

DATE: 02/02/2026

BALLOT NUMBER: BB26-01

SUBJECT: Authorization for scoring rings

REQUESTED BY: Luiz Paulo Faccioli

BALLOT: The six rings that were to be held on January 25, 2026 by Fancy Cats Consortium, in Timonium, Maryland, but were instead held on January 24, 2026, shall be scored as if those 6 rings were actually held on January 25 and no penalties to exhibitors, judges or show management shall apply.

RATIONALE: Due to the forecast of severe weather conditions, the pet expo in which the cat show was held decided at a very short notice to cancel the expo for Sunday. In order to not cancel the six rings scheduled for Sunday, and in respect to the exhibitors who had entered and paid for a 18-rings show, the Club had no option other than to move those rings to Saturday, exceeding the limit of 10 rings per day defined in Show Rule 202.2.

YES: Cherau, Crockett, Faccioli, Harrison, Maddox, Patton, Russo, Schiff, Shi, Shon, Tasaki, Toriggia

NO: Armel, Naumenko, van Mullem, Vlach

COMMENTS FOR THE TREND: **Armel:** While I fully understand the few members of the board who attended were trying to find a "fix" to this problem I feel breaking our rules without the attempt being made to get any kind of approval from the majority of the board, or even notifying the board of what they were attempting to do doesn't make a wrong a right. We have made extremely difficult decisions the past year because we followed our rules, and this is why I am staying with that direction of following our association's rules. **Naumenko:** It is the show management's responsibility to ensure that shows are held as per TICA rules. This also applies in emergency situations, and I do expect all clubs to have same rights and privileges, and everyone to be treated the same way. There were alternative options which club did not choose, opting for the above. Other clubs have cancelled shows even when facing financial burden in similar situations, therefore I cannot approve this. Whilst I could agree to score the show the way it is, as exhibitors should not be penalized, I am not ok with "no penalties to anyone" part of this ballot. I appreciate that Club was trying to fix this emergency situation in the best way they thought of at the time, however the club broke the rules, and this should not be covered up by special board ballots. Whoever made this call should be held responsible. **Shon:** While I do feel steps were missed in allowing the rings to be moved, I also believe errors can and will happen while focusing on the best outcome of a plan that otherwise will not come together therefore, I will support this. **van Mullem:** The club had options to address this situation without violating the 10-ring rule but chose not to use them (such as cancelling Sunday or moving only four rings from Sunday to Saturday). The exhibitors acted in good faith; however, the show managers are expected to know and follow our rules and nevertheless chose to violate them. Such actions cannot occur without consequences. According to our rules, the club and the show managers should have been aware of the rules and must be held accountable. Therefore, I vote no because I believe the club should receive an appropriate financial penalty for breaking our rules. **Vlach:** Although it appears that the decision of the people involved has been in good faith I need to vote "NO" because of following reasons:

- 1) A Show Rule has been broken (a cat cannot be judged more than 10 times a day).
- 2) The people involved were experienced judges, show-organizers, and Board Members, including the Liaison to the Rules Committee. Also, the Show-Committee has to know the show rules.
- 3) The other Board Members have NOT been approached when the emergency took place and – what is worse – afterwards also not contacted. We would never know about this if not someone wrote about this in a Facebook-Group.
- 4) In my opinion – as we also should think about the exhibitors – ALL points towards titles should be scored for all rings, but only Rings 1-4 in the Afternoon Session should be counted for Regional/International Awards.

This Board Ballot has passed.