



SHOW RULES

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Cat shows' main goal is to organize standards conformity competition allowing the cats to obtain Championship titles or awards which may be mentioned on the pedigree and beauty contests that enable to reward the best cats in show ("best").

To be approved by the LOOF, cat shows must satisfy all the following rules:

TITLE 1 – ABOUT CAT SHOWS ORGANIZATION

ARTICLE 1: LOOF CAT SHOWS ORGANIZATION

Article 1-1:

LOOF cat shows are organized by feline associations that are members of the "Official Book of Feline Origins Management Federation", hereinafter called LOOF, under their own responsibility and according to the LOOF by-laws and rules.

When an association has never before organized a LOOF cat show, it is mandatory for its president, as well as at least one of the members of the board (if possible the person in charge of the show secretariat) to follow a one-day course held at the LOOF premises. LOOF will take charge of the training costs, the association will take charge of its members' travel expenses.

Article 1-2:

Feline Associations which are members of the LOOF promise to organize only cat shows or presentations that follow the present rules.

Article 1-3:

Except formal dispensation by the Board of Directors or preliminary Convention (like the one existing with TICA), cat shows gathering in a same place and on the same or successive days a LOOF event and a non LOOF event are not recognized.

Article 1-4:

A cat show allowed to deliver Championship Aptitude Certificates must include at least 100 cats in judgment when held in metropolitan France, and at least 50 cats in judgment when held in overseas territories. If gathering less than 100 cats, the event is called "presentation" and is not allowed to deliver any Aptitude Certificate.

Article 1-5:

A dispensation may be given if exceptional events do not allow to reach the minimum number of cats required. In that case, a formal agreement shall be signed by the LOOF's President and at least one member of the LOOF Board of Directors.



Article 2-1:

Associations organizing cat shows should satisfy all the legal and administrative obligations in that matter. The LOOF's agreement for the show shall not in any case substitute itself for these obligations.

Article 2-2:

The associations' shows fulfilling article 1-1 of the present rules will be included in the show list published by the LOOF if their dates are declared with the proper document provided by the LOOF at least 6 weeks before the event takes place.

On receipt of that declaration, the LOOF will acknowledge its receipt and, after validation, will allocate a licence number for reference.

Article 2-3:

At least six weeks prior to the cat show, the organizing association must send the show flyer to LOOF, mentioning mandatorily the foreseen judges.

Article 2-4:

The show full catalogue (according to article 9.6) should arrive at the LOOF offices Monday noon before the date of the show at the latest, together with the cat count for each day of show.

Article 2-5:

Show results, i.e., the list of all cats that have been judged, together with the results, as well as the name of the judge, whether there is or not delivering of an Aptitude Certificate, should get to the LOOF 10 days after the show at the latest. This document must include for each cat its pedigree number or the pedigree registration file number, including those given on the morning of the show.

The catalogue should come with an "end-of-show report" signed by the show manager certifying the number of cats judged per day and per judge.

The Aptitude Certificates obtained during the show will only be recognized by the LOOF after checking the conformity to the Show Rules, the show catalogue and complete judgments results. The LOOF may carry on unexpected controls during cat shows.

The list of the shows validated by the LOOF will be published within 15 days after the show.

ARTICLE 3: SHOW CALENDAR

Article 3-1:

According to the LOOF rules, associations which are members of the federation commit themselves to harmonize the dates and locations of their shows.

LOOF will take into account the places where cat shows have been organized on a regular basis for several years when validating new requests.



ARTICLE 4: THE JUDGES

The organizers commit themselves to take on LOOF judges or LOOF approved judges only. Unless a specific exemption is granted, they must abide to a minimum proportion of **50%** licensed LOOF judges **per show, with a minimum annual proportion of 75 % per club**. It is their responsibility to check that the judges they chose are qualified for the breeds and categories of the cats that are presented to them. There shall be at least 3 judges on every judging day for shows held in metropolitan France and 2 judges for shows held in overseas territories.

The referee should preferably be one of the LOOF licensed judges.

The relationship between the club in charge of the organization and the judges should be in conformity with the judges' rules and especially its article I-C.

The organizer must transmit to the feline judges, a few days before the show, the list of breeds they will judge.

The organizers commit themselves to indemnify judges and reimburse their expenses before starting the Best in Show presentation. The judges commit themselves not to leave the show before it is closed.

