

Proposal 1 - Amend By-Law 112.2, Standing Rules 102.1.5 and 1012.1 (Countries and Regions)

Rationale:

There are places which are not a country (e.g. Hong Kong, Isle of Man) yet are geographically distinct and can be assigned to a Region. The Bylaws should reflect this.

Amend Bylaw 112.2

Other Countries **and areas**. Other countries **and areas** outside North America shall be represented by an Associate Director to handle the needs of that particular country **or area**. Countries **or areas** will be grouped into **Regions** ~~regions~~ according to their geographic location. When sufficient residents of a **Region** ~~region~~ become members of the Association the Board will establish a full directorship for that **Region** ~~region~~ including a Regional Director who shall be entitled to vote and enjoy all rights and privileges of Regional Director.

If the above proposal passes, amend the following Standing Rules:

Standing Rule 102.1.5:

To promote friendly relations between breeders in this country and other countries **and areas** around the world.

Standing Rule 1012.1:

1012.1: Any Country **or area** not yet assigned to an existing Region by the Board.

1012.1.1 Assignment of countries **or areas** to Regions. Countries **or areas** within the geographical boundaries of an existing Region are assigned to that Region. Countries **or areas** outside of the geographical boundaries of an existing Region will be designated as International (IN) unless otherwise assigned by the Board to a new or existing Region.

Pros: Clarifies that not all identifiable areas are actually countries.
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Cons: Unnecessary change

Proposal 2 - Amend Show Rules 29.1.1 (Show Committee)

Rationale:

The wording "should" in 29.1.1 is legally ambiguous and is to be changed to "shall".

Shows are often put on by a small number of club members, and may draw on expertise outside their own club.

Amend Show Rules 29.1.1:

29.1 Show Committee.

29.1.1 A show committee ~~should~~ **shall** be appointed, consisting of ~~at least five~~ **club** members **and individuals** who are thoroughly familiar with **TICA** show rules and show management.

Pros:

- Removes a legal ambiguity by using appropriate language.
- This rule reflects more accurately the realities of putting on shows and won't discourage smaller clubs with fewer active members from putting on shows

Cons:

- Reduces the minimum size of a Show Committee

Proposal 3 - Amend Show Rules 216.9.1 (Biting)

Rationale:

The goal of this rule has always been to protect the judges from getting hurt by a cat that is known to bite. The current wording does not achieve this goal if the owner continues to show their cat regardless of not being eligible for scoring or titles.

Amend Show Rules 216.9.1

216.9.1 A cat that is disqualified from competition for biting shall be noted by the Executive Office. If three disqualifications for biting by the same cat occur, the cat will no longer be scored or allowed to confirm titles **or to enter/participate in TICA shows**, and the owner of the cat shall be notified by the Executive Office.

Pros:

- Strengthens the intent of the rule to stop cats that frequently bite from being shown

Cons:

- Would stop such a cat from being "exhibition only" in the show hall
- An entire male might bite whilst entire but become perfectly showable as an Alter

Proposal 4 - Update Show Rules Article 1 (Definitions)

Rationale:

A number of definitions in Article 1 need updating (e.g. allow use of email), to use correct terminology or to stop using undefined terms.

Amendments to Article ONE:

21.6 RECOGNIZED BREED - Any of the recognized breeds of felines listed in ~~rules~~ **Standing Rules Category I through V.**

21.9 REGISTRATION PENDING - For purposes of entry in shows. Registration ~~mailed~~ **submitted** to Executive Office but not returned at time of entry in show.

