

The Cat Fanciers' Association, Inc.®

2025-2026 SHOW RULE ADDENDUM TO THE PRINTED SHOW RULES

Temporary for 2025-2026 & Permanent for 2025-2026 and Subsequent Seasons

(includes updates through June 26, 2025 board meeting)

TEMPORARY Exceptions and Additions for the 2025-2026 Show Season Only

- 2.37** The waiver of Show Rule 2.37 is extended in Region 9 whereby cancelled shows during the 2025-2026 show season do not count against a club's traditional date.
- 3.13** Notwithstanding the requirements of Show Rule 3.13, for the 2025-2026 show season, a show held in Region 9 or the International Division may have up to 50% of its rings judged by guest judges or Associate judges.
- 4.04** The show license late fee exception for Regions 8 and 9, which allows shows to be licensed up to 30 days before the opening day of the show without any penalty fee, is extended for the 2025-2026 show season. The show license late fee exception for the International Division (excluding China, Hong Kong, and Macau), which allows shows to be licensed up to 30 days prior before the opening day of the show without any penalty, is extended for show license application received in Central Office prior to September 1, 2025. After that date and for the remainder of the 2025-2026 show season, shows in the International Division (excluding China, Hong Kong, and Macau) can be licensed up to 60 days prior to the opening day of the show without any penalty fee; shows licensed 59-30 days before the opening date of the show will incur the penalty fee listed in the current Price List.
- 4.06** For the 2025-2026 show season, clubs in Hawaii may have a one-day show format consisting of up to 5 Allbreed rings (no specialty rings), one of which can be an OCP ring, with an entry limit of 225 cats.

- 28.04** For the 2025-2026 show season, the requirements to obtain the grand title in the International Division outside of China are modified to require 75 points for the Grand Champion title and 25 points for the Grand Premier title, in Ukraine to require 100 points for the Grand Champion title and 25 points for the Grand Premier title, in Russia west of the Ural Mountains to require 100 points for the Grand Champion title and 50 points for the Grand Premier title, and in China to require 175 points for the Grand Champion title and 50 points for the Grand Premier title, as noted in the following table.

Country/Area	GC Pts Rqd	GP Pts Rqd
Regions 1-9 except as noted	200	75
Maritime Provinces of Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Malta, Hawaii, Mexico, Russia east of the Ural Mountains, International Division (except China)	75	25
Ukraine	100	25
Russia, West of the Ural Mountains	100	50
China	175	50

Article XXXVI - National/Regional/Divisional Awards Program

- Point minimums and the maximum number of rings to be scored for National Awards for the 2025-2026 show season shall be as follows:

	2022-2023 Min Pts (rings scored)	2023-2024 Min Pts (rings scored)	2024-2025 Min Pts (rings scored)	2025-2026 Min Pts (rings scored)
REGIONS 1-9				
Kitten	500 (40)	500 (40)	500 (40)	1300 (40)
Championship	1000 (100)	1000 (100)	1000 (100)	3200 (100)
Premiership	500 (100)	500 (100)	500 (100)	1500 (100)
HHP	250 (75)	250 (75)	250 (75)	750 (100)
CHINA (excluding Hong Kong & Macau)				
Kitten	500 (40)	500 (40)	500 (40)	1300 (40)
Championship	1000 (100)	1000 (100)	1000 (100)	3200 (100)
Premiership	250 (100)	250 (100)	500 (100)	500 (100)
HHP	250 (75)	250 (75)	250 (75)	250 (50)
INTERNATIONAL (including Hong Kong & Macau)				
Kitten	500 (20)	500 (20)	500 (20)	500 (20)
Championship	1000 (50)	1000 (50)	1000 (50)	1000 (50)
Premiership	500 (50)	500 (50)	500 (50)	500 (50)
HHP	250 (50)	250 (50)	250 (50)	250 (50)

- Cats in China do not have to show in their specific area of residence (North China, East China, West China) to receive a DW in those areas and only need to exhibit in China.
- To be eligible for an International Division Award in the Africa and western Asia (including the Middle East [minus Israel], Turkey, Iran, India, Maldives, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, etc.) geographical area of the International Division for the 2025-2026 Show Season, cats must earn a minimum of the following: 100 points in championship, 25 points in kitten, 20 points in premiership, and 25 points in household pet competition.

