable plane ticket prior to the Winter Board Meeting. License shall expire on completion of said show. It is understood that the affected judge will not accept additional assignments to judge shows taking place during this extended period.

418.13 A Probationary Specialty judge is on probation in the Judging Program. S/he may be dropped from the Judging Program, or denied advancement within the program, at any time upon demonstration of just cause. A hearing is not necessary.

418.14 No action may be taken against an Approved Specialty Judge, Provisional Allbreed Judge, Approved Allbreed Judge or an Instructor without full documentation of charges against that judge and a hearing before the Board of Directors.

Article Nineteen – Household Pet Judging Program

(Note: Any judge who holds a Household Pet judging license on May 1, 2004 may retain his/her license by continuing to fulfill the annual requirements for relicensing of all judges as stated in the Judging Program, Article Fourteen.)

Article Twenty – Judge's Newsletter

420.1 The Judging Administrator shall prepare and send, no less than bi-annually, a newsletter to all persons participating in the Judging Program, all Board members and the Executive Office.

420.2 At some point during each year, to be determined by the Judging Administrator, s/he or his/her Judging Administrator Designee shall send to each participant in the Judging Program a copy of the annual judge's record form, the judge's refresher examination and a reminder of dues and judge's license fees to be paid by October 30th of each year.

Terminology as it applies to TICA Breed Standards

Interpretation by Marge Hanna

Anterior (front end) of the sternum: The sternum runs from the anterior (19) back and under the body between the front legs and along the chest to (25) the lower sternum.

Back or lumbar region of the back bones: Seven vertebrae between the top of the hip (37) to the top of the last rib just behind the shoulder blade. Extremely flexible.

Base of the tail: The area where the tail meets the body directly in line above the rump and behind the sacrum.

Breast Plate: (See Sternum).

Bridge of the Nose: The bony area on the top of the nose below the eyes.

Bridge of the nose to the brow line: Examples can be:

- a. A straight level plane
- b. A gentle rise
- c. A slightly concave rise or dip
- d. A stop or change of direction; may be very slight or pronounced, or
- e. A break or indentation at about eye level or between the eyes

Brow line: The protective bony area across the face at the top of the eye aperture.

Carpels: The tiny bones that correspond with the human wrist at the lower end of the radius and the ulna.

- a. Carpal pad: The small pad on the back of the carpal area. Has no corresponding feature in the human.

Cheekbone: The arched bone that starts under the eye area (malar) and curves up and out past the eye aperture (zygomatic arch) to slightly past the line of the angular point (a) of the jaw, protecting both the eye as well as keeping the top point (b) of the jaw that extends into the skull area (behind the eye orbit) in line. In most breeds the angle of the eye aperture follows the angle of the cheekbone.

Chin: The part of the jaw containing the lower incisors and canines. Should be padded to some extent in all breeds and all lower teeth shall be in correct alignment with upper teeth and shall be neither:

- Overshot: The upper jaw, and teeth, protruding in front of lower jaw and teeth, nor
- Undershot: The lower jaw and teeth protruding out in front of the upper teeth and jaw, nor
- Wry mouthed: Viewed from the front, the mouth parts, either upper or lower and sometimes both, are abnormally twisted or bent, either down or to one side. The lower jaw aligned outside the line or to the side of the upper mouth. This is the worst of the abnormal bites.

Chin and nose profile: A straight line, viewed from the side, from end of nose (11) to the chin (8). In some cases, allowance should be considered for the soft upper lip (9) appearing to be outside the line.

Croup: The area from the base of the tail (35) to the top of the hip vertebrae.

Elbow: The joint of the lower end of the humerus and the top of the radius and ulna.

Flank: Muscular lower part of the body between the last rib and the knee, or thigh areas on either side of the body. Depth of flank is measured from this area (a) to the top of the torso (b).

Forehead: The frontal area between the brow line and the inside bottom edge of the ear, generally about a thumb's width above the brow line on an average adult domestic feline.

Front point of the Shoulder: The joint at the upper end of the humerus (upper arm) where it fits into the lower structure of the scapula (shoulder blade).

Hip bone (ilium): The top of the hip bone lies in front of the hip vertebrae (3) at the sacrum. The lower end holds the top of the femur as a ball and joint system at the pubic girdle.

Hock: The flat area on the back side of the metatarsals from the point of the heel down to the back of the back paw. Corresponds with the arch on the bottom and the heel of the human foot.

Jaw line: The line from the front tip of the chin back along the mandible (lower jaw) to the back angular point (a) of the jaw.