ARTICLE 5: THE STANDARDS

The standards used by the judges in LOOF approved cat show must be the ones that the LOOF has established. It is the organizers' responsibility to have the LOOF feline standards official book at the judges' disposal.

TITLE 2 – TAKING PART IN A CAT SHOW

ARTICLE 6: PARTICIPATION CONDITIONS

Article 6.1: Registration

Show registration deadline is up to the organizer, as long as he complies with the requirements of article 2-4.

Any payment default at a cat show may result in forbidding the concerned party to participate in any LOOF cat shows until all dues are paid.

Article 6-2: Registration flyer

Registration is done on a show flyer which must at least include the following items:

- LOOF logo
- Organizing club name and references
- Show date and location
- Registration deadline
- Registration fees



- Exhibitor's name
- Exhibitor's address
- Exhibitor's status (non-breeder, breeder and if so, Siret Nr and Capacity Certificate Nr)
- Cat's name
- Breed, date of birth, sex
- Coat colour
- Breeder's name and country
- Pedigree Nr or LOOF pedigree registration file Nr
- Cat's ID Nr (tattoo or microchip)
- Titles obtained (include title or copy of the title request)
- Parents' names
- Category in which the cat is competing.

Other mentions may be added by the organizer.

TITLE 3 – CAT SHOW COURSE

ARTICLE 7: CATS TAKING PART IN SHOW

Article 7-1:

Only purebred cats or household pet cats may be shown or presented.

Purebred cats are:

- Cats owning a LOOF pedigree if they were born in France and/or from French breeders ~~after January 6th, 1999.~~
- ~~Cats owning a pedigree recognized by the LOOF if they were born in France and/or from French breeders before January 6th, 1999.~~
- Cats born abroad from foreign breeders and owning a pedigree recognized by the LOOF.

Household pets should be over 4 months old and all those above 10 months old must be neutered (veterinary certificate required for the females); those cats compete in the household pet category.

Article 7-2:

Kittens under 3 months cannot be shown.

Article 7-3:

Showing wild animals is strictly forbidden in shows or presentations.

Article 7-4:

All cats shown under a breed name must justify their quality. The exhibitor should have copies of all documents relative to their registration and, in particular, pedigrees or proofs of pedigrees registration. The exhibitor should also have written proof concerning his status.

The pedigree file registration Nr may be given to the organizer of the show until the very morning of the event if the corresponding document is provided.



Article 7-5:

The possible sale of cats during cat shows is under the exclusive responsibility of the organizer and exhibitor (and/or owner) who check the legal arrangements on the matter. In any case, publicity should be in conformity with the legal arrangements and especially concerning identification of the seller and the sale price. If those mentions are missing, no mention of kitten availability (born or planned, present on the show or not) can be displayed.

ARTICLE 8: VETERINARY CHECK

Article 8-1:

Veterinary check must take place at the entrance of the show hall and prior to the judgments.

Article 8-2:

All cats present in show must satisfy the legal requirements concerning health and identification (tattoo or microchip and vaccination).

Article 8-3:

All cats must satisfy vet check.

An exhibitor arriving after vet check is closed will have to have the vet check done, at his own expense, by a local veterinary.

Article 8-4:

Sick, parasites (fleas, fungus...) infested cats, as well as pregnant or nursing females, cannot take part in shows or presentations. Declawed cats are also forbidden. Cat claws should be clipped on the front and back feet.

Article 8-5:

The veterinary's verdict is immediately applicable and can in no way be disputed by the breeder or the organizer.

ARTICLE 9: CAT SHOW COURSE

Article 9-1:

Concerning judgment, the organizer should strictly conform to the LOOF « Judges Rules » and to the "LOOF Standards Guide".

Article 9-2:

The organizer should make sure that the legal prescriptions are respected concerning the staff's members who are to own a Capacity Certificate.

Article 9-3:

The organizer should make sure that cleaning and disinfection of the material used during the show are done. Particularly, he should use an authorized disinfectant adapted to living beings. A few metal cages with full separations must be available for each judge in his judging area.



Article 9-4:

Judgments must begin with colour determinations, which must be done by two judges (two signatures).