4. To be eligible for an International Division Award in the Singapore geographical area of the International Division for the 2025-2026 Show Season, cats must earn a minimum of the following: 50 points in championship, 25 points in kitten, 50 points in premiership, and 25 points in household pet competition with no ring minimums.

PERMANENT CHANGES for 2025-2026 and Subsequent Show Seasons

**Rules 6.08, 6.15, 6.30, 7.09, 7.11, 10.23, 28.02,
Article XXXVI are effective MAY 19, 2025**

**Rules relative to eliminating multiple copies of paperwork –
10.23, 12.01, 12.03, 12.08, 12.11 b & d, 12.13 a & b, 12.15, 12.18,
13.06, 13.09, 24.01, Article XXXVI National/Regional/
Divisional Assignment – are effective AUGUST 1, 2025**

Note: Only the sections of the show rule which changed are included. A '...' before and/or after the text indicates there is text from the show rule not included.

- 6.08** With the exception of qualifying longhair Exotics (which may be shown in Persian classes), each kitten or cat must be entered in the breed under which it is registered.
- 6.15** Only cats registered with CFA with either a temporary or permanent registration number are eligible for entry in the Kitten, Championship, and Premiership competitive categories and the Veterans, Provisional Breed, Miscellaneous (Non-Competitive) or AOV classes. The show management is expressly prohibited from accepting a Kitten, Championship, Premiership, Veteran, Provisional Breed, Miscellaneous (Non-Competitive) or AOV entry unless the official entry form contains a registration number or request for a temporary registration number. (Except those listed cats that are competing as Novices, as provided for in paragraph 2.07.a). It is the responsibility of the owner to enter the cat with its proper registration number as shown on the registration certificate. Any AOV, Provisional or Miscellaneous kitten must have a registration number in order to be eligible to be shown.
- 6.30** The entry clerk shall be responsible for reviewing each entry form received to verify that all necessary information is included. The entry clerk is prohibited from accepting Kitten, Championship (unless the entry is for a Novice), Premiership (unless the entry is for a Novice), Provisional (kittens or adults), Miscellaneous (kittens or adults), Veterans, and AOV entries (kittens or adults) whose entry form does not contain a registration number. In the case of kittens or cats requesting a temporary registration number, the entry clerk will assign the number from the list provided by Central Office for inclusion in the show catalog and complete, if not already completed by the owner, an application for temporary registration number that will be attached to the pedigree or documentation of CFA registration numbers of parents, if allowed by rule 6.16, and associated fee payment. The kitten's or cat's pedigree (or CFA registration numbers if allowed by rule 6.16), application form, and associated registration fee OR a catalog correction form containing the cat's permanent registration number must be provided no later than the close of check-in for the show. Failure to do so will result in an adult cat being entered as a novice and a kitten being removed from the show as Ineligible for Entry. If a fully completed TRN package or catalog correction form with permanent registration number is received by the entry clerk between entry closing and the close of check-in, the entry clerk will put the number in the Master Clerk catalog and transfer the adult cat out of Novice in that catalog and the judges' books. If such transfer is via a catalog correction form with permanent registration number, the entry clerk will also provide that catalog correction form to the master clerk so that the master clerk catalog can be updated. It is acceptable to use the absentee/transfer form to transfer the cat in the judges' books.

