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SECTION ONE INTRODUCTION

A. Definitions

1. **Registered Breeder** in these By-Laws refers to a breeder registered with FCCQ.
2. **Registered Owner** in these By-Laws refers to owner of a cat/kitten recorded in the FCCQ registry.
3. **Kitten** – 12 weeks of age and under nine months on the day of the show.
4. **Cat** - Entire exhibit nine calendar months and over on the day of the show.
5. **Neuter** - Male cat or kitten that has been altered (i.e. desexed or castrated).
6. **Spay** - Female cat or kitten that has been altered (desexed).

B. General By-Laws Relating to Members

1. Club Rules

The provisions of the Rules of the Association shall so far as applicably form part of every club's rules in the same manner, and to the same extent, as if they were duly adopted by the members of each club.

2. Affiliate Membership

Every applicant Club shall acknowledge in writing that it, and all members of the said club, agree to be bound by the provisions of the Rules of the Association, By-Laws, Code of Ethics and every decision of the Council, Management Committee or Officers of the Association. made pursuant to and under the Rules of the Association, & By-Laws.

Any applicant or Affiliate club shall furnish a list of its current financial members within 14 days of a request for such a list by the Management Committee.

Membership fees from Affiliates shall fall due at the beginning of each financial year [i.e. 1st January]. Payments must be in the hands of the Treasurer by the 1st February each year to be eligible to vote.

The Council shall provide show dates to affiliated clubs for their use from time to time. At all times, the Show dates remain allocated to, and in the control of, the FCCQ. No member shall retain the use of a Show Date without Management Committee approval. A list of FCCQ Show Dates will be listed on the FCCQ Website at www.fccqinc.org.au.

3. Ordinary Membership

Annual renewal forms will be sent to ordinary members. Payments must be in the hands of the Treasurer by the 1st February each year to be eligible to vote.

Providing there is no other conflict, FCCQ requires a registered Breeder to register exclusively with FCCQ.

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SECTION TWO

OFFICE BEARERS, DELEGATES, JUDGES, AND OTHER OFFICERS

1. Functions of Office Bearers

Decisions may be made between meetings by the Office Bearers. At the next Management Committee Meeting the President shall table all decisions since the last Council meeting.

The Office Bearers shall deal with matters referred to it by the Council. In dealing with such referred matters the Office Bearers shall act, where possible, in accordance with Council policy. In an emergency Office Bearers may deal with any matters affecting the good of the Council where necessary. The Office Bearers resolutions on these matters are effective immediately they are made; however, such resolutions may be revised by Council. FCCQ will indemnify the Office Bearers to the full extent of any liability incurred by them as a result of any such decision provided that the said decision was made in good faith and in accordance with FCCQ policy and the Rules & By-Laws of the Association.

Adhere to the Rules of Association, by-laws, social media policy, codes of ethics.

2. Duties of Office Bearers

a. The **President** shall:

- be official head of Council.
- shall sign documents as required.
- delegate sections of the nominated duties to various assistants as appointed by Council from time to time.
- The outgoing president shall present to the Annual General Meeting a written report on the activities of the Association during the period of his/her term of office.

b. The **Vice-President** shall:

- Assist the President in carrying out his/her duties and shall be the usual deputy for the President and shall have such other duties as the Council may prescribe from time to time.

c. The **Secretary** shall:

- Make all arrangements for all Council meetings.
- Prepare the agenda for Council meetings.
- Keep a file of minutes.
- Keep an index of motions relating to By-Laws.
- Keep a file of all correspondence received and forwarded.
- Be responsible for the minutes of all meetings.
- Attend to all correspondence.

d. The **Treasurer** shall:

- Be responsible to Council for all the financial affairs of the Association.
- Present a financial statement to each Council meeting.
- Present an annual financial report annually to the Annual General Meeting.
- Be responsible for the books of account of the Association.
- Make account records available for inspection by Management Committee members on request.

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3. Duties of Delegates

a. The delegates shall

- remain a financial Member.
- act in a responsible manner at meetings of the Council.
- present to Council such matters as directed by their Club.
- represent Council and FCCQ professionally and in an appropriate manner.
- adhere to the Rules of Association, by-laws, social media policy, codes of ethics.

4. Appointments

a. Duties of Registrar

A Registrar shall be appointed by the Council.

