



FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE FELINE – FIFe

Summary of changes per 01.01.2025

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

Show Statistics

FIFe Members must annually submit statistics providing the number of cats appearing in the show catalogues of each of their national and international shows. The information shall be divided by breed. [→ General Rules § 2.8]

Minimum net Judges Allowance

The minimum net Judges Allowance is no longer per show, but per day, no matter how many shows are organised during a day / weekend. Exception: two-day shows, not separated by categories. [→ General Rules Annex 1]

Elimination of faults and changes in various Standards

The generic faults in the Standards of the following breeds are deleted: RAG, ACL/ACS, MCO, NFO, SIB/NEM, BEN, BML, BUR, EUR, KBL/KBS, MAU, BAL/SIA, OLH/OSH, RUS, SPH and BOM.

Changes were accepted in the following Standards: RAG, ACL/ACS, MCO, BEN, BUR, EUR, KBL/KBS, MAU, RUS, SPH and BOM. [→ relevant breed standards]

Please note that faults precluding the certificate have been introduced in the RAG and SPH standards.

Charcoal: EMS code 14 instead of t

Instead of modifier code “t”, EMS code 14 applies to charcoal. Charcoal is only valid for BEN / BGL non, where it is a non-recognised variety. Example: BEN x n 14 24 / BGL non x n 14 24 for a Bengal / Bengal Longhair black charcoal spotted tabby. [→ EMS System, Standard BEN, BRR § 5.1.2.2, 6.3]

British Longhair/Shorthair silver/golden shaded/shell

The EMS code 12 (shell) is re-instated for the following silver and golden varieties in BLH/BSH:

- n/a/b/c/d/e/f/g/h/j/o/p/q/r s 11/12
- n/a y 11/12. [→ Standard BLH/BSH, EMS System]

Maine Coon bicolour with blue eyes

Maine Coon with blue eyes are only allowed in combination with EMS codes w (white), 01 (van) and 02 (harlequin), but no longer in combination with 03 (bicolour). [→ Standard MCO, BRR § 6.14]

New group division for Neva Masquerade

The Neva Masquerade will be judged in 6 colour groups instead of 4. [→ Standard NEM]

Special codes for registration: the use of brackets to indicate the originating breed

The rounded brackets (“(” and “)”) shall be used in addition to the EMS code to indicate the originating breed. Such cats cannot be used for breeding without the permission from the FIFe Member.

Examples: XLH * (EUR), XLH * (MCO), XSH * (RUS)

[→ BRR § 5.1.2.1, 6.1.3, sub-articles in § 6, 7 and 8, SR various §, relevant breed standards]

Change of age limit when EMS code can be changed upon request of breeder or owner

Once registered, the EMS code of a cat can be amended upon request of the cat’s breeder or owner until the age of 1 year. [→ BRR § 5.1.1]

Cattery names

A cattery name once issued can be changed only once, upon simple request of the owner. The cattery name registration fee applies to a change. The original cattery name can only be deleted when a period of more than 10 years has elapsed after the change. [→ BRR § 5.2.5]

Breed lectures on new breeds/varieties at Judges Seminars following the General Assembly

Instead of after full recognition is obtained, the Judges & Standards Commission will organise a lecture on a new breed/variety after preliminary recognition is achieved, with cats of the breed/variety present.

[→ BRR § 10.2.3/5, 11.2.3/5]

Exhibiting cats when officiating as a Judge or a Student Judge

On a 1-certificate show, divided in categories for more than 1 day, it is allowed to officiate as a Student Judge on the one day and exhibit on the other day. [→ JR § 1.5]



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Study of all breeds – Lectures on “rare breeds”

The Judges & Standards Commission will organise online breed lectures on “rare breeds”. These lectures will not contribute to the number of cats seen by the Student Judge, but will allow him to apply for the judges’ examination without asking for exceptions. Breed lectures can be requested to the JSC by the Members or by the Board when at least 3 applications have been received.

The list of “rare breeds” is maintained and updated by the FIFe Board on recommendation from the JSC. Currently the following breeds are listed: JBS, LPL/LPS, MAN/CYM and SOK. [→ JR § 2.1.15]

Online Compulsory Student Judges Seminar for Student Judges

The Compulsory Seminar for Student Judges will be arranged as online seminar, with a minimum duration of 2 days. [→ JR § 2.2.1.b]

Language of the Judges’ Exam: English

Judges’ Exams will be conducted in English. [→ JR § 2.3.3, 2.3.5, 4.2.1]

Examination in the second category

Judges intending to sit an exam in their second category must not only have judged a minimum of 4 times after their appointment date as an International Judge in the category for which they qualified, but also have judged a minimum of 50 cats in that category. [→ JR § 2.4.4]

Configuration of show cages

New rules with regard to the configuration of show cages were accepted. [→ SR § 1.18 – new article]

Shows during the weekend following the General Assembly

The restriction that no shows may be held during the weekend immediately following the General Assembly is deleted. [→ SR § 1.1 – renumbered article]