- 7.09** The introductory page(s) must contain the following information:
- a. the full name of the club or clubs (including all specialty clubs) sponsoring the show;
 - b. the names of all officiating judges;
 - c. the names of the show committee, indicating their positions as officials of the show;
 - d. a notice that all Kitten, Championship, and Premiership entries, Household Pets, and all registered cats competing with Household Pet color class prefixes (whose registration numbers are printed or written in ink in the catalog) will be scored for CFA awards;
 - e. emergency telephone numbers (ambulance service, police and fire), and
 - f. a copy of the CFA Exhibitor's Code of Ethics.
- 7.11** The exact registered name of each entry; its CFA registration number (either temporary or permanent), date of birth, sire & dam (including titles) and breeder (if available); and the name and region of residence of the owner—all must be PRINTED in the catalog. The only exception to the requirement for a registration number would be 1) Novices, 2) cats listed as exhibition only. Each entry must have a name. No Household Pet shall have its breeder, sire or dam listed in the show catalog. If a Pedigree cat transfers into Household Pet class, the entry clerk shall delete from the cat's record the breeder, sire and dam before entering it in the show documents and notify the owner.
- 10.23c** ...
An official catalog correction request form must be used and the exhibitor submitting the form must obtain a copy (photo) of the catalog correction form signed by the master clerk, or designated representative, showing the correct information has been supplied for corrections of erroneous or missing entry information involving the name, registration number, birth date, ownership, region of residence of the cat, or competitive category (Kitten, Novice, Open, Champion, Premier, Grand Champion, Grand Premier, Household Pet). This receipt (photo) should be retained by the exhibitor in the event any question might arise at a future date regarding an entry.
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- 12.01** ...
The CFA judges' color class sheets must be checked and initialed by the chief ring clerk and the master clerk.
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- 12.03** The complete set of signed judge's color class sheets and finals sheets must be given by the judge to the chief ring clerk at the completion of judging, who will review for accuracy and forward to the Master Clerk.
- 12.04** The judge's copy of the marked catalog must be retained by the judge for at least forty-five (45) days.
- 12.07** ...
The chief ring clerk will complete a consolidated breed summary for longhair and shorthair breeds to include kittens, championship, and premiership. If the consolidated breed summary pages are not part of the printed catalog the individual pages must be included with the catalog. Upon completion of judging the completed catalog shall be taken to the master clerk by the chief ring clerk for check out verification and signature. The chief ring clerk must NEVER mark his/her catalog using the judge's color class sheets.

- 12.08** The chief ring clerk shall provide a fully marked catalog signed by the master clerk to the judge for his ring at the close of the show. The signature of the master clerk will serve as notification that the judge has been checked out for the show.
- 12.11b** The chief ring clerk shall check and initial the judge's color class sheets as each sheet is completed. These sheets shall then be turned over to the master clerk.
- 12.11d** The chief ring clerk shall check and initial the judge's finals sheet before delivering it to the master clerk.
- 12.13a** The master clerk is authorized to make corrections in the official catalog to entry information that is printed in error and/or to add registration numbers where not printed in the catalog (see Rule 10.23). When such a correction is made, the correction request form must be sent to the Central Office with the official catalog.
- 12.13b** The master clerk shall print the corrections and added registration numbers legibly in red ink in the fully marked official catalog to be submitted to the Central Office. When a condensed catalog is used for scoring the show, the master clerk shall make all corrections and registration number additions to the condensed catalog.
- 12.15** The master clerk is responsible for initialing and posting the color class sheets that have been fully checked.
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- 12.18** The master clerk will check each judge's finals sheets and breed sheets for mechanical accuracy and sign the documents before the judge leaves the show hall. Master clerks will sign the judge's catalog including printed name, signature, and date. This signature will serve as notification that the judge has been checked out for the show.
- 13.06** Upon completion of the show, the master clerk shall assemble, arrange, group and verify the completeness of all show records he/she is responsible for turning over to the show secretary pursuant to rules 12.16, 12.19 and 13.07 thru 13.09. The master clerk shall collate and arrange the copies of the master catalog and forms according to the prescribed order to be sent to the Central Office. Records sent to Central Office will include the pedigrees (or CFA registration numbers of parents if allowed by rule 6.16) submitted for all cats competing with temporary registration numbers, the application forms, and the associated fees, paperclipped together for each associated cat. The master clerk's responsibilities for the show terminate when the assembled sets of show records are turned over to the show secretary.
- 13.09** The show secretary **MUST** send the following to the Central Office by one of two methods:
1. The preferred and safest method is scanning and emailing files (contact Central Office for specific instructions) or;
 2. USPS PRIORITY MAIL EXPRESS (not Priority Mail, which is not an overnight service), UPS OVERNIGHT, FEDERAL EXPRESS or an equivalent overnight service, on the first (1st) business day after the close of the show. This must arrive at the delivering service prior to the time such service requires for delivery to arrive at CFA Central Office the next day (the second [2nd] business day after the close of the show). Central Office may impose upon the club a fine, as listed in the CFA's current price list, for the untimely receipt of show packages. If mailing is the option selected by a club, it is the club's responsibility to make and keep a copy of all documents prior to mailing to ensure copies are available if the show package is lost in the mail. Clubs will need to retain the documents for a minimum of 45 days.
- a. master clerk book completely marked for all rings;
 - b. a complete set of judges' color class sheets and finals sheets for each ring;
 - c. a transfer and absentee list including competitive transfers after the first day of a two day show;