The duties of the Registrar shall be to:

- keep a register of pedigreed cats and kittens.
- keep a register of non-pedigreed, altered (desexed) cats (which would include Companion cats being shown from time to time and any cats used in any approved Breeding Programs)
- present a report of registrations to Council
- present an annual report of registrations to the Annual General Meeting.

b. Auditor

The Council shall appoint an auditor or auditors to audit the financial records of the Association and prepare an audit report.

5. Judges

The Council shall appoint an association of qualified Judges.

- a. The Judges Association shall be subject to the Rules of Association, by-laws, social media policy, codes of ethics.
- b. The Judges Association may be represented on Council by a representative with voting rights.
- c. Judges must be an active and financial member of FCCQ Inc.
- d. Judges should have at least one judging appointment at an ACF Inc. affiliated show each year.
- e. Judges must remain active in the Cat fancy and maintain their knowledge of the ACF breed standards.
- f. Judges must be a financial member of the Australian Cat Federation Inc. Judges Guild.
- g. Judges must email the Secretary of FCCQ a copy of all judging contracts.
- h. Judges should not accept appointments in the same area for the same breed section within a four-week period. The judge will abide by any limitations requested by the club whose invitation was issued first.

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SECTION THREE JUDGES TRAINING

1. Applicants for judges training shall apply in writing to the Secretary, the acceptance of candidates shall be at the discretion of Council.
2. It shall be the responsibility of the tutor judges appointed by council to supervise the training of judges, to set examination papers in accordance with ACF Judges Training Scheme, and to recommend to Council the appointment of qualified judges.
3. **Training and Qualifications**
 - a. Judges Training and Requirements are set out in ACF Judges Training Scheme <http://www.acf.asn.au/index.php?page=training>
 - b. FCCQ Inc. Clubs should make their shows available to any Trainee Judges. Tutor Judges will liaise with Show Managers.
4. **After Qualifying as an Open Judge**
 - a. Judges who have met the criteria for becoming a senior judge in accordance with the ACF Judges Training Scheme must submit the completed application for inclusion on the ACF Inc. National Panel of Judges plus any supporting documentation to the FCCQ Secretary.
 - b. When submitting the names of judges for inclusion on the ACF (Inc.) National Panel of Judges the FCCQ Secretary shall forward the completed application to the ACF Secretary

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SECTION 4 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1. Procedure

The procedure at an ordinary meeting of the Council shall be as follows:

- a. Delegate's present: The Secretary shall prepare a list of delegates and their relevant Clubs and record apologies.
- b. Minutes: To confirm the minutes, they may be taken as read on a motion. (There should be no need to read aloud the previous minutes). Any enquiries, errors and omissions, business arising, etc should have been reported to the Secretary in time to have been included on the Agenda for the next meeting. Once the minutes are confirmed, business arising from the minutes shall be dealt with.
- c. Correspondence In: The inward correspondence as listed in the Agenda shall be read or summarised as appropriate. It should be moved that this correspondence shall be received.
- d. Correspondence Out: The outward correspondence shall be listed in the Agenda and where necessary referred to, but not read in detail unless called for. It should be moved that the outward correspondence shall be endorsed.
- e. Treasurer's report: The Treasurer's report shall be read, and a motion made to accept it.
- f. Registrar's Report: The Registrar's report shall be read, and a motion made to accept it.
- g. Membership Report: The Membership report shall be read, and a motion made to accept it.
- h. Other Reports: Where applicable, other reports shall be read and noted or discussed.
- i. General Business: Matters may be put forward by delegates of affiliate Member Clubs or Ordinary Members.
- j. General discussion.

2. General Notes

- a. Agenda.
- b. All Club business should be in writing or e-mailed to the Secretary seven [7] days before the meeting to allow an agenda to be prepared, otherwise matters may stand over till the next meeting.
- c. Address for Correspondence
- d. All correspondence to Council, including schedules for approval and judging appointments for approval must be sent to the Secretary. This may be done either by e-mail or to the official postal address.
- e. Records available for perusal:
- f. Members of FCCQ may be invited to attend general meetings with prior approval in writing of the management committee but may not speak unless invited to do so.

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SECTION 5 DISCIPLINE

1. Disciplinary Procedures and Matters

The Council shall have the right to exercise disciplinary powers over affiliate clubs, their members, Ordinary Members, registered breeders, and owners in accordance with the Rules of the Association and By-Laws.