Knee: The joint of lower end of the femur and the top of the long bones of the back of the leg (two), the tibia and the fibula. The joint is protected by a small bone, attached by cartilage to upper and lower boning, called the kneecap or patella.

Long bones of the front legs: the radius and the ulna that join at the lower end of the humerus at the elbow.

Metacarpal: The small longish bones above the toes that correspond to the bones on the top of a human hand.

Metatarsals: The small longish bones above the toes on the back leg that correspond with the bones of the flat part of a human foot.

Muzzle: The lower area of the face, or head, from under eye aperture to the lower end of the head or nose, containing the jaw, lips, incisors and canines, the whisker pads and nasal area and nose leather.

Muzzle/Whisker Break or Whisker Pinch: The change of direction between the muzzle and the lower cheekbones under the eye or at the side of the face.

Neck bones: Cervical vertebrae (seven) support the skull and mandible structure.

Nose: The area, with its underlying cartilage, from the top edge of the nose leather up to the bottom of the bridge of the nose.

Nose Leather: The bare nose pad that contains the nostrils.

Phalanges (Toes) of the front paw: Four are jointed to a metacarpal at the top of the paw (third joint) and ending in a claw system at the front of the first phalange or digit. The fifth metacarpal bone on the inside part of the “hand” is shorter and supports the fifth toe or “dew claw”. Corresponds to the human thumb.

Phalanges (Toes) of the back paw (four): Each structured as in the front paws. (23) The fifth toe on the back paw no longer exists.

Profile: The lines, viewed from the side, from the tip of the nose (1) up to the top of the head (6), from the tip of the nose (11) to the chin (8) and back along the jaw line (7).

Rib cage: Bowed out and slightly expandable, rib (thirteen) are bone where each is joined at the backbone at the thirteen thoracic vertebrae. Approximately three quarters of the way down each rib they are attached to the cartilage part of each rib which extend slightly forward and are attached to sternum, at the lower part of the torso.

Rump: The muscular rear end of the torso covering the back tip of the pelvic structure.

Shoulder blade or scapula: Upper part attached only by muscles and tendons at the thoracic region. Lower end is a ball and cup joint system at the top of the humerus.

Sternum (breast plate): With the exception of the thirteenth, or floating rib, the sternum anchors the lower ends (cartilage) of the ribs and supports the rib cage.

Tail or caudal vertebrae: Normally has 14 to 28 tapering vertebrae.

Tarsals: The small bones that correspond with the human ankle at the lower end of the tibia and fibula.

Thigh: The heavily muscled area covering the femur. The thigh and the rump (33) are normally the heaviest part of any feline.

Thoracic vertebrae: Upper chest, 13 vertebrae go from the lumbar vertebrae, between the shoulder blades, at the withers, to the seven cervical, or neck, vertebrae and support the top 13 sets of rib bones.

Toes: (See phalanges).