d. the catalog correction request forms submitted to the master clerk;
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24.01g The CRM must complete the Agility Ringmaster's Score sheet and deliver it to the master clerk for inclusion in the show package. The Ringmaster should retain a copy (photo) of the score-sheet and deliver to the Show Manager any fees collected.

28.02 A cat eligible for and shown in the Champion or Premier Class will compete for Grand Championship or Grand Premiership points in any type of ring, e.g. Allbreed, Longhair/Shorthair or Breed specialty as follows:

a. Any Champion or Premier placing in the top ten (or fifteen, where applicable) finals awards may receive points towards Grand Championship or Grand Premiership. For each Champion/Premier in an Allbreed final, the cat will be ranked according to both its Allbreed Champion/Premier placement and Specialty Champion/Premier placement. For each Champion/Premier in a Specialty final, the cat will be ranked according to its Specialty Champion/Premier placement. Champions/Premiers will earn points from the final according to the remainder of this rule and 28.03b, which will apply to both the Allbreed and Specialty Champion/Premier placements in an Allbreed final. The highest placing Champion or Premier will receive one point for every benched Champion or Premier defeated for shows held outside of the International Division. For champions/premiers competing at shows in the International Division, the cat will receive one Grand Championship/Premiership point for every Champion/Premier defeated that was present in at least 70 percent of the Rings held at that show. To determine the 70 percent present requirement, see the following table:

Number of Rings held at show	Rings present for cat to be in count
1 Ring held	1 Ring
2 Rings held	2 Rings
3 Rings held	3 Rings
4 Rings held	3 Rings
5 Rings held	4 Rings
6 Rings held	5 Rings
7 Rings held	5 Rings
8 Rings held	6 Rings
9 Rings held	7 Rings
10 Rings held	7 Rings

Cats not present in the number of Rings specified in the table based on the number of Rings held at any show held in the International Division will not be counted as competing at the show for determining the official champion/premier count, however, any grand points won by these cats in any ring will still be credited to that cat's record.

The second highest placing Champion or Premier will receive 90% of the points awarded the highest placing Champion or Premier, third highest 80%, fourth highest 70% and 5th highest 60%, etc. In cases where 11 or more cats in a top 15 final are champions, those champions placing 11th thru 15th best champion within that final will receive 5% of the points awarded to the highest placing champion. In all cases, fractional points 0.5 and greater will be rounded to the next higher number.

28.08 (*retroactive to May 1, 2020*)

Any cat that achieves 30 or more top 10/top 15 finals per season in three separate seasons is eligible for the "Grand of Distinction" title (abbreviated GCD or GPD).

