

Proposal 3 - Add Show Rule 21.76 and amend 24.2, 24.3 (Placeholders)

Rationale:

Many clubs now permit Placeholders as a way of getting entries (and fees) for a show well in advance of the closing date. This allows exhibitors to defer the choice of which cat(s) to enter until a later date, whilst still taking advantage of any “early bird” pricing offers.

However, our rules do not mention Placeholders and it needs to be clarified that entering a Placeholder is considered an entry and that (in particular) Show Rule 24.3 applies.

Note: This proposal covers only entry procedures to a show and does not affect how a cat is shown. This proposal, if passed, does not need to wait until the start of the next show year.

PROs: • Clearly defines placeholders and when further details must be supplied. • Refund circumstances are unchanged, but have been reformatted for clarity • Clarifies that placeholders are treated as an entry to the show, and failure to provide all details by the required deadline is not a valid reason for a refund.	CONs: • None identified
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Add Show Rule 21.76:

21.76 Placeholder An entry for a show for which the sponsoring club allows deferment of the identification of specific information for a show entry until a specified deadline but is otherwise subject to the provisions of Article Four - Entry Procedures.

Amend Show Rule 24.2:

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 If permitted by the sponsoring club, an entry to a show may be made in the form of a Placeholder, allowing all identifying details of the entry to be supplied by a deadline, as defined by the club. If a deadline is not specified, the deadline shall be the official closing date of the show.

24.2.12 In the event that any feline has been transferred or leased after entry in a show, the show committee must be notified upon filing the transfer documents with the Executive Office of TICA. The records in the Executive Office of TICA are conclusive.

24.2.12.1 Leased cats or kittens must be entered showing the owner's name and the lessee's name.

24.2.23 In the event that any feline has been transferred or leased after entry in a show, the 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.

24.3 **Entry Fees** Each entry shall be accompanied by the published fee. ~~No entry fee or related charges will be returned except for failure on the part of the sponsoring club to hold a "Vetted" show as advertised, or if there is a change in the advertised judges, date, location and/or format of the show as set forth in Show Rule 24.3.1. In such cases, the club shall refund the total amount if requested by the Exhibitor within 10 calendar days.~~

~~24.3.1 A sponsoring club must, at least 10 days prior to the advertised closing date of a show, announce and make known to any exhibitor who inquires, who the contracted and confirmed judges are. Any exhibitor who has previously entered the show shall be notified of any change in judges and may withdraw his entries and have entry and related fees returned, within 10 calendar days, if requested before the advertised closing date of the show.~~

~~24.3.2 The total amount of fees shall be refunded to all exhibitors in case any show is canceled.~~

24.3.1 Refunds of Entry Fees. Entry fees or related charges will only be refunded as follows.

24.3.1.1 The sponsoring club fails to hold a "Vetted" show as advertised

24.3.1.2 There is a change in the advertised judges, date, location and/or format of the show. A sponsoring club must, at least 10 days prior to the advertised closing date of a show, announce and make known to any exhibitor who inquires, who the contracted and confirmed judges are. Any exhibitor who has previously entered the show shall be notified of any change in judges and may withdraw their entries and have entry and related fees returned, within 10 calendar days, if requested before the advertised closing date of the show.

24.3.1.3 The total amount of fees shall be refunded to all exhibitors in case any show is cancelled.

24.4 **Failure to pay fees** If an exhibitor fails to pay any entry fee or other show related debt or if a check in payment of said fees or debts is returned, the club shall notify the exhibitor as set forth in the Standing Rules. If a club fails to refund any entry fee or payment of said fees or debts is returned, the exhibitor shall notify both their Regional Director and the Executive Office as set forth in the Standing Rules.