2. Membership of Disciplinary Committee

There shall be a Disciplinary Committee consisting of the Office Bearers and any or all of the remaining committee members that make up the Management Committee; provided that no person shall sit on the Disciplinary Committee where he/she is the complainant or the defendant on a disciplinary proceeding.

3. Powers of the Committee

The Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to enquire into, and deal with, any complaint which may be made against any person or Club bound by the Rules and By-Laws of the Association in respect of any matters presented to it.

4. Examples of Behaviour Considered Actionable

Any breach of the provisions of the Rules, By-Laws of the Association, Code of Ethics for Breeders & Exhibitors, Social Media policy, breeding practices, show rules or breach of any decision made pursuant to and under the Rules and By-Laws of the Association, by any person or Club.

Any conduct likely to prejudice the reputation, or orderly conduct, of a Club, or of the Council. Specifically, this includes any Member or Delegate who engages in malicious or disruptive behaviour or refuses to follow acknowledged FCCQ Inc. rules and procedures, and decisions. He/she shall be liable to disciplinary action.

Any inappropriate discussion about the progress of Judge's training.

5. Penalties

If any complaint made under subsection 3 of this section is proved to the satisfaction of the Disciplinary Committee, the Committee shall have the power to impose any one or more of the following penalties:

- a. to suspend the person/persons/Club from taking part in any shows held under the auspices of the Association for such period as decided on by the Disciplinary Committee.
- b. to reprimand the person/persons/Club concerned.
- c. to suspend all services
- d. to remove him/her from any position within the FCCQ Inc.
- e. to take any other action deemed necessary, including expulsion.

6. Lodgement of Complaints

Any member of a Club, any delegate to Council, any Affiliate Member, any ordinary member, or any officer of the Council may lodge a complaint. The charge must be in writing accompanied by a fee of \$50.00 addressed to the FCCQ Secretary and shall specify:

- a. the alleged breach of discipline, including supporting material
- b. the time, place, and manner of the alleged breach of discipline
- c. the name of the complainant.

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7. Filing of Complaints

Charges shall be filed with the Secretary of Council and shall be heard at the next Management Committee Meeting, wherever possible no more than 30 days after filing.

8. Notice/s to Defendant

In the first instance a letter shall be sent to the Defendant outlining the nature of the complaint and asking for further information including an explanation of his/her perspective of events. This letter should also explain the procedure being followed.

If no response is received in the designated timeframe, the Disciplinary Committee is to discuss the matter and decide on a course of action. A course of action is to be recommended to the Management Committee for action.

Where a Disciplinary Hearing is deemed necessary, the Secretary shall give notice to the Defendant, not less than 10 days before, of the date, time, and place of the Hearing.

9. Representation

The defendant shall be entitled to be represented before the Disciplinary Committee by any person who is a member of an affiliated club or a delegate to Council.

10. Hearing.

The Disciplinary Committee may, at its discretion, reserve the right to adjourn the hearing of any charge to another date.

Subject to these By-Laws, the Disciplinary Committee shall, in the presence of the defendant, hear such evidence as the complainant and the defendant shall advance. It shall permit such cross examination as it deems necessary to establish the facts.

If, without reasonable explanation to the Disciplinary Committee, the defendant does not appear at the time and place appointed for the hearing against him/her, the charge shall be heard in his/her absence.

11. Right of Appeal

Any person found guilty, under sub-section 5 of this section of the By-Laws, may appeal to the first Council meeting following the delivery of the decision of the Disciplinary Committee.

The appeal may be against the finding itself or against the severity of the penalty. The appeal must be in writing stating the grounds of the appeal and filed with the Secretary seven days before the next Council meeting.

If the Council is satisfied that the finding or penalty was unreasonable, the Council shall refer the matter to an independent Arbitrator appointed by the Council for the purpose of hearing such an appeal.

The person found guilty and the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee shall then put their arguments and cases before the Arbitrator whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

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SECTION SIX REGISTRATIONS

Applications for FCCQ Inc registration will only be accepted according to the following conditions: -

1. Full Register

- a. The Breeder must have complied with any Breed Rules specific to the Breed refer to ACF By-Laws Part Two, Breeding & Registration Rules http://www.acf.asn.au/notices/notices/bylaw/ACF_Bylaws_Part_2-Breeding%20Registration%20Rules_2020_Final_9March2020.pdf.
- b. Only cats with proven pedigrees in accordance with the ACF Inc rules will be accepted on full register.