21.15 ~~SPLIT~~ **CONTINUOUS** FORMAT SHOW - A show in which some of the judges judge part of the entries one day and the other entries the next day. This is considered a two or more day show. ~~Exhibits may be entered for one or more days.~~

21.28 TRAINEE - A member of this Association who has applied for and been accepted into the judging program and has successfully completed all examinations and requirements and is entitled to ~~work~~ **train or handle** in the judging rings ~~with instructors.~~

21.29 JUDGES LIST - The official list of TICA judges and their status as published in the TICA TREND, TICA Yearbook **and on TICA's official web site.**

21.64 CRYPTORCHID - A male cat ~~having no descended testicles~~ **with the condition in which one or both of the testes fail to descend.**

21.65 SHOWS - Licensed by TICA may be sponsored by one or more clubs and may consist of one or more rings with any combination of allbreed and/or specialty rings using **awards as specified in 212.3** ~~Top Five or Top Ten format or any combination thereof.~~

21.68 ALLBREED SHOWS - Shows wherein all breeds of cats **and Household pets** are eligible to compete for awards

21.69 LONGHAIR/SHORTHAIK SPECIALTY SHOWS - Shows wherein all breeds of longhair or all breeds of shorthair cats **and LH/SH Household pets** are eligible to compete for awards

Pros: Ensures that the definitions are now correct

Cons: Some changes are unnecessary as electronic methods are implied

Proposal 5 - Amend Show Rules Article TWO (Shows)

Rationale:

Amend the relevant show rules to reflect correct terminology.

Amend Show Rules 22.2 and 22.3.1.2:

22.2 Format. The sponsoring club shall determine the format of the show. The show may be **Continuous, Back-to-back or Alternative format** ~~1 day, 2 days, or more, or a back-to-back show format~~, and must be advertised as such on all materials promoting the show.

22.3.1.3 ~~Split~~ **Continuous** Format (2-day Show) - 500 entries. (See Show Rule 21.15 and Show Rule 216.4.)

Pros: Ensures this article uses the correct terminology for show types

Cons: None identified

Proposal 6 - Amend Show Rules Article THREE (Eligibility for Entry)

Rationale:

23.2 clarifies that it applies to any entry from an officiating judge.

23.8.3 is no longer appropriate and should be deleted

Amend Show Rule 23.2:

23.2 When an officiating judge is the breeder of **an entry, such entry** ~~cat or kitten, such cat or kitten~~ is not eligible in that ring for competition. Awards shall be forfeited for violation of the Rule.

23.2.1 Any ~~cat or kitten~~ **entry** bred by an officiating judge, or having been in the judge's possession within the previous 6 months' period, may be "Presented Only" in that ring. The ~~cat or kitten~~ **entry** is not eligible for awards in this ring in compliance with Show Rules 23.2, 215.2, and 215.4, but will be included in the official ring count to determine number of entries present and competing.

Delete Show Rule 23.8.3:

~~23.8.3 Exhibitors desiring to sell cats or kittens at the show may declare on the entry blanks the price asked for each entry. This price will be printed in the catalog and must not be increased during the show. The show management may charge a fee on cats or kittens entered for sale in the show.~~

Pros:

- Provides more clarity that any entry from a judge is not eligible for competition
- Avoids any implication that TICA is involved in setting prices or monitoring sales

Cons:

- Exhibits for sale cannot be identified from the catalog
- There is not a set price for "for sale" cats or kittens that is fixed throughout the show.

Proposal 7 - Amend Show Rules Article FOUR (Entry Procedures)

Rationale:

24.2.1 is unnecessary as it refers to a very old show format (when judges were aware of title status) that has not been used for many years.

24.2.2 clarifies the correct parties to be informed.

Delete Show Rule 24.2.1:

24.2 Upon entering a cat or kitten in any TICA show, the registered owner is responsible for furnishing the correct information, including, but not limited to, registered name, registration number (if known), birthdate, age on the opening date of the show, sire, dam, breeder, owner, lessee (if applicable), region of residence of owner/lessee, and the proper competitive classification.

~~24.2.1 Cats entered in any show shall remain in the same status as entered in all rings even though they have qualified for another status during the show.~~

If approved, re-number existing 24.2.2 and 24.2.2.1 as 24.2.1 and 24.2.1.2

Amend Show Rule 24.2.2

24.2.2 In the event that any feline has been transferred or leased after entry in a show, the ~~show committee~~ **Entry Clerk (or Master Clerk if the catalog has been printed)**, must be notified upon filing the transfer documents with the Executive Office of TICA. The records in the Executive Office of TICA are conclusive.