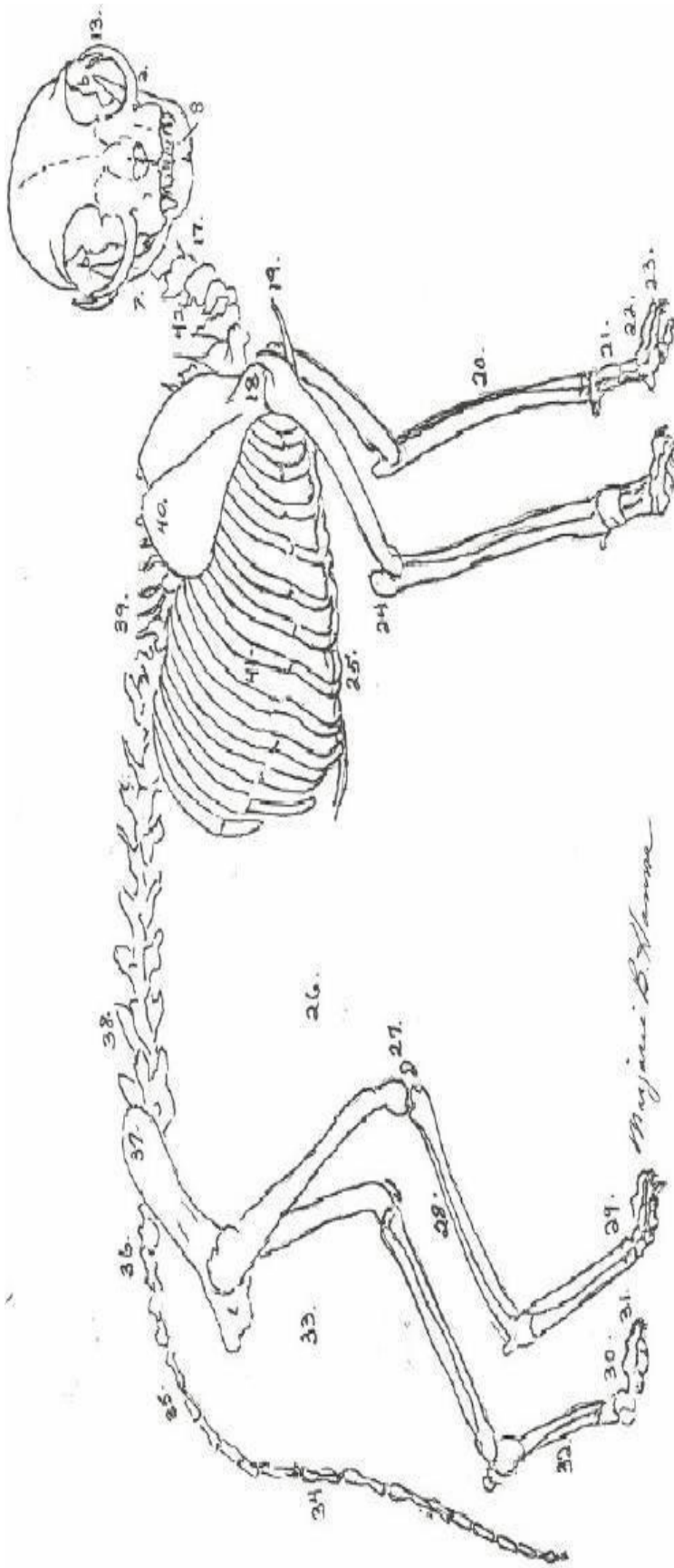
Top Head area to Occiput: The uppermost boning of the skull to just before the head turns onto the upper neck. Can be viewed best by gently holding the ears along the side of the head and looking across the head while viewing the profile.

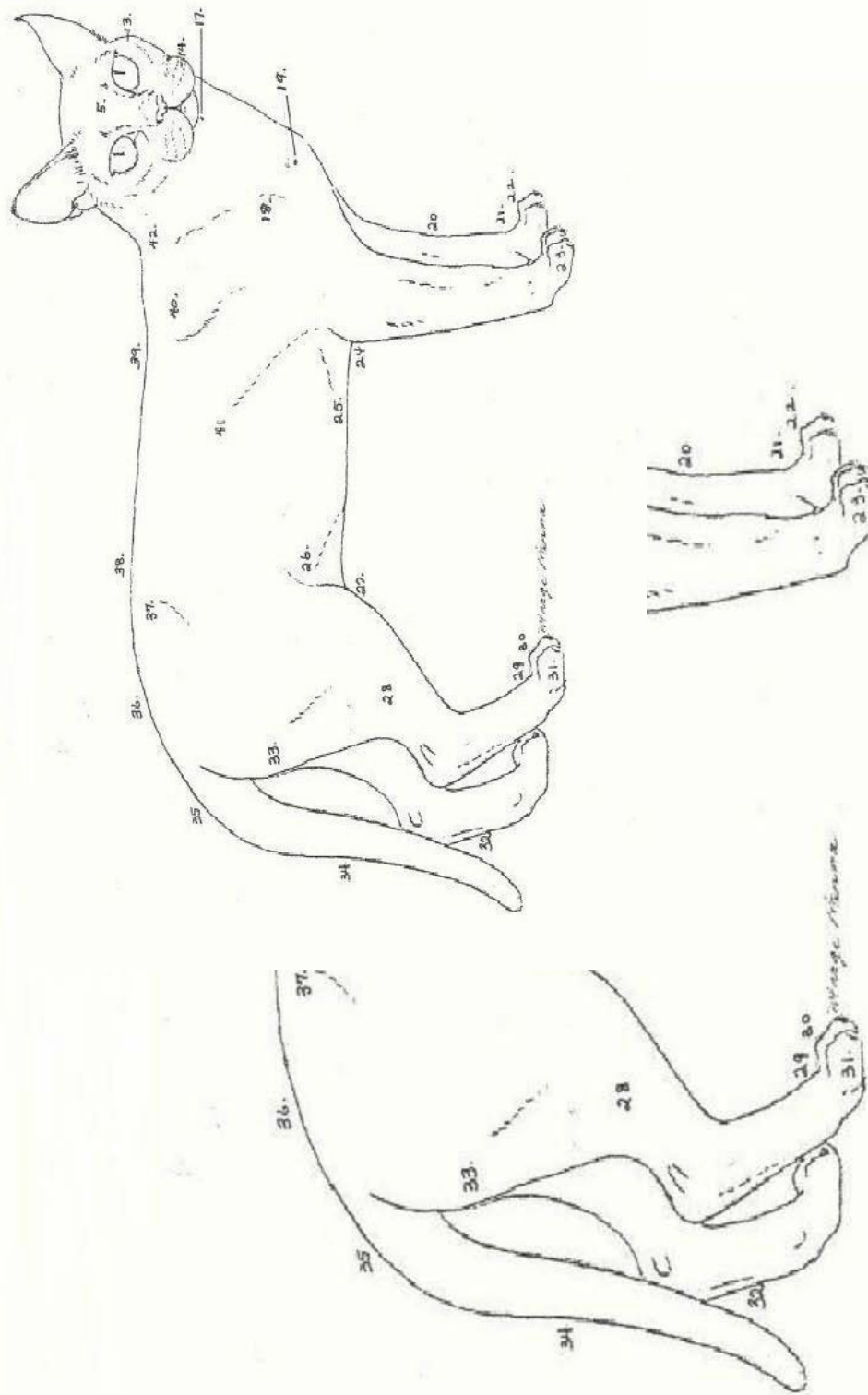
Upper throat or hyoid area: The top of the neck where it meets and turns into the soft under-part of the jaw.