2. Breed Development Programme.

- a. This register is for new breeds or where a breeder wishes to increase the genepool of a Breed that already has full registration status.
- b. Before breeders can undertake a Breed Development Programme, they must make application to council on the application form, which is available from the Secretary. Any breed development programme must comply with ACF By-Laws Part Two, Breeding & Registration Rules http://www.acf.asn.au/notices/notices/bylaw/ACF_Bylaws_Part_2-Breeding%20Registration%20Rules_2020_Final_9March2020.pdf
- c. Only kittens bred by approved breeders can be registered. If a person purchases a kitten from an approved breeder, the kitten can be registered in the name of the new owner, but the new owner must apply to the Council for permission to carry out a Breed Development Programme.

3. Re-registration of Cats or Kittens.

- a. With No Change of Ownership.
 - i. A cat/kitten can only be re-registered if it is already registered in the owner's name with another council. An application for registration completed in full, along with the original pedigree must be sent to the registrar.
 - ii. The fee for transferring a full cattery shall be determined by the Registrar and the Management Committee
- b. With Change of ownership.
 - i. When a cat/kitten changes ownership, this change must be registered by the original owner with the original registering body, before the animal can be re-registered with another council.

4. Registration of Breeders & Prefixes

Breeders are required to pay an annual membership renewal. For continued registration as a Breeder and for Prefix maintenance, the completed renewal form together with the applicable fee should be sent to the address noted on the renewal form by the due date.

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5. Litter Registration

- a. Litters may only be registered with FCCQ by breeders holding current financial FCCQ Breeder registration.
- b. All breeding cats owned by a member must be registered with FCCQ before a litter can be registered.
- c. If the sire is not registered with the FCCQ then a copy of his pedigree must be supplied.
- d. Before a litter can be registered the litter registration form must be completed in full.
- e. All the living progeny in the litter must be registered at the one time on the one Litter Registration form. Kittens may be registered in the breeder's name or the name of the new owner.
- f. No cat's name should exceed 25 letters, including the breeder's prefix. Breeders please note the full name must be included in the application for registration.
- g. When selling a kitten/cat that has already been registered in the breeder's name, the transfer section of the Registration Certificate should be completed by the breeder and should be forwarded immediately to the Registrar. The new Registration Certificate, in the name of the new owner, must be given to the purchaser.
- h. All Kittens are to be recorded into the registry based on Genotype.
- i. It is the breeder's responsibility to ensure that Litter Registration forms (and any required accompanying documents) are received by the Registrar within nine months of the date of birth.
- j. All kittens of every litter will be registered as "Pet Only — not to be bred from" unless the breeder has indicated otherwise to the Registrar and provided details including the New Owner's/Breeder's name, contact details, Prefix, and such other proof that they are suitably registered to own and breed from pedigreed cats.
- k. All kittens must be microchipped, and the microchip number must be recorded on the litter registration form.

6. Cattery Prefix.

- a. This form must be used when applying for registration of a prefix. The form is available from the FCCQ website.
- b. The following Rules apply:
 - (i) No breeder may apply for a prefix without being registered with FCCQ.
 - (ii) Every breeder is required to register a cattery prefix, that may also be used as an affix should they choose.
 - (iii) No breeder may use the prefix or affix of another breeder, either for their prefix or affix or in the registered name of the cat.
 - (iv) Four names, in order of preference, are to be submitted on the prefix application form.
 - (v) Prefix applications will be submitted to the ACF Prefix Registrar for approval by the Central Registry.
 - (vi) Prefixes shall consist of one word and shall not include hyphens, dashes, apostrophes or use names of towns, places, countries, notable persons, or common names that are misleading to sex origin or relationship

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- (vii) Applicants will be notified as soon as the prefix has been accepted or declined.
- (viii) The registered name of a cat or kitten may only be changed if the sex has been incorrectly advised to the Registrar. In that event, the name can only be changed to the nearest possible alternative to the previously registered name.

7. Certified Pedigrees

All Kittens/cats sold will be supplied with a certified pedigree/registration.

8. Fees

Fees for services are available on the forms page of the FCCQ website. If using forms that have been on hand for some time, please check that the fee and all other details are still current.

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SECTION SEVEN BREEDING AND STANDARDS.