Pros:

- Removes a rule that is no longer relevant
- Assigns the correct parties for notifying ownership changes

Cons:

- None identified

Proposal 8 - Add Show Rule 23.6.5.1 & 23.6.5.2 (Disclose prior conduct)

Rationale:

The exhibitor should have the right to know the reasons why they or their cat is refused entry to a show.

The show committee should be accountable if it exercises it's discretionary power to refuse an entry.

Add Show Rule 23.6.5.1 & 23.6.5.2:

23.6 The show committee, at its discretion, may refuse to accept any entry for the following reasons:

(23.6.1 to 23.6.4 are unchanged and excluded for brevity)

23.6.5 Prior conduct of the entry and/or exhibitor is detrimental to the best interest of the association or the welfare of cats or the club and/or its show.

23.6.5.1 The show committee shall give notice to the exhibitor in writing when applying 23.6.5.

23.6.5.2 The show committee shall disclose to the exhibitor the details of the detrimental prior conduct, if there is a request for information disclosure.

Pros: Can prevent arbitrary refusal of a show entry

Cons: Additional work required from the club if an entry is refused for prior conduct

Proposal 9 - Amend Show Rules 27.5 (Requirements for Titles)

Rationale:

This rule needs updating to reflect the use of the Title Discount Program, plus the ability to claim titles online.

Amend Show Rule 27.5

27.5 When the required points and awards have been accumulated for each of the above categories, the owner **may claim the title. Upon payment of the appropriate fees, the title will be added to the cat's permanent record.** ~~is responsible for making application to TICA for confirmation of such title~~

Pros: Updates the rule to allow for both the Title Discount Program and claiming titles online.

Cons: None identified

Proposal 10 - Amend Show Rule 210.1 (Responsibilities of Exhibitors)

Rationale:

As well as Show Rules, there are other Rules that exhibitors need to comply with. For example, there are a number of Standing Rules relevant to exhibitors.

Amend Show Rule 210.1:

210.1 An exhibitor is expected to be familiar with and comply with all TICA Show Rules, **Standing Rules**, Registration Rules and By-Laws.

210.1.1 If ~~an~~ **any** exhibitor violates these ~~Show~~ Rules, ~~he~~ **they** will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with **the** By-Laws, Article Twenty-Two.

Pros:

- Now includes Standing Rules within the rule's scope
- Any disciplinary action longer covers just Show Rules

Cons:

- May be unnecessary as all relevant Standing Rules are mentioned in the Show Rules document.

Proposal 11 - Amend Show Rules Article TWELVE (Finals awards)

Rationale:

Since the format of Finals rosettes have changed with some clubs using a single rosette combined with mini plaques (or similar) to show Finals placements, the rules specifying Finals awards need updating. Note that 212.8 will need further work but is included so it has consistent terminology with the rest of the revised Article.

Amend Show Rules 212.1, 212.2, 212.6.1, 212.8, 212.9.2:

Article Twelve - Prizes and Trophies, Ribbons and ~~Rosettes~~ **Finals Awards**

212.1 Ribbon (flat) colors shall be as follows:

212.1.1 ~~First Place~~ **Best of Color** Dark Blue

212.1.2 Second ~~Place~~ **Best of Color** Red

212.1.3 Third ~~Place~~ **Best of Color** Yellow

212.1.4 Fourth ~~Place~~ **Best of Color** Green

212.1.5 Fifth ~~Place~~ **Best of Color** White

212.1.6 Best of Division Black

212.1.7 2nd Best of Division Purple

212.1.8 3rd Best of Division Orange

212.1.9 There are no **specific** ribbons for Breed awards: **If not used**, these ~~may are~~ simply **be** named by the judge.

212.1.10 All ribbon awards shall be printed on ribbon, cards, stickers or similar material. An abbreviated form of the award may be used.