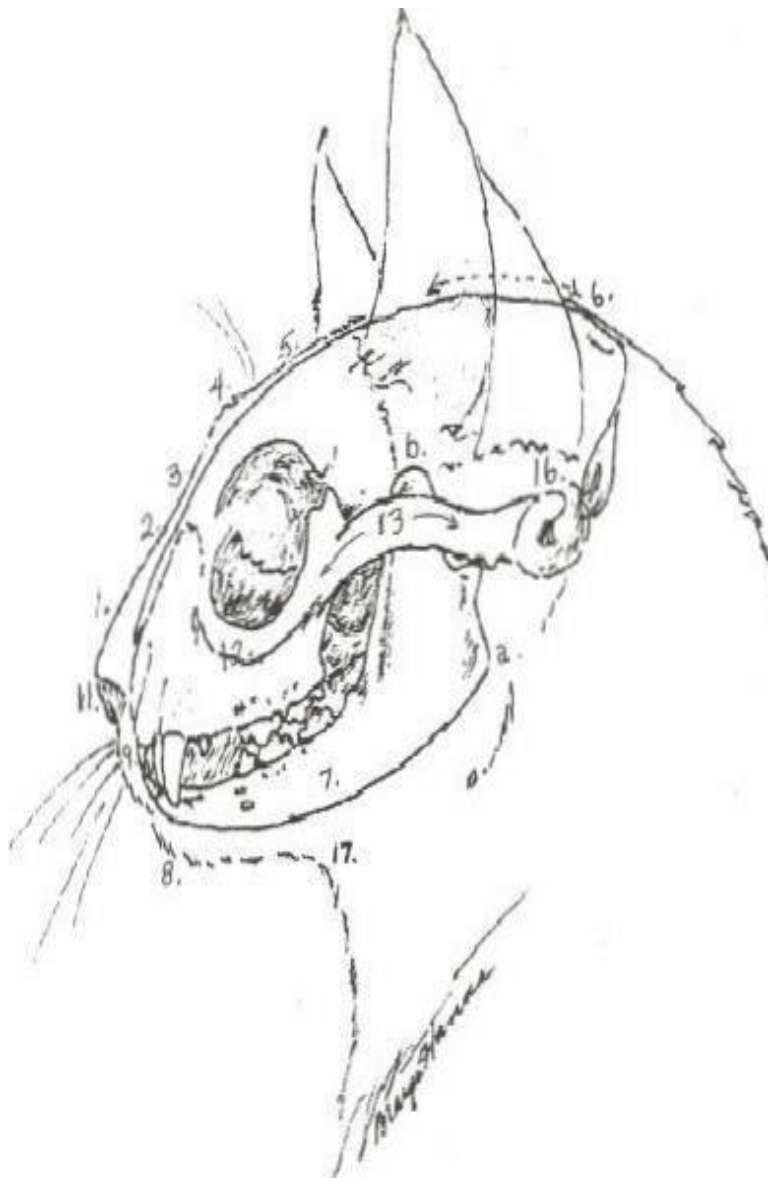
Wedge: The line, viewed from the front, from the lower muzzle, past the canines (10), up along the side of the cheek (13) to the outer bottom edge of the ear (16). In some breeds the ears are to be a continuation of the wedge.