1. Code of Ethics.

The Feline Control Council of Queensland Inc. has adopted a “Code of Ethics for Breeders”. All registered breeders and owners are provided with a copy and the Council requires all registered breeders and owners to observe this Code and to be in possession of a copy of the Code.

2. Standards and Breed Classification.

- a. The Feline Control Council of Queensland Inc. will use the breed standards of the Australian Cat Federation Inc. (ACF) as listed at <http://www.acf.asn.au/index.php?page=standards> .
- b. Where a new breed/colour is being developed by a breeder of the Feline Control Council of Queensland Inc, a preliminary breed standard shall be supplied.

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SECTION EIGHT GUIDELINES FOR THE RUNNING OF SHOWS

From the designated show dates Council will allocate to each club one show date. Any remaining FCCQ dates in the Combined Show Calendar period will be used/not used at Council's discretion

1. Schedule

- a. The schedule must prominently display "Affiliated with FCCQ Inc".
- b. The following details should appear in the first section of the schedule: -
 - I. Date of show
 - II. Name of club
 - III. Type of show
 - IV. Venue and address of show
 - V. The time at which judging commences
 - VI. The Show Rules must be included on the schedule.
 - VII. The Exhibitors declaration: "I hereby declare that the particulars herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I enter my exhibit/s at my own risk. I declare that I am the current bonafide Owner/Lessee of my exhibit/s and none of my exhibit/s has/have been in contact with any contagious or infectious disease within 60 days prior to the show. I agree to abide by the FCCQ Rules, Social Media Policy and Code of Ethics for Exhibitors under which this Show is conducted. I also agree to abide by any decision which may be made by the vetting process regarding the health and/or show condition of my exhibit/s on the day and understand all fees are non-refundable. This declaration applies to all exhibits, whether entered in the show or on exhibition only." Must be included.
 - VIII. Officiating Judges
 - IX. The statement "The show manager reserves the right to alter judging assignments".
 - X. Show manager's name, email address, and telephone number.
 - XI. The Show Secretary's name, email address and telephone number
 - XII. Closing date for entries
 - XIII. All entries must include a copy of the exhibit's pedigree/registration.
 - XIV. All entry fees must accompany entries.
 - XV. Full details of all fees, including the cost of catalogues, etc.
 - XVI. The instruction "Exhibits are to remain caged until all judging and challenges are completed.
 - XVII. The statement "Entry to the show venue may be refused at the discretion of the show committee".
- c. The Clubs are required to forward a draft of the schedule, including the proposed Judges and their respective judging assignments to the Management Committee for approval.
- d. On approval, the schedule will be emailed to the Webmaster.

2. Insurance.

The Council public liability insurance policy covers shows held by FCCQ Inc. and its affiliated Clubs. In the event of an accident involving a claim, the Council must be advised immediately so that the insurance office can be notified, and a claim lodged by the Association. The premium for this policy is paid by the Association.

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3. Allocation of Challenges

Challenge Classes for Longhair and Shorthair Groups

a. Open

All cats over 9 months of age compete together for one (1) challenge in the Open Class for each breed, colour, male, female, neuter or spay up to Gold Double Grand Champion

Points are awarded based on ten [10] points for the challenge plus one [1] point for each cat judged in the class, e.g. one cat in the class is eleven points, three cats in the class is thirteen points. The maximum number of points that can be awarded to a cat at anyone judging is twenty [20]. A cat winning “Best in Show” is automatically given the maximum twenty points. Excess points may be carried between changes of status.

b. Gold DGC

This class is for cats who are Gold DGC with any council. Gold DGC are awarded challenges without points and need 10 challenges from FCCQ shows to become a Platinum DGC with FCCQ. Gold DGC are eligible for Best in Show.

They compete together in each separate Group i.e. Longhair/Shorthair for one (1) Gold challenge as male, female, neuter or spay.

c. Platinum DGC & Above

This class is restricted to cats who have previously achieved Platinum status with FCCQ only. All Exhibits titled above FCCQ Platinum compete in this Class. Challenges are awarded marked Platinum DGC & Above.

Platinum & Above exhibits are eligible for Best in Show. They compete together in each separate Group i.e., Longhair/Shorthair for one (1) Platinum & Above challenge as male, female, neuter or spay.