Code of Ethics for Exhibitors

As of 31.05.2024, a Code of Ethics for Exhibitors is introduced. [→ SR § 1 - new]

Cages in the judge’s ring

The requirement of the availability of cages in the judge’s ring remains, but a minimum number of cages is no longer applicable. [→ SR § 1.10]

Qualification for kittens (class 12) at the World Show and Winner Shows

For cats competing at the World Show and the Winner Shows in class 12 (kittens) no qualifications are needed anymore. [→ SR § 2.3.d, 2.6.4]

Black Sea Winner Show

Bulgaria is moved from the group of countries organising the Mediterranean Winner Show to the group organising the Black Sea Winner Show [→ SR § 2.6.6]

Central European Winner Show

Poland is added to the group of countries organising the Central European Winner Show. [→ SR § 2.6.6]

Eurasian Winner Show / Eurasian Winner title

New Winner Show: Eurasian Winner Show, organised in Belarus, China or Russia. The corresponding new title is Eurasian Winner [→ SR § 2.6.6, BRR § 5.3.1]

Specific rules for the World Shows and Winner Shows

The World Show and Winner Shows cannot be combined with any other type of show. [→ SR § 2.7]

Best in Variety at World Shows and Winner Shows

In case of a larger number of adults respectively neuters in competition (at least 5 males and at least 5 females) at these special shows, Best in Variety will be chosen separately by sex. [→ SR § 2.7]

Showing kittens and juniors during consecutive weekends

Kittens and juniors shown in classes 11, 12 and 14 can only be shown during 2 consecutive weekends and must then have a break during the following weekend. [→ SR § 3.3.2 – new article]



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Requirements for obtaining the titles International Champion or International Premior

In order to obtain the title International Champion or International Premior, a cat must have been awarded:

- 4 (four) CACIB respectively CAPIB
- by at least 3 (three) different judges
- during 4 (four) national or international FIFe shows. [→ SR § 4.3, effective as of 01.07.2024]

As consequence, Annex 2 of the Show Rules is deleted, as well as the exception for classes 7 and 8 in Annex 3. [→ SR Annex 2 and 3]

Requirements for obtaining the titles Grand International Champion / Premior or Supreme Champion / Premior

The requirement for 6 CAGCIB / CAGPIB respectively 9 CACS / CAPS in at least 3 different countries to obtain the corresponding title remains in place. As an alternative is also valid for the title: at least 2 of the 6 resp. 9 certificates obtained at shows held with at least 300 km distance from the other shows, no matter the country.

Consequently, the restriction regarding the maximum number of 4 respectively 7 certificates, which can be obtained in the same country is changed to 5 respectively 8. [→ SR § 4.4, 4.5]

Nominations in classes 11 and 12 split by sex

Each judge may nominate **8** cats in each category: 1 adult male, 1 adult female, 1 neuter male, 1 neuter female, 1 male junior and 1 female junior and 1 male kitten and 1 female kitten. [→ SR § 4.9.1]

Best in Show in classes 11 and 12 split by sex

Each category can have **8** Best in Show titles: adult male, adult female, neuter male, neuter female, junior male, junior female, kitten male and kitten female. [→ SR § 4.9.3]

New title: International Winner

Each year, FIFe Members may award the title International Winner to a maximum of 15 cats, based on their results at shows organised by FIFe Members outside their own country. [→ SR § 4.19 - new]

Show class changes

A change of class is only possible after the approval of the show secretariat. [→ SR § 6.5]

Open Doors

FIFe Members may decide in which show classes, non-FIFe exhibitors can enter their cats:

- none, or
- only in classes 9 – 12, or
- in all classes. [→ SR § 8.2.2]

Exceptions to the Show Rules for Indonesia and Malaysia

The following exceptions to the Show Rules were accepted:

- Indonesia and Malaysia are permitted to accept 3 certificates in classes 11 resp. 12 obtained by at least **2** different judges for the registration of the title KCH/JCH (valid as of 01.06.2024)
- Malaysia is permitted to accept 3 certificates in classes 7, 8, 9 resp. 10 obtained by at least **2** different judges for the registration of the title CH/PR/IC/IP (valid as of 01.06.2024)
- Malaysia is permitted to have **1** judge establishing the EMS code of a cat in the Determination class (class 13c). [→ SR § 5.4]

The exceptions with regard to certificates are valid for individual members residing in the mentioned country [→ SR, Annex 4]

Statutes, Rules, Standards, EMS System & forms version 2025

The 2025 versions of the Statutes, Rules, Standards, EMS System and our official forms will be published for downloading on the FIFe website in December 2024. Their availability will be announced on the News page of the website. This also applies to the forms to be used by our Members to report their 2024 breeding & registration statistics and show statistics.

Please only use the new versions of the forms and do not use any outdated versions. This is mainly very important for the judges' exam application form, adjusted to cover the modifications in the judges training programme.