



# Cat Federation of Southern Africa

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### 1. NAME OF FEDERATION

The Federation shall be a voluntary Federation known as THE CAT FEDERATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (hereinafter referred to as The Federation or as CFSA), domiciled in South Africa and shall exist for the purpose of co-ordinating all aspects relating to the Cat Fancy in Southern Africa.

### 2. PRINCIPLE

Work within the cat fancy's objectives and not to upset the rights of others to achieve their objectives.

### 3. OBJECTIVES

- 3.1. To be a recognized innovative leader in the cat fancy.
- 3.2. To provide efficient, accurate, quality service to all members.
- 3.3. To promote all services in a friendly and respectful manner maintaining highest integrity.
- 3.4. To promote the best interest of pure bred and non-pure bred cats.
- 3.5. To promote and where possible improve the health and welfare of cats.
- 3.6. To promote the improvement of pedigree cats and to encourage the appreciation of these cats.
- 3.7. To promote and encourage the exhibition and competition for awards of all cats.

### 4. LEGAL STATUS

- 4.1. The Federation shall be a voluntary association with independent legal persona.
- 4.2. The Federation may acquire and hold property, independent of its members and likewise may acquire rights and incur obligations and sue and be sued for and by itself independent of its members.
- 4.3. All property and assets of The Federation shall vest in the Federation, which shall hold such assets for itself. Individual members shall have no rights in or to any property or other assets of the Federation.
- 4.4. Any obligations, assets or liabilities incurred by or on behalf of the Federation shall be for its own account and to the exclusion of the individual members.
- 4.5. The power to decide whether or not to enter into or to defend litigation involving the Federation shall vest in the Executive Committee of the Federation.

### 5. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

**In the Constitution, unless the context otherwise indicates:**

- 5.1. "Southern Africa" means South Africa and any territory south of the equator in Africa, including islands, which is considered by the Executive Committee of the Federation to be included.
- 5.2. The "National Cat Clubs Executive" (hereinafter referred to as NCCE) is a specialised body of the Federation that controls and co-ordinates the activities of the Cat Clubs accredited by the Federation.
- 5.3. The "National Cat Judges Executive"(hereinafter referred to as NCJE) is a specialised body of the Federation that controls and co-ordinates the activities of the Cat Judges accredited by the Federation.
- 5.4. The "National Cat Breed Council"(hereinafter referred to as NCBC) is a specialised body of the Federation that controls and co-ordinates the activities of the Cat Breed



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- Groups accredited by the Federation and the Breeds of Cat recognised by the Federation.
- 5.5. The "National Cat Register"(hereinafter referred to as NCR) is the official register of the Federation for the purpose of recording particulars concerning pedigreed and non-pedigreed cats.
  - 5.6. The "National Cat Information Executive"(hereinafter referred to as NCIE) is a specialised body of the Federation that controls and co-ordinates any publication accredited by the Federation.
  - 5.7. The "Executive Committee" means the Executive committee of the Federation.
  - 5.8. The "Rules" means all the relevant rules made by the Federation.
  - 5.9. The "Registrar" means the person appointed by the Federation from time to time to administer the affairs of the NCR.
  - 5.10. "Veterinarian" is a veterinarian registered with the South African Veterinary Council (SAVC).
  - 5.11. "Foundation vaccination for kittens" means that a Veterinarian must do a clinical examination and administer the first core vaccine to the kitten at 8 - 10 weeks of age and the follow up core vaccine at 11-14 weeks of age as recommended by the SAVC.
  - 5.12. "Core vaccine" means the vaccination of cats and kittens in accordance with the SAVC protocol against at least Feline Calicivirus, Feline Herpes virus Type1 (*Feline Rhinotracheitis virus*), Feline panleukopaenia virus and Rabies (from 12 weeks of age) by a veterinarian after a full clinical examination and the issuing of a vaccination certificate.
  - 5.13. The masculine gender includes the feminine gender and vice versa.
  - 5.14. The singular includes the plural and vice versa.

## 6. FUNCTIONS OF THE FEDERATION

### The functions of the Federation are:

- 6.1. To initiate, promote or oppose legislation which in the opinion of the Federation affects generally the interests of the Federation.
- 6.2. To appoint persons to represent the Federation to make presentation to and/or to have discussions with any authority or body or person with regard to the matters referred to in paragraph 4.
- 6.3. To consider, discuss and if deemed necessary, pass alterations, additions or amendments to the Rules of the Federation.
- 6.4. To act in all such general matters as affect at large the general interest of cats.
- 6.5. To oppose all activities calculated to impinge or encroach on the rights of cats or their welfare or interests of the Federation.
- 6.6. To uphold the highest standards of moral and ethical principle throughout the activities of the Federation.
- 6.7. To promulgate rules for the organization of Championship Cat Shows to be run by the Clubs affiliated to the Federation.
- 6.8. To promulgate rules, regulations and codes of ethics.
- 6.9. To develop and promote official Standard of Points for all pedigreed cat breeds recognised by the Federation.
- 6.10. To maintain a high standard of Cat Clubs through the NCCE.
- 6.11. To maintain a high standard of judges and judging through the NCJE.
- 6.12. To maintain a high standard of cat breeds and cat breeders through the NCBC



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- 6.13. To promulgate rules for and to maintain the smooth running of the NCR.
- 6.14. To maintain a high standard of communication with its members and the general public through publication and the NCIE.