Note: FCCQ does not accept other councils’ challenges above Gold towards FCCQ titles. All Gold, Platinum, Sapphire, Ruby, Emerald, and Diamond compete with all other exhibits for “Best in Show”.

d. Award of Merit Class for Companion Cats

Companion

These exhibits are not judged to any breed standards, but to the ACF Companion Standard. The cats are entered according to colour and sex.

e. Other Directives

When a cat is altered it retains its existing status. Points carried over at the time of altering can be used towards the next change of status. Similarly, with ACF Inc. Awards of Excellence or other national Awards, the cat retains its status.

Note: Altered kittens/cats compete with entires for overall best of breed.

Altered kittens compete with entires for best in show.

Each Judge on the day will award their Best Exhibit from their Best Kitten/Cat/Alter.

A Supreme Companion exhibit will be awarded.

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4. ACF Awards

- a. The ACF Award Certificate is awarded to the highest placed Male, Female, Neuter and Spay in each Group provided:
 - (i) they are a breed recognised by ACF Inc.
 - (ii) the Judge determines that they warrant an ACF/National award (feasibly a Judge could award a challenge and withhold an ACF certificate).
- b. The ACF Companion Award of Honour is awarded to the highest placed adult Neuter and Spay in show provided:
 - (i) there are a minimum of three (3) adult companions entered
 - (ii) where the cat is the highest placed adult companion neuter and spay in the top three (3) awards.

Judges are not obliged to make these awards if they do not believe an exhibit is of sufficient merit.

5. Judges

- a. Proportion of FCCQ Judges
 - (i) Judges should be included from the FCCQ panel where possible.
 - (ii) Therefore, FCCQ Inc. licensed Judges should make themselves available for at least two FCCQ Inc. shows per year.
- b. Suitability and selection of Judges for shows
 - (i) Clubs should only consider inviting Judges approved and recognised by ACF Inc. (if unsure show managers should contact the Secretary or President first). Each judge must then be officially invited in writing by the Club.
 - (ii) To confirm that a suitably qualified judge is available for the show, it is advisable to secure acceptance of the appointment, by return of a signed contract.
- c. **Changes**

When judges are changed, notice of such change must appear on the noticeboard on show day and in the catalogue where possible.
- d. **Standards**

When a judge from another council is invited to judge he/she should be provided with a copy of the approved Standard for perusal.
- e. **Listing in Catalogue**

A list of judges officiating at a show must appear in the show catalogue.
- f. **Judges' Room**

No unauthorised person shall be permitted in the judges' room or area at a show.
- g. **Judges Exhibiting**

Judges may exhibit in any ring other than the ring in which they are judging. When a judge is exhibiting, his/her entries should be benched by someone appointed by the Club.
- h. **Other Requirements regarding Judging**

Where possible no judge should be expected to judge more than 100 exhibits at any one show.
- i. **Travel and Accommodation Arrangements for Judges**

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The following should be arranged for interstate or overseas judges:

- (i)** air travel in consultation with the judge.
- (ii)** minimum 3-star accommodation and all meals unless the judge chooses private arrangements.
- (iii)** reimbursement of all travel costs, e.g. bus fare, petrol money, airport parking, meals en route, etc.
- j.** A reasonable time before their departure all judges must be supplied with a show schedule and, where applicable, full travel details and particulars of accommodation arrangements.
- k.** Judges should be sent a list of competing breeds with numbers prior to the show.
- l.** Local judges should be reimbursed for travel expenses.

6. Stewards

- a.** Where possible, each judge must be allocated a Steward.
- b.** Stewards and show personnel
 - (i)** must give no indication to the Judge that any exhibits are known to them.
 - (ii)** must avoid excessive chatter when on the floor.
 - (iii)** must not leave their posts without permission of the judge
 - (iv)** must be discreet and not repeat any of the judges' comments
- c.** After each exhibit is judged, the table and the Steward's hands must be sprayed with the disinfectant provided and wiped dry.
- d.** When handling their own cats, Stewards must not show or give any indication to the Judge that the exhibit is theirs. Any breach of this rule may lead to the disqualification of the steward and the exhibit concerned.
- e.** At the conclusion of judging the Challenges and other Certificates, are to be placed upside down on the relevant cages by the stewards.
- f.** Stewards must ensure Best in Show Challenges are amended to 20 points and initialled by the Judge.
- g.** Stewards must distribute the prizes in accordance with the Judge's results. All prizes should be removed before next ring of judging commences.