212.2 Final awards shall be rosettes **or rosettes combined with printed cards, stickers or similar material** with the appropriate award ~~printed on one of the streamers~~ **noted**. Other awards such as cups, trophies, medals, gift certificates, books, magazine subscriptions, cash, bonds, and certificates benefitting special projects approved by TICA are permitted. Ribbons and rosettes may be offered only in the name of clubs or associations.

212.6.1 ~~Rosettes~~ **Final Awards** for Championship Advancement Class shall indicate the award as follows:

212.6.1.1 Preliminary New Breed Merit.

212.6.1.2 Advanced New Breed Merit.

212.6.1.3 New Traits Merit.

212.8 Chartered clubs, other associations, or organizations holding licensed shows under TICA rules are required to have ~~ribbons and rosettes~~ **awards** on display at the opening of the show and throughout the show until all awards have been distributed accordingly

212.9.2 The Judge's clerk delivers or sees to it that the ~~rosette~~ **final award** is delivered to the exhibitor of the absented cat. In the case of an absent exhibitor, the show committee is responsible for sending the ~~rosette~~ **final award**.

Pros:

- Color awards terminology is now consistent with Division awards
- Finals awards rules have been updated to include the single rosette system

Cons:

- 212.8 will need further work

Proposal 12 - Amend Show Rules Article THIRTEEN (Invitations to and acceptances by Judges)

Rationale:

Not every club or judge signs the formal TICA Judges Contract in duplicate, so the rules should be updated to reflect current practice. However, the terms of this standard contract must apply to all judging assignments, unless both parties agree other arrangements.

Amend Show Rules 213.2, 213.4.2, 213.5:

~~213.2 Completed written "Agreement to Judge TICA Cat Show" (i.e., the official TICA Judges Contract) in duplicate shall be used by the affiliated clubs in making arrangements for judges to officiate at these shows~~

~~213.2.1 The "Judge's Information Sheet" shall be completed by the club and provided to the judge not less than 4 weeks prior to the show.~~

213.2 The official "TICA Judges Contract" contains the governing terms of the agreement to judge TICA cat shows. Clubs shall use this agreement in making arrangements for judges to officiate at these shows. Once a judging assignment is accepted (including but not limited to: formally signed contracts, agreed to in a separate writing or agreed to verbally) the terms of this Agreement are binding on both parties unless other arrangements have been mutually agreed upon in writing.

213.2.1 Unless otherwise mutually agreed upon, not less than 5 days prior to the show the club shall provide the judge with the completed "Judge's Information Sheet" or the equivalent information specified in the document.

213.4.2 Conflicts in Dates. Any judge who has **agreed** ~~signed a contract~~ to judge a show shall not accept another contract to judge a show on that same date unless the original show is cancelled. In the event that more than one contract has been **agreed upon** ~~signed~~, the ~~earlier~~ **earliest** date of ~~signing~~ **acceptance** will determine the applicable contract.

213.5 Judges are required to remain for the advertised hours of the show or as agreed upon ~~in the original contract~~ **beforehand**. In an emergency, this Rule can be waived ~~per~~ **by** mutual agreement between the show management and the judge.

Pros:

- Updated to take account of clubs not using paper-based contracts

Cons:

- Possible lack of a paper trail
- With a verbal agreement there is no paper trail to confirm/prove a contract is in place (or when it was agreed)

Proposal 13 - Amend Show Rules Article FOURTEEN (Judging Fees and Expenses)

Rationale:

These rules need adjusting to remove words implying signing a formal contract for consistency with the revised Article THIRTEEN.

Amend Show Rules 214.1.1, 214.3, 214.4:

214.1.1 Judging fees are applicable to regular and guest judges regardless of the type, location or duration of the show and are determined by the licensed status at the time of ~~signing~~ **agreeing to** the contract.

214.3 Judges who have moved or changed their place of residence or traveling from a point other than their place of residence subsequent to ~~signing~~ **agreeing to** a contract, shall be reimbursed only the amount for traveling from their place of residence at the time the contract was ~~signed~~ **agreed upon** unless otherwise **mutually agreed upon in writing** ~~stipulated in the contract~~.

