

**DATE:** 11/16/2020

**BALLOT NUMBER:** BB20-12

**SUBJECT:** One Time Approval of Guest Judge Format

**TO:** Board of Directors

**REQUESTED BY:** Vickie Fisher

**BALLOT:** Accept the approval by the Judging Committee of the requested four guest judges for the JetCat show in Russia, February 6-7, 2021.

**YES:** Antenucci, Brooks, Faccioli, Joseph, Lawson, Russo, Shi, Stadter, van Mullem

**NO:** Brown, Hawksworth-Weitz, Ishimura

**ABSTAIN:** Harrison

**NON-VOTING:** Fisher, Meserve, Rudge

**RATIONALE:** The applicable Judging Program rule for acceptance of guest judges is as follows:

**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**

For non-isolated areas, there is a rule that severely restricts the number of guest judges allowed to officiate at a show.

Due to the pandemic, the fact that TICA has no licensed judges in Russia and travel is severely restricted, but given that the show committee is experienced and the requested guest judges qualified, the Board supports the club in conducting this show as requested.

**COMMENTS FOR THE TREND: Brown:** I feel strongly that a TICA licensed show should have at least one TICA licensed judge. **Hawksworth-Weitz:** I strongly believe for a cat show to be considered a "TICA" show, there needs to be 'at least one' licensed Allbreed judge judging the show, even in isolated areas. The TICA judge(s) have the knowledge of TICA rules and standards that guest judges may not have.

This Board Ballot has Passed.