Article 9-5:

The appreciation sheet given to the judge must be anonymous and include at least the following mentions:

- Organizer, show location and date
- Cat Nr in show
- Judgment class
- Cat's breed
- Coat colour
- Sex
- Date of birth
- Identification Nr
- Judge's last name and first name in clear

Together with those sheets given to the judge, a summary table where all cats are gathered by breed, coat colour, judgment class (by decreasing order) and sex must be provided.

Any change in the content of the appreciation sheet must be validated by the show secretariat. All these sheets, once filled up by the judge, must be scanned and the corresponding file sent to LOOF within 10 days after the show.

When a judge oversees a practical exam, a copy of her own appreciation sheets for the cats concerned will be given back to her in order to ease comparison with the trainee's evaluations.

The original appreciation sheet, supplemented by the name of the cat and the name of the exhibitor, must be delivered to the latter at the end of the show.

Article 9-6: Show Catalogue

The catalogue must include the following rubrics:

- LOOF logo
- Name and references of the association in charge of the organization
- Show location and date
- Exhibitor's name
- Nr of cat shown
- Cat's name
- Breed, date of birth, sex (must be those mentioned on pedigree)
- Coat and eye colour (according to LOOF « Cats coat and eye colours list »)
- Breeder's name and country
- Pedigree Nr or LOOF registration file Nr
- Cat's identification Nr (tattoo or microchip)
- Parents' names
- Category in which the cat competes, mentioning the day(s) of judgment
- Judges' names
- Organization of awarding of the different Bests and Specials.

Other mentions may be added by the organizer.



Article 9-7 : Breeding Cats' Qualification Scheme (SQR from « Système de Qualification des Reproducteurs »)

When breed compliance examinations are organized, they should be carried out by a different judge from the one who has judged the cat during the show.

The full list of cats (name of the owner, name of the cat, judge) must be sent to the SQR department of LOOF within 10 days after the show.

TITLE 4 – TITLES and AWARDS

ARTICLE 10: CAT TITLES

Article 10-1:

Standards conformity competition allows to deliver Championship Aptitude Certificates (commonly called « Titles ») allowing to obtain Championship Titles:

- for entire cats (non-neutered males or females), Titles by increasing order:
 - Champion
 - International Champion
 - Grand International Champion
 - European Champion
 - Grand European Champion
- for neutered cats (also called « neutered »), Titles by increasing order:
 - Premior
 - International Premior
 - Grand International Premior
 - European Premior
 - Grand European Premior

In each category, a certain number of Aptitude Certificates is required to obtain the Championship Title.

Article 10-2:

Adult cats compete according to breed, colour, sex, judgment class:

Associations which are willing to may organize the Aptitude Certificates delivery by colour group. Note: only one Aptitude Certificate can be delivered per day and per cat.

All particular cats take part in the same class whatever the pattern, whether it is mentioned on the subscription or on the pedigree.

With the exceptions of the following breeds, for which distinction between pattern shall be done:

Persian – Exotic Shorthair (bicolor, harlequin, van).

Ragdoll (mited, bicolor, van).

Snowshoe (mited, bicolor).

Turkish Van (only van).



The LOOF will only recognize one Aptitude Certificate per day and per cat, in LOOF cat shows organized in France as well as in cat shows abroad.

Article 10-3:

Each cat is judged individually by comparing it to its breed standard.

Article 10-4: The judge draws up a report mentioning the animal's qualities and faults and a qualifying term:

- Excellent (with or without title)
- Very good
- Good
- Disqualified

If an aptitude certificate is not awarded to a cat, the cat can in no way be presented to another judge for a new evaluation on the same day, since no judgment is to be appealed.

Article 10-5:

The term « **EXCELLENT** » is given to a cat getting very close to the breed's standard, shown in perfect physical condition and displaying a harmonious and well-balanced whole. His qualities should outweigh his small imperfections.

The term « **VERY GOOD** » is given to a cat displaying the breed's characteristics but showing faults, provided that they are not redhibitory.

The term « **GOOD** » is given to a cat without enough type, without noticeable qualities or in bad condition.

The term « **DISQUALIFIED** » is given to a cat displaying a redhibitory fault (see « Show penalties and withholdings » list).

Article 10-6:

In the case where several cats compete in the same class, they shall be attributed to the same judge. If some obtain the same qualifying term, it should be followed by a ranking:

Example: Excellent 1, Excellent 2, Excellent 3,...