7. Show Committee

- a.** It is the show committee's responsibility to exclude from the show any exhibits considered not in show condition.
- b.** It is left to the committee's discretion whether to exclude from the show all exhibits belonging to the owner of an animal excluded from the show.

8. Catalogue

- a.** All exhibits must be listed in the catalogue.
- b.** After the show all officiating judges are to be given a marked catalogue.
- c.** At the conclusion of the show a fully marked catalogue should be made available to the Cat of the Year recorder.

9. Acceptance of Entries

The Show Manager is responsible for the acceptance or refusal of entries, but the final decision to refuse an entry should be made by the management committee.

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SECTION NINE

TITLE POINTS REQUIRED TO ATTAIN HIGHER STATUS

Class	Competes in the class Within these categories	Title	Pts Req'd
Open	Breed, colour, pattern, gender	Untitled to Champion	60
Open	Breed, colour, pattern, gender	Champion to Grand Champion	60
Open	Breed, colour, pattern, gender	GC to Double Grand Champion	60
Open	Breed, colour, pattern, gender	DGC to Bronze Double Grand Champion	100
Open	Breed, colour, pattern, gender	BDGC to Silver Double Grand Champion	100
Open	Breed, colour, pattern, gender	SDGC to Gold Double Grand Champion	100

Class	Competes in the class Within these categories	Title	Cert Req'd
Gold	Group/gender i.e. Male, Female, Neuter, Spay by Class, Longhair Shorthair	GDGC to Platinum Double Grand Champion	10
Platinum DGC & Above	Group/gender i.e. Male, Female, Neuter, Spay by Class, Longhair Shorthair	PDGC to Sapphire Double Grand Champion	10
Platinum DGC & Above	Group/gender i.e. Male, Female, Neuter, Spay by Class, Longhair Shorthair	Sapphire DGC to Ruby Double Grand Champion	10
Platinum DGC & Above	Group/gender i.e. Male, Female, Neuter, Spay by Class, Longhair Shorthair	Ruby DGC to Emerald Double Grand Champion	10
Platinum DGC & Above	Group/gender i.e. Male, Female, Neuter, Spay by Class, Longhair Shorthair	Emerald DGC to Diamond DGC	10

1. When applying for Higher Status copies of challenges won must be forwarded to the Registrar.
2. Each elevation must be applied for as the cat becomes eligible for that Award.
3. Companion Cats follow the same point system, but the title earned is 'Premier'.

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SECTION TEN

1. Cat of the Year

FCCQ Kitten, Entire & Desexed Cat of the Year points will be awarded at each show in, Longhair, Shorthair & Companion groups. Reserve and Third placings will also be awarded Points shall be allocated 100 for Best in Show, 75 for Reserve and 50 for Third ***plus a point for every cat beaten in that individual ring***. In the case of Companion cats there is only one award for Exhibit

However, no cat or kitten shall be eligible for these awards unless having won at least one (1) Best in Show award and have a minimum of 300 points, reserve placing's notwithstanding.

Points counting towards Cat of the Year will be awarded in each ring except for Specialty Rings.

2. FCCQ Prefix of the Year

Will be awarded to the highest scoring Feline Control Council of Queensland registered prefix.

3. Best of Breed

Best of Breed will be awarded to Kittens, Entire or Desexed Cats. Points will be allocated as follows, one point for each Best of Breed, plus a point for each exhibit of that breed entered in that individual ring. The exhibit with the highest overall score at the end of the show season will be awarded "Breed Exhibit of the Year". The exhibit must achieve best of breed in three separate shows and have a minimum of 9 points.

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SECTION ELEVEN

GENERAL NOTES ON COUNCIL POLICY

1. Relationship of FCCQ to Other Bodies or Organisations.

a. State

It is the intention of FCCQ to maintain cordial, professional relations with other organisations that have similar aims and objectives.

b. International.

Through its affiliation with ACF Inc, FCCQ has a connection with the World Cat Congress, refer to website www.worldcatcongress.org and its international member bodies including:

- CCCA - Co-ordinating Cat Council of Australia
- CFA - Cat Fanciers Association
- FIFe - Federation Internationale Feline
- GCCF - Governing Council of the Cat Fancy in the UK
- NZCF - New Zealand Cat Fancy
- SACC - South African Cat Council
- TICA - The International Cat Association
- WCF – World Cat Federation