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For the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 show seasons, the requirements for finals is 15 total rings, except for Hawaii where the requirement is five.

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29.02 (effective May 1, 2025)

a. Two hundred (200) points are required for Grand Household Pet in Regions 1 through 8 with the exceptions of the Maritime Provinces of Canada, Hawaii, and the International Division. For cats residing and competing in those excepted areas (except Hawaii) one hundred (100) points are required for the Grand Household Pet (GH) title. For cats residing and competing in Hawaii thirty-five (35) points are required for the GH title. For cats residing and competing in Region 9, fifty (50) points are required for the GH title.

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Article XXXVI – National/Regional/ Divisional Awards Program ELIGIBILITY

1. Kitten, Championship, and Premiership classes - all cats entered and competing in accordance with the show rules.
2. Household Pet classes – all Household Pets entered and competing in accordance with the show rules, AND which have been individually provided with a Companion Cat registration number, or in the case of a pedigreed cat competing as a household pet, a cat whose registration prefix has been changed to the household pet color class number (0892/0893), and whose registration number has been entered (supplied to master clerk) in the master catalog prior to the close of the show or provided along with the fee listed in the CFA's current price list for scoring the Household Pet to the Central Office by 5:00PM Eastern Time on the Tuesday immediately following the show. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to: 1.) confirm that the Household Pet's CFA registration number is printed in the catalog; or 2.) supply the CFA registration number to the master clerk AND obtain a signed catalog correction receipt showing that the number has been supplied.
3. Cats owned by individuals currently under disciplinary suspension are ineligible to participate in this program.
4. Cats competing in the Veteran classes are ineligible to participate in this program.

SHOW POINTS

Official Show Count

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2. The cats/kittens/household pets competing in each show are tallied within their category to establish the official show counts. Novices, and AOVs are not counted in the official count for their respective categories.
3. A cat/kitten/household pet handled by a judge in one ring is counted as competing in all Rings for shows held outside of the International Division. For cats/kittens/household pets handled by judges in the International Division, the cat/kitten/household pet must be handled in 70 percent of the Rings held at the show, as noted in the following table, for the cat/kitten/household pet to be counted.

Number of Rings held at show	Rings present for cat to be in count
1 Ring held	1 Ring
2 Rings held	2 Rings
3 Rings held	3 Rings
4 Rings held	3 Rings
5 Rings held	4 Rings
6 Rings held	5 Rings
7 Rings held	5 Rings
8 Rings held	6 Rings
9 Rings held	7 Rings
10 Rings held	7 Rings

Cats/kittens/household pets not present in the number of Rings specified in the table based on the number of Rings held at any show held in the International Division will not be counted as competing at the show for determining the official count, however, any awards won by these cats in any ring will still be credited to that cat's record.

AWARDS

National Awards

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A cat/kitten is credited for all national points earned under the scoring provisions regardless of any transfers of ownership. This includes any kitten originally registered with its breeder as its owner which is transferred with a new name to a new owner prior to reaching 8 calendar months of age.

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Regional Awards

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Regional Definition:

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5. A cat/kitten/household pet whose owner changes residence or whose ownership changes and is otherwise eligible, may receive awards in a region within regions 1–7, region 8, region 9, and/or Hawaii, and/or the International division. This includes any kitten originally registered with its breeder as its owner which is transferred with a new name to a new owner prior to reaching 8 calendar months of age. These multiple awards are not prohibited. However, no more than one NW will be issued to the same cat in the same category in one show season, e.g., a cat may earn a title in kitten and championship/premiership during the same season, but not two awards in any category.

Article XXXVI – National/Regional/ Divisional Awards Program

National/Regional/Divisional Assignment

9. A catalog correction may be made at a show to change the national area/region/divisional area listed in a catalog. The only acceptable proof(s) of a catalog correction are: a) that the master catalog received in the Central Office has been marked to indicate the change, or b) the exhibitor has a properly executed copy (photo) of a catalog correction request form.

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