If a cat is alone in its class and is of sufficient quality, it will obtain the Excellent 1 term.

Article 10-7:

Only one Aptitude Certificate is delivered for the cats competing in the same judgment class and can only be given to a cat that has obtained « Excellent 1 with title » term.

Article 10-8:

A judge may not deliver an Aptitude Certificate in a judgment class if no cat is of sufficient quality.

A cat with an Excellent qualifying term but whose merit is not high enough to obtain the right certificate will be noted "Excellent without title".

Article 10-9:



Aptitude Certificates delivered by a LOOF approved judge to a purebred cat owning a LOOF pedigree or a pedigree recognized by the LOOF may be used to obtain a LOOF Title Certificate.

However, Aptitude Certificates delivered during a show organized by an Association that is not recognized by the LOOF or not in conformity with the LOOF Rules, will not be recognized by the LOOF.

Article 10-10:

No Aptitude Certificate delivered by a LOOF non approved judge will be validated by the LOOF.

Article 10-11:

All Titles Certificates must be controlled and validated by the LOOF.

The Title Certificate must display the following mentions:

- cat name
- date of birth
- pedigree number
- identification number
- breed
- sex
- coat colour

as well as, for each Aptitude Certificate obtained:

- date of judgment
- city and country
- organizing club
- judge's last name and first name.

All cats concerned will have to be LOOF registered beforehand.

The only Aptitude Certificates recognized are those that have been registered, published and validated by a feline association recognized by the LOOF or by the LOOF itself. Producing title Aptitude Certificates does not have title's value.

Article 10-12: Conditions to obtain titles

For each title, at least one Aptitude Certificate should be obtained in France.

Champion or Premior Title

Three CAC or CAP in France or abroad with two different judges.

Cats in CAC or CAP should be at least 10 months old on day of judgment.

93 points on a scale of 100 are necessary to obtain a CAC or a CAP.

International Champion or International Premior Title

Three CACIB or CAPIB, with at least one abroad with three different judges.

95 points on a scale of 100 are necessary to obtain a CACIB or a CAPIB.

Grand International Champion or Grand International Premior Title

Four CAGCI or CAGPI with at least one abroad, with three different judges.

96 points on a scale of 100 are necessary to obtain a CAGCI or a CAGPI.

European Champion or European Premior Title

Five CACE or CAPE with at least 2 abroad with four different judges.

97 points on a scale of 100 are necessary to obtain a CACE or a CAPE.



Grand European Champion or Grand European Premior Title
Five CAGCE or CAGPE with at least three abroad (in two different foreign countries), with 5 different judges.
98 points on a scale of 100 are necessary to obtain a CAGCE or a CAGPE.

Article 10-13:

Double signatures are authorized if they are issued by judges taking part in judgments in the shows where the certificates have been obtained and if they are qualified to judge the cat that is presented. The judge can only double sign after having seen the cat at the end of the judgments and must write his/her name in full.

Article 10-14:

A cat may only compete in a judgment class if one can provide a Title Certificate of the preceding category or justify of the number and quality of Aptitude Certificates allowing to get the preceding title.

Cats may compete as many times as needed in a judgment class but will only obtain their title if they have obtained enough certificates for this title, according to the conditions listed in article 10-12.

Article 10-15:

A cat, as soon as it is neutered, should compete (whatever the title obtained as entire cat) in neutered cats category and this, starting from Premior title.

Two judges are required to validate a colour change (counter-signature possible). The cat continues its championship course without being downgraded, limited to only one colour change.

Article 10-16:

A Grand European Champion (even if the title has not been ordered but if the LOOF has registered the required number of certificates to obtain the title) can no longer compete for the titles certificates (except in "neutered" classes).

The Grand European Champion competes in Honour Class, that category allowing him to get to Best in Show competition in its hair length category, if it has been nominated by the judge.

It is the same for Grand European Premiors, Supreme Champions and Supreme Premiors.

Article 10-17:

Kittens are classified according to two age categories: 3 to 6 months and 6 to 10 months. They are judged by breed, colour and sex. Neutered kittens compete in those categories. They can get the following qualifiers:

- Excellent
- Very Good
- Good
- Disqualified

Article 10-18:



If several kittens compete in the same class and obtain the same qualifying term, it has to be followed by a ranking (*example: Excellent 1, Excellent 2, Excellent 3, ...*)

If a kitten is alone in its class and is of sufficient quality, it will obtain the "Excellent 1" term.