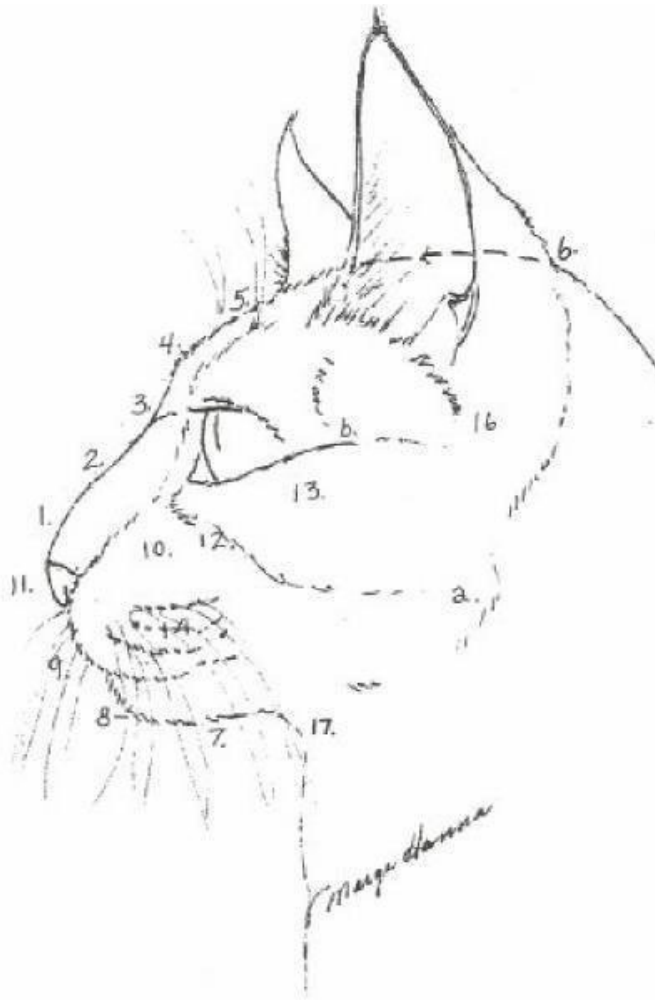
Whisker Pads: The muscular pads on the side of the muzzle that cover and protect the nasal and upper canine area and control the movement of the whiskers.

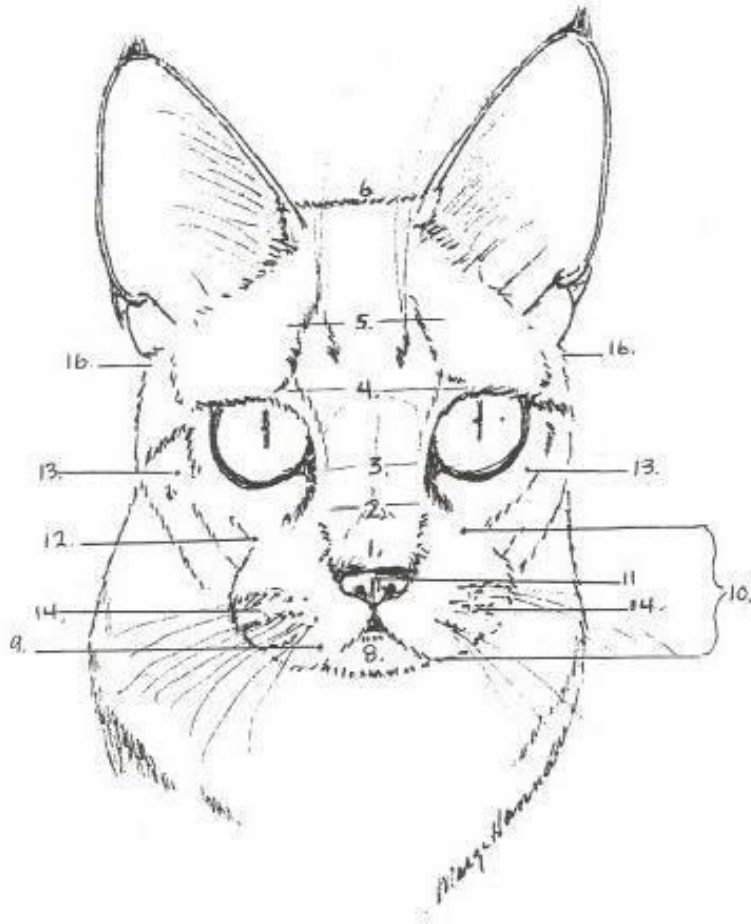
Whisker/Muzzle Break or Whisker Pinch: The change of direction between the muzzle and the lower cheekbones under the eye or at the side of the face.











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