214.4 In cases of cancellation of a judging contract the party responsible for cancellation shall be responsible for any penalty on ~~discount~~ airline tickets.

Pros:

- These rules are now consistent with the revised Article 13 of Show Rules
- Clarifies responsibility for any airline ticket penalties.

Cons:

- Still only covers any penalty on the airline ticket. Reimbursement is not covered

Proposal 14 - Amend Show Rules Article FIFTEEN (Conduct of Judges)

Rationale:

Updating rules to reflect current circumstances and for consistency of language with other rules.

Amend Show Rule 215.1.1:

215.1 Neither judges nor members of their households may enter any cat or kitten for competition in any part of a show licensed by TICA at which they are judging, except as follows:

215.1.1 ~~In cases of emergency in which~~ **In the absence of a contracted judge, and** a substitute judge ~~is contracted~~ **accepts the assignment** within 72 hours prior to opening of a show, **then entries**. ~~Cats~~ belonging to that substitute judge or **any** member of their household shall be exhibited as Presentation Only in that judge's ring, but may compete in all other rings of that show; or

215.1.2 The judge is a Household Pet Only Judge. Cats belonging to a Household Pet Only Judge may be exhibited in the purebred kitten and championship portion of a show in which that judge is officiating as a Household Pet Judge provided exhibiting is accomplished through an agent, and no communication between the agent and the Household Pet Judge occurs until the Household Pet Judge has completed the Household Pet Show.

Amend Show Rule 215.2:

215.2 Judges may not judge entries which **they have owned/co-owned** ~~have been their property~~ or **that have been** in their possession within 6 months prior to the show.

Amend Show Rule 215.5:

215.5 No officiating judge shall ~~consume any alcoholic beverages~~ **judge under the influence of any intoxicating substance (such as drugs or alcohol)** during the advertised hours of the show, or prior to holding ~~his~~ **their** last final.

Amend Show Rule 215.6:

215.6 Judges shall not enter the show hall during advertised show hours before ~~the~~ **their** scheduled date of judging.

Pros: Clarifies the rules on when a judge may show at a show that they are judging, and when a cat must be "presentation only" in their ring

Cons: None identified

Proposal 15 - Amend Show Rules Article SEVENTEEN (Judges Records)

Rationale:

These rules need adjusting to remove some archaic terms in these rules. For example, awards are no longer "posted" (i.e. copies of the books displayed in the show hall) which was done in TICA's early days.

Amend Show Rules 217.1, 217.5.5, 217.6.2, 217.8

217.1 The judge's book shall be signed (if stamped, each copy must be stamped) and all notations thereon shall be made in pen and ~~posted~~ **recorded** at the completion of each color class, division or breed. The ~~posting~~ copy of ~~the~~ **each** judge's ~~books~~ **book sent to the Master Clerk** shall be available in the show hall. Awards as ~~posted~~ **recorded** shall be final and shall not be changed except for correction of errors or fraud.

217.5.5 Division awards and Breed awards shall be ~~posted~~ **recorded** in the judge's book after each division and breed, respectively. If provision for these awards is not made in the judge's book, the judge must hand-write it in.

217.6.2 At the end of each adult household pet division, the judge shall select and place Best, Second and Third Best of division for each respective household pet division. The selections shall be ~~posted~~ **recorded** in the judge's book.

217.8 If an obvious error is made in placing an award, and the error is not discovered until after the awards have been ~~posted~~ **recorded** or until after the show, and the correct winner can be determined from the judge's book, the award shall be given to the correct entry. If the correct winner cannot be determined that award shall remain vacant. The officiating judge is responsible for making the necessary corrections and notifying the show management, the Executive Office of TICA and the owner(s) of the cat(s) involved within 10 days after the error is discovered.

Pros: Removes outdated language that does not reflect current practice

Cons: None identified