Article 10-19:

« **New Breeds and New Colours** » (NB/NC) aims to introduce a new cat breed or a new variety and to present it to the judges' appreciation. Cats in « New breeds and New Colours » (NB/NC) cannot compete for Aptitude Certificates, but obtain qualifying terms:

- Excellent
- Very Good
- Good
- Disqualified

If several cats in NB/NC are registered in the same class, the term obtained will be followed by a ranking. If a cat in NB/NC is alone in its class and is of sufficient quality, it will obtain the "Excellent 1" term.

Article 10-20:

The « **Breeding Auxiliary** » category is meant for cats that cannot take part in championship but may be of interest for breeding purposes. Cats registered as « Breeding Auxiliaries » may be shown in Breeding Special shows and may be examined by judges but cannot get championship certificates or Bests.

Article 10-21 :

The **Appearance based Registration Book (RIA)** category is intended for cats over 10 months that have the appearance of a given breed recognized by LOOF, for a possible registration on the RIA book.

Its registration at show may only be done after a specific agreement from LOOF that sets the day of show and the names of the 2 judges who will do the breed recognition examination. The owner will give the judges the specific examination form provided by LOOF.

At that stage, the cat is not yet recognized as a « Purebred Cat » and thus, will not be able to compete but may only be examined.

If the cat is present at show during 2 days, it will have to be registered as « non-competing » on the day it is not examined for RIA.

Article 10-22 :

The **Household pet Cat category (CM, for « Chat de Maison »)** is intended for non-pedigreed cats whose parents are unknown.

What's most important for a Household pet cat are its general condition and its good temper. The general requirements for condition and presentation in cat shows also apply to the Household pet cat. It should be clean, well-fed without being obese, friendly and healthy, easy to handle, free of parasites...



The Household pet cat's coat may be of any colour or length. All eye colours are accepted. The tail may be long, short, kinked or absent.

Breed resemblance: Household pet cats resembling purebred cats shall be judged with the same criteria as other Household pet cats and shall not be penalized or awarded for that resemblance.

Household pet cats are classified by the judge from the 1st to the nth, inside its categories, without delivering qualifying term.

ARTICLE 11: THE NATIONAL COURSE

Article 11-1:

Created as of January 1st, 2007, at the same time as the titles scale corresponding to the actual rules, a national course allows a breeder living inside the territory, far from the borders, to progress in the title course in France and to be able to join the international course when he can, at any phase of the titles scale.

Article 11-2:

The cats compete according to the same conditions as mentioned in articles 10-2 to 10-13 of the present Show Rules.

Article 11-3:

The judge does not take the chosen course into account, he judges the cat in the class mentioned.

Article 11-4:

The exhibitor keeps on with his cat's career without stopping it along the Aptitude Certificates that he obtains, as he would have to do if he did not go abroad from the third CACIB (or CAPIB), according to article 10-14.

Article 11-5:

When he will be able to show abroad, the Aptitude Certificates he will obtain as CACIB, CAGCI, CACE and CAGCE will allow him - with a simple substitution with the missing certificates - to become International Champion, Grand International Champion, European Champion and Grand European Champion.

Article 11-6:

The table below shows the equivalences between the 2 courses, International and National:



Number of Certificates	International Course	National Course
3 CAC (93 points)	Champion	Champion
3 CACIB (95 points)	International Champion	Double Champion
4 CAGCI (96 points)	Grand International Champion	Triple Champion
5 CACE (97 points)	European Champion	Quadruple Champion
5 CAGCE (98 points)	Grand European Champion	Supreme Champion

« Premior » denomination replaces « Champion » in national course for neutered cats.

~~Article 11-7:~~

~~Aptitude Certificates obtained before 2007 may be used for national course, but the last Aptitude Certificate should have been obtained in 2007.~~

ARTICLE 12: CAT SHOWS AWARDS.

Article 12-1: Beauty Contest

Organization of the « Bests » is left to the appreciation of the organizers. The latter should give every judge a note explaining their attribution mode.

Article 12-2:

It is the same for the Specials.

Article 12-3:

The associations may reward household cats according to the categories (sex, age, hair length...) they are free to arrange.