



FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE FELINE – FIFe

Summary of changes per 01.01.2022

Used abbreviations: BRR = Breeding & Registration Rules / JR = Judges Rules / SR = Show Rules

Full recognition of silver varieties in Bengal (BEN)

Silver varieties in Bengal (BEN ns *) are now fully recognised. Cats belonging to these varieties can obtain all certificates, can be nominated for Best in Show and be Best in Show. [→ Standard BEN & EMS list]

All eye colours of the same bicolour silver tabby variety in British judged together in the same class (BLH/BSH)

All recognised eye colours of the same bicolour silver tabby variety in British Longhair/Shorthair to be judged together in the same class. These varieties are registered without any EMS code for eye colour. This correction is based on the proposal accepted by the 2018 General Assembly; refer to the General Part, page 79. [→ Standard BLH/BSH & EMS list]

Change of EMS code for Japanese Bobtail (JBS)

The EMS code for Japanese Bobtail changed to JBS – Japanese Bobtail Shorthair. [→ Standard JBS & EMS list]

Change in description of the nose in Korat (KOR)

Instead of a stop, the nose of the Korat shall have an indentation. [→ Standard KOR]

Description of eye colours and prohibition of blue eyes in certain varieties in Maine Coon (MCO)

All eye colours, except blue, are permitted in any coat colour. Blue is only permitted with EMS codes w, 01, 02 and 03. In any other variety they must be registered as XLH * 61 <MCO> and cannot be re-registered or used for breeding. [→ Standard MCO, BRR § 6.14]

Limit of the amount code of white for EMS code 09

The colours can be with any amount of white, up to a maximum of ¼. [→ General Part, page 82]

Test programmes

Any proposal to implement a mandatory test in § 6 of the Breeding & Registration Rules must be accompanied by scientifically valid data, a scientifically motivated test programme and breeding programme. [→ BRR § 3.5.1]

Information in the pedigree book and on pedigrees

Full information on a cat in the pedigree book must always include information on both parents. The pedigree of a cat must always show its ancestry, i.e. four generations prior to the cat. [→ BRR § 4.1]

Only fully recognised varieties can be entered in the pedigree book “LO” (Livre d’Origine)

Only fully recognised varieties of fully recognised breeds can be entered in the “LO” book. Preliminary recognised and non-recognised varieties of fully recognised breeds must be entered in the “RIEX” register. [→ BRR § 4.2]

Special codes for registration

The use of brackets and their meaning: (XXX) for target breed, [XXX] for breeding program and <XXX> for originating breed. XXX means EMS code for the relevant breed. Cats with the indication “<EMS code of originating breed>” can never be used for breeding [→ BRR § 5.1.2.1, 6.1.3]

Sister breed status also applies to preliminary recognised and non-recognised breeds

Sister breed status can also apply to preliminary recognised and non-recognised breeds. Sister breed status is assigned to: Burmilla/Tiffanie (BML/TIF non), Japanese Bobtail Longhair/Shorthair (JBL non/JBS), Russian Blue/Nebelung (RUS/NEB non), American Bobtail Longhair/Shorthair (ABL non/ABS non), Asian Longhair/Shorthair (ALH non/ASH non) and Tonkinese Longhair/Shorthair (TOL non/TOS non). [→ BRR § 6.1, 6.1.1, 8.1]

Novice class and prohibition for any crossing with other breeds for Maine Coon (MCO)

The Novice class is only open to longhair cats born in Northeast America. Their origin must be officially proved by documentation. Any crossing with other breeds is prohibited. [→ BRR § 6.14]

Permitted outcrosses for Selkirk Longhair/Shorthair (SRL/SRS)

EXO/PER are no longer permitted outcrosses for Selkirk Rex. As from 01.01.2026 BLH/BSH will be no longer permitted outcrosses for Selkirk Rex. [→ BRR § 6.23]

Crossbreeding: restrictions for cats shown in Control class (class 13b)

Only cats participating in a breeding program at any generation after the F1-generation after the crossbreeding can be shown in the Control class (class 13b). This does not apply to breeds with permitted outcross (PEB and SRL/SRS) [→ BRR § 9.1.1]

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Participation of the steward in the Best in Show

The categories in which the steward has presented cats in the Best in Show must be marked on the steward certificate. [→ JR § 2.1.4.2]

Student judge certificates marked “not acceptable”

In case of a student judge certificate marked “not acceptable”, the instructing judge must send a copy of the certificate to the FIFe Member where the student judge holds his membership within 1 month of the show. [→ JR § 2.1.10]

Judges’ examination: venue for the theoretical part

The theoretical part of the judges’ exam can be also taken in connection with shows. [→ JR § 2.3.6]

Pass of the theoretical examination

A minimum of 80% of the possible marks must be achieved for the general part as well as the category part in order to gain a pass. [→ JR § 2.3.7.1]

Judges’ examination: questions for the theoretical examination

For candidates already judges in at least two categories, 5 questions of the theoretical examination will deal with the Show Rules. [→ JR § 2.3.7.3]

Only 1 stage of at least 30 cats in first category

Only 1 stage of at least 30 cats (min. 20 adults/neuters + min. 10 juniors/kittens) is required to become an International Judge in the first category. No stages are required in any further category. [→ JR § 2.3.13]

Experience as a judge before applying for the examination in the second category

Judges intending to sit an examination in their second category must have judged at least 4 times (was 10 times) as an International Judge in the category for which they qualified. [→ JR § 2.4.4]

Temporary Breed Training

Temporary breed training is effective until 31.12.2026. [→ JR Annex 3]

3 certificates during 2 consecutive days

Each FIFe Member can organise a combination of shows where a cat may obtain three certificates during two consecutive days once per year. [→ SR § 1.11]

Dates of the World Shows

All granted applications of the World Shows shall appear in the official FIFe show calendar. [→ SR § 2.2]

Addition of Denmark to organisers of the Scandinavian Winner Show

Addition of Denmark to the group of FIFe Member countries, which may organise the Scandinavian Winner Show. [→ SR § 2.6.6]

Restriction on number of cats to judge at the World Show and Winner Shows

During the World Show and Winner Shows a judge shall judge a maximum number of 60 cats. [→ SR § 2.7]

New show title: Distinguished Senior Winner (DSW)

This title is only available to cats of fully recognised breeds and to house cats. In order to obtain the title, the cat must win Best in Show (BIS) or Best In Show opposite Sex (BOS) at International Shows a minimum of 5 times after 01.01.2022 in classes 1-10 or 14 at a minimum age of 7 years. [→ SR § 4.18]

Minimum number of cats required for international shows in certain countries reduced to 80

Asia, Iceland, Latin America, Russia, the United Kingdom, as well as patronage members, are permitted to organise international shows with a minimum number of 80 cats (was 100 cats). [→ SR § 1.8.g + Annex 1]

Addition of Malaysia to the list of countries with an exception for the Junior Winner title

Addition of Malaysia to the list of countries, which may award the title Junior Winner to a cat, which has won Best in Show 3 times in classes 11 and/or 12. [→ SR Annex 5]

Official FIFe forms version 2022

The 2022 versions of the official FIFe forms will be available for downloading on the FIFe website. Please only use the 2022 versions of the various forms and do not use any outdated versions. This is mainly important for the amended steward certificate (reference to the above-mentioned change in JR § 2.1.4.2).

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