

Proposal 7 - Amend Show Rule Article 17 and CP 54.2.6.5 (Judges' Books)

Rationale:

As more and more judges are not physically signing their judges' books, just using the preprinted name, Ring Clerks are just following the clerking manual and asking them to sign their books. The Clerking Program rules should be consistent with the relevant show rule.

Note: Since this change does not impact how a cat is actually shown, it becomes effective as soon as the change is approved by the membership.

PROs:	CONS:
• Updates the existing rule to handle the frequent situation where judges' names are already pre-printed in a judge's book. • Makes clear that substitute judges must sign when using a book not preprinted with their name • Clarifies that Ring Clerks do not need to ask judges to sign books preprinted with the judge's name.	• Active authentication by the presiding judge (signature or stamping) of each page of a judging book is eliminated when judging books are pre-printed with their name.

Amend Show Rule Article Seventeen:

Article Seventeen – Judges Records

217.1 The **first page of the** judge's book shall be signed **by the officiating judge.** **If the judge's book is stamped or preprinted with the officiating judge's name, a signature is not necessary on each page, except in the case of a substitute judge.** ~~(if stamped, each copy must be stamped) and all~~ **All** notations ~~thereon~~ shall be made in pen and recorded at the completion of each color class, division or breed. **An officiating judge must initial any changes or corrections made in the judge's book.** The copy of each judge's book sent to the Master Clerk shall be available in the show hall. Awards as recorded shall be final and shall not be changed except for correction of errors or fraud.

~~217.2 Any changes or corrections made in the judge's book should be initialed by the judge.~~

217.~~3~~**2** Judges shall record all absentees and transfers in the judge's book.

217.~~4~~**3** Judges are required to fill out all final awards forms.

217.~~4~~**3.1** Each judge shall indicate the number of cats present and competing in each class on the final sheets.

[Renumber existing 217.5 as 217.4]

Amend Clerking Program 53.2.6.5:

54.2.6.5 The clerk must check to be certain that the Judge has signed **(or stamped)** each of their Judge's sheets. **If the judge's book is preprinted with the officiating judge's name, a signature is not necessary on each page, except in the case of a substitute judge.** (Show Rules, Article Seventeen)