



FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE FELINE - FIFe

GUIDELINES FOR FIFe BREED WORKSHOPS

At the FIFe GA 2012, the concept of “Breed Seminars” was introduced in the Rules for Judges and Student Judges, as part of the training process. At the 2016 GA the article, now 2.2.2 b) has been slightly changed and Breed Seminars are now named Breed Workshops:

“Each FIFe member is permitted to organize FIFe Breed Workshops for Student Judges.

Such Workshops are proposed and organized in cooperation with the relevant Breed Councils and conducted by a FIFe Judge. Breed Workshops may be held during a show weekend.

A maximum of 3 Breed Workshops per day are allowed and at least 10 cats for each breed of different ages must be present (i.e. 3 Breed Seminars = min. 30 cats).

A Student Judge’s certificate signed by the lecturing Judge(s), will be issued to each Student Judge who has remained in attendance for the whole duration of the Workshop. The value of the certificate, in number of cats, shall be the number of cats present during the Workshop.

Article 2.1.17 applies as for the maximum number of cats allowed for each category with this type of Training.

The relevant information (breed(s), location and duration) shall be published in the official FIFe show calendar at least 2 months prior to the date fixed. The organizer should be mentioned as well as a contact number (telephone, fax, e-mail).”

These are guidelines that the JSC wishes to provide to help national Members, their show organizers and Breed Councils involved about the organisation of Breed Workshops.

ORGANISATION

As stated in the article, the organisation of Breed Workshops is up to the national Member and can be in cooperation with the relevant Breed Council. If a Breed Council is not available, the national Members may organize Breed Workshops in cooperation with their breeders. The national Member is also in charge for the publication, in due time (at least 2 months before), of the workshop information on the FIFe website.

The organiser of the Breed Workshop decides which Judge will conduct this event.

The Student Judges that want to participate in a Breed Workshop, shall follow the usual procedure as for participating in any other training session, as underlined in art. 2.1.9 of the Rules for Judges and Student Judges (inform the National Member).

LOCATION

Breed Workshops may be held during a show weekend, which is most convenient for participants and organizers, in the show hall area or nearby, or wherever it is convenient for the organisation to accommodate cats, lecturers and participants.

Such workshops could also be organised during normal working days, but the organiser will have to realise that interested Student Judges from abroad may be penalised by such a schedule.

The location must be large enough and equipped with (show) cages to accommodate at least 10 cats for each Breed Workshop. Technical equipment useful for lecturers should be available.

DURATION

The JSC recommends that a single Breed Workshop should last at least 2 hours.

Thus, since a maximum of 3 Breed Workshop per day are allowed, these shall not last less than 6 hours.



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LECTURES

We suggest dividing the two-hour's lecture for each Breed, into two parts as follows:

First part (20-30 min): This shall be conducted by the Breed Council or Breed Clubs (breeders) and shall focus on general and historical information about the breed, for instance about the different stages of development, breeding practice and evolution of the breed during the years, health issues and special genetic characteristics.

Second part (90-100 min): This shall be conducted by the lecturing Judge and will concern the judging of the breed, a detailed description and interpretation of the standard and what "is not written" in the standard, the handling of the breed, the weak and the strong points, what to focus on mostly, etc.

The lecturing Judge shall describe the breed in a neutral way, limiting as much as possible his personal taste.

During this part the Student Judges shall handle the cats present and perform some practical exercise conducted by the lecturing Judge (handling, write reports, place cats, etc.)

LECTURERS

The lecturing Judge shall be qualified as "instructing Judge" (min. three years judging), and will conduct the Breed Workshop. This Judge will also sign the relevant certificates for attending Student Judges. The Breed Workshop will not count as "activity" nor is the lecturing judge entitled to a Judges Allowance.

However, possible reimbursement for the lecturing Judge expenses is totally at discretion of the Breed Workshop Organiser, as indicated in art. 2.2.3 of the Judges and Student Judges Rules.

PRINTED MATERIAL

It is strongly advised that for each Breed Workshop, Student Judges receive printed documentation about the breed. The Breed Council or Breed Clubs may prepare such documentation in cooperation with the lecturing Judge and this can be distributed during the Workshop to the participants or sent by email. All documents and possible slides, as well as all other documents related to the Workshop, shall carry the FIFe logo.

The JSC requests that such documentation is also sent to them for future reference.

COSTS

The expenses to organise Breed Workshop are on the Organiser (coffee break, printed material, etc.).

Student Judges will pay for their own expenses.

VALIDITY

The number of Cats present and examined by a Student Judge during a Breed Workshop is included in the total number of cats required for the training, according to art. 2.1.8 d) of the Judges and Student Judges Rules and are recorded on the Student Judges certificate signed by the lecturing Judge.

The maximum number of cats a Student Judge can collect from Breed Workshops is 50 for all categories (art. 2.1.17).

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