



FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE FELINE - FIFe

FIFe COMPULSORY STUDENT JUDGES' SEMINAR Guidelines

Compulsory Student Judges Seminars are regulated by art. **2.2.1 b)** of the Judges and Student Judges Rules.
Here is the text of the article:

"It is compulsory for a Student Judge in his first category to participate in Compulsory Training Seminar conducted and organised by the FIFe.

The Seminar will be arranged as needed in different parts of Europe and will take place at week-ends.

The minimum duration must be one day.

It is expected that the Student Judge participates in such a Seminar at the earliest practical occasion after having passed the preliminary exam.

This Seminar will be listed in the official show calendar at least 3 months prior to its date.

The information (location, duration and subjects) must be available within the same timeframe.

The Seminar shall cover as a minimum, the following subjects: colour and patterns including basic genetics, cat anatomy and health, social behaviour and the ethics of judging.

Participation in Compulsory Training Seminar will equal 50 cats judged and will count only once for Student Judges in their first category.

Judges, whether Student Judges in further categories or not, can only use their participation in Compulsory Seminars for their activity statement.

With these guidelines the JSC wishes to provide the National Members with practical information and help about the organisation of these kinds of Seminars.

The aim of Compulsory Student Judges Seminar is to give all FIFe Students the same level and quality of information in order to provide them with a basic common knowledge about FIFe, feline genetics, the FIFe Show system and judging ethics. To achieve this, the lectures are standardized for this kind of seminar and are presented by FIFe JSC members.

ORGANISATION

The organisation of Compulsory Seminars is done in cooperation between FIFe and a FIFe Member. Usually, the FIFe Member offers the venue and the date on occasion of a show weekend where at least 4 members of the FIFe JSC are invited to judge. This is to minimize the costs for FIFe and to distribute the work of the day evenly over the FIFe JSC members. The Seminar takes place on the Friday before the show and lasts the whole day, starting, generally, from 9:30 in the morning when the roll call takes place.

WHO DOES WHAT

The FIFe Member:

- Sends the offer of hosting a Compulsory Seminar to the FIFe Board
- Sends a provisional budget for the Compulsory Seminar
- Indicates a contact person to deal with the FIFe JSC for the necessary arrangements
- Invites at least 4 members of the FIFe JSC that will be the lecturers at the Seminar
- Provides the place (meeting room) and the necessary equipment
- Provides the "certificate of attendance" or diploma to the participants
- Organizes coffee break and lunch

The FIFe Board:

- Evaluates the offer and informs the FIFe JSC checking the availability of its members
- Upon agreement with the FIFe JSC, approves the date and the venue
- Approves the budget
- Approves the agenda provided by the FIFe JSC and publishes the info on the website 3 months before the event



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The FIFe JSC:

- Coordinates the event together with the FIFe Member (contact person)
- Organizes the agenda and sends it to the FIFe Board for approval and publication on the website.
- Prepares the lectures and conducts the Seminar.
- Collects the participants signatures and sends them to the FIFe Board
- Signs the “certificate of attendance” or diploma for the participants
- Distributes and elaborates feedback from the participants after the Seminar.

The JSC is in charge of coordinating the event in cooperation with the contact person indicated by the hosting FIFe Member. The agenda is arranged and prepared by the JSC depending on the availability of the members on a said weekend and, upon approval of FIFe, is published on the FIFe website 3 months before the Seminar. In addition to the seminar lectures, the agenda shall also contain all relevant practical information useful for the Student Judges (hotel, travel, duration, contact person, etc.), which are provided by the FIFe Member contact person.

The Student Judges that want to participate in a Compulsory Seminar 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

Compulsory Seminars may be held during a show weekend, which is most convenient for participants and organizers, in a meeting room of a hotel, or wherever it is convenient for the FIFe Member, the lecturers and the Students. The location must be large enough to accommodate the Students and lecturers and the necessary technical equipment should be provided.

LECTURES and LECTURERS

According to the rules, the lectures shall cover, as minimum, the following subject:

- Colour and Patterns – basic genetics
- Cats anatomy and health
- Social behaviour and ethics of judging

Additionally, the JSC also provides lectures about the following subjects:

- FIFe Structure
- Writing Judges reports
- Interpretation of the Standards.

PRINTED MATERIAL

The slides used during the Seminar can be sent, by email, to interested participants or can be transferred into pen drives, if available, the same day of the Seminar.

COSTS

The expenses to organise Compulsory Seminars are on FIFe.

Student Judges will pay for their own expenses.

The Lecturing Judges are entitled to a Judges Allowance (1 day FIFe fee), which is paid by FIFe.

The FIFe Member may contribute by offering coffee break and/or lunch break, but this is not obligatory.

VALIDITY

The maximum number of cats that will be counted, only once, for this kind of Seminars is 50.

Compulsory Seminars count as “activity” for the lecturing judges.

If Judges want to participate in such Seminars, they can, and their participation is also valid as “activity”.

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