

Membership Ballot – March 2025

Motion 1: Postpone implementation of any changes to Show Rule 212.3 until the show year beginning May 1, 2026, to resolve the two conflicting versions ratified by the membership.

Rationale.

Two proposals were presented to the membership in the Fall 2024 ballot which would change the number of Finals Places awarded per the Show Rules. As presented, it was unclear that the choices were alternatives and both could not be implemented. Both proposals passed and created a situation whereby neither proposal could be implemented due to their conflicting content.

The Board took the action to delay implementation of any change to Finals Places awarded so that (a) any changes in TFMS can be made safely without the pressure of extremely short timescales and (b) the membership has the opportunity to clearly select which change, or no change, is preferred. This action must be ratified by the membership.

PROs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensures any TFMS changes can be developed and tested in a sensible timeframe - which will minimise any business, operational or reputational risks to TICA	CONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delays any implementation until May 2026
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Yes, postpone implementation

No, do not postpone implementation

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Motion 2: Show Rule 212.3 Number of Finals Places Awarded

Rationale:

The Board is asking the membership to re-vote on the previously-presented proposals regarding changes on how Finals Awards are made, making clear that there is also a "no change" option and that only one of the two proposed changes could be voted for.

Note that the original pros and cons of each proposed change (from the October ballot) are included in the hyperlinks below.

PROs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides for a clarifying vote by the membership as to which change, or no change, is desired in the number of Finals Places awarded.• Clarifies which one of the three alternatives will come into effect, thus removing the current conflicting rules.• Ensures that the membership can still vote on their preferred option	CONS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any change would be delayed until May 2026 if Motion 1 is approved.
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Show Rule 212.3 Number of Finals Places Awarded – select only one

- a) Do not change Show Rule 212.3
- b) Proposal 7 - Amend 212.3 (Restore final awards to 2015 status)
- c) Proposal 8 - Amend show Rule 212.3 (Number of Finals)

Option A: Keep things the same—an All-Breed (AB) Alter final always has 10 spots (or fewer if there aren't enough alters competing).

Show Rule 212.3:

212.3 Number of Final Places Awarded

212.3.1 Household Pet Adult class, Household Pet Kitten class, and AB Alter class.

The following places shall be awarded for finals of these classes depending on number of cats present and competing:

Number of Cats	Number of Final Places
Fewer than 10	Equal to Number of cats competing
10 or More	10

212.3.2 All other Classes. The following places shall be awarded for finals of these classes depending on number of cats present and competing:

Number of Cats	Number of Final Places
Fewer than 5	Equal to number of cats competing
5-20	5
21	6
22	7
23	8
24	9
25 or more	10

Option B: The number of AB Alter final spots will match the current rules for kittens and cats:

- 20 alters = 5 finals
- 21 alters = 6 finals
- 22 alters = 7 finals
- 23 alters = 8 finals
- 24 alters = 9 finals
- 25+ alters = 10 finals

Proposal 7 - Amend 212.3 (Restore final awards to 2015 status)

Rationale:

In 2016, the number of final awards in AB Alter Classes was changed to 10, even for counts below 25. Although intended to increase entries to shows, there is no conclusive evidence this has actually happened.

Some exhibitors in Kitten and Championship classes perceive this as an unfair advantage compared to the more restricted number of final places allowed for their classes. In areas where Alter class numbers are traditionally low, this change has caused dissatisfaction. Rather than having an element of competition, Alters can earn titles by merely entering enough shows.

Before 2016, one of the main attractions of TICA was that all classes were treated equally when awarding finals and cats had to compete against other cats to earn a final. This proposal restores that balance.

PROs:	CONS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It makes the number of awards in all pedigree finals consistent• Avoids confusion about the number of finals that can be awarded removing any perceived advantage for Alter exhibitors over exhibitors in other pedigree classes.• In areas with low alter counts, there will be competition for finals in small classes, as opposed to earning finals just by turning up to be judged.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In smaller AB Alter classes there would be fewer finals awarded

Amend Show Rule 212.3:

212.3 Number of Final Places Awarded

212.3.1 Household Pet Adult class **and**, Household Pet Kitten class, ~~and AB Alter class.~~

The following places shall be awarded for finals of these classes depending on number of cats present and competing:

Number of Cats

Fewer than 10

10 or More

Number of Final Places

Equal to Number of cats competing

10

212.3.2 All other Classes. The following places shall be awarded for finals of these classes depending on number of cats present and competing:

Number of Cats

Fewer than 5

5-20

21

22

23

24

25 or more

Number of Final Places*Equal to number of cats competing*

5

6

7

8

9

10

Option C: Increase the number of final spots in AB kitten and AB cat classes to 10, no matter how many compete. Judges can choose to award fewer spots if they feel the quality of the competitors doesn't justify 10 final places

Proposal 8 - Amend Show Rule 212.3 (Number of Finals)

Rationale:

In 2016, the number of final awards in AB Alter Classes was changed to 10, even for counts below 25. Although intended to increase entries to shows, there is no conclusive evidence this has actually happened.

Some exhibitors in Kitten and Championship classes perceive this as an unfair advantage compared to the more restricted number of final places allowed for their classes.

This proposal makes the number of allowed final places consistent for AB Finals in Alters, Kittens and Championship classes. In addition, for AB Finals, the judge has the discretion to award less than 10 Finals if the judge considers some cats not worthy of a final placement.

PROs:	CONs:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It makes the number of awards in all pedigree AB finals consistent, thus removing any perceived advantage for Alter exhibitors• May increase counts at smaller shows because of the greater chance of an AB Final• Gives the judges discretion not to award all 10 AB finals if some cats are not worthy of a final award.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• It effectively creates a two-tier system of awarding finals (AB and SP), which seems at odds with TICA's overall philosophy of equal treatment of pedigree classes.• Makes it easier for more classes to get an AB final than an SP final and potentially devalues TICA titles as cats could advance even faster.• Different judges being able to award a different number of finals with the same count may be confusing to exhibitors. It could also increase the chances of errors in the Master Catalog.• The difference between the way AB and SP finals are awarded may also lead to confusion.• Judges may feel pressured to always give the highest possible number of finals, despite the rule giving them some leeway.

Amend Show Rule 212.3:

212.3 Number of Final Places Awarded

212.3.1 Household Pet Adult class, Household Pet Kitten class, ~~and~~ AB Alter class, **AB Kitten class and AB Championship class.**

At the discretion of the judge, the ~~The~~ following places ~~shall~~ **may** be awarded for finals of these classes depending on number of cats present and competing:

Number of Cats

Fewer than 10

10 or More

Number of Final Places

Equal to Number of cats competing

10

212.3.2 All ~~other~~ **Alter, Kitten and Championship Speciality** Classes. The following places shall be awarded for finals of these classes depending on number of cats present and competing:

Number of Cats

Fewer than 5

5-20

21

22

23

24

25 or more

Number of Final Places

Equal to number of cats competing

5

6

7

8

9

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