### **7. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF FEDERATION MEMBERS**

#### **Members of the Federation shall:**

- 7.1. be any person who is a fully paid up member of any Club recognized by the NCCE and any judge accredited by the NCJE.
- 7.2. enjoy the full unrestricted rights which this Constitution may confer, in particular the right of audience.
- 7.3. enjoy the right to vote at any meeting of the Federation after they have been a fully paid up member for a minimum of one year and has attained the age of 18 (eighteen) years.
- 7.4. enjoy the right to be elected to any office for which the Constitution provides after having been a fully paid up member for a minimum of two years.
- 7.5. be liable for the payment of any subscription, levy, fee or other charge prescribed on terms of the Rules.

### **8. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FEDERATION**

#### **The management of the Federation shall be vested in the Executive Committee which shall be constituted as follows:**

- 8.1. A President who shall be nominated by the Federation members, shall be voted in by the members, shall have one vote on the Executive Committee and shall remain the President for the term of office or until replaced.
- 8.2. A Chairperson who shall be nominated by the Federation members, shall be voted in by the members, shall have one vote on the Executive Committee and shall remain the Chairperson for the term of office or until replaced.
- 8.3. A Secretary who shall be suitably qualified, shall be nominated by the Federation members, shall be voted in by the Federation members, shall have one vote on the Executive Committee and shall remain the Secretary for the term of office or until replaced.
- 8.4. A Treasurer who shall be suitably qualified, shall be nominated by the Federation members, shall be voted in by the Federation members, shall have one vote on the Executive Committee and shall remain the Treasurer for the term of office or until replaced.
- 8.5. A NCCE Representative who shall be a paid up member of the NCCE Committee, shall be appointed by the NCCE to the approval of the Executive Committee of CFSA, shall have one vote on the Executive Committee and shall remain the NCCE Representative until replaced.
  - 8.5.1. If the Committee Representative of NCCE is not available for a meeting of the Federation, the NCCE shall appoint another member of the NCCE to the approval of the Executive Committee of CFSA to act temporarily as an alternative.
- 8.6. A NCJE Representative who shall be a paid up member of the NCJE Committee shall be appointed by NCJE to the approval of the Executive Committee of CFSA, shall have one vote on the Executive Committee and shall remain the NCJE Representative until replaced.



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- 8.6.1. If the Committee Representative of NCJE is not available for a meeting of the Federation, the NCJE shall appoint another member of the NCJE to the approval of the Executive Committee of CFSA to act temporarily as an alternative.
- 8.7. A NCBC Representative shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of CFSA, shall have one vote on the Executive Committee and shall remain the NCBC Representative until replaced.
- 8.7.1. If the representative of NCBC is not available for a meeting of the Federation, the Executive Committee of CFSA may appoint another member of NCBC to act temporarily as an alternative.
- 8.8. A NCR Representative who shall be the Registrar shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of CFSA, shall have one vote on the Executive Committee of CFSA and shall remain the NCR Representative until replaced.
- 8.9. A NCIE Representative, who shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of CFSA, shall have one vote on the Executive Committee of CFSA and shall remain the NCIE Representative until replaced.
- 8.10. A maximum of two Executive Committee members may be appointed by the Executive Committee to perform any function as is deemed necessary by the Executive Committee. Each such additional member shall have one vote on the Executive Committee and shall remain until replaced by the Executive Committee of CFSA.
- 8.11. The Executive Committee of CFSA may at their discretion nominate any person deemed worthy by CFSA Executive Committee as a Fellow of CFSA. To be considered for such an appointment, length of service and dedication to CFSA should be uppermost in the list of criteria required. A Fellow of CFSA has the right to attend Executive Committee meetings but has no voting rights. This nomination must be ratified at an Annual General Meeting.

### **The term of office for Executive Committee members:**

- 8.12. Shall be four years for the Executive appointed representatives inclusive of a one year probation period, and one year for the Executive approved representatives and they shall be eligible for re-election.
- 8.13. Shall be four years for the President, Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary and they shall be eligible for re-election. No Executive Committee member should hold more than one position on the Executive Committee at any one time.

## **9. ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- 9.1. Nominations for two of the positions of President, Treasurer, Chairperson or Secretary shall be called for every two years through any accredited publication of the Federation.
- 9.2. Nominations may come from any fully paid up member of the Federation, supported by the names and the signatures of two other fully paid up members of the Federation, and the signature of consent to accept the position by the nominee.
- 9.3. All persons seeking positions on the Executive Committee must be found morally and ethically acceptable by the sitting Executive Committee, in accordance with the ideals of the Federation as laid down in this Constitution and, where necessary be in possession of specific qualifications to perform their duties. Such nominated



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persons shall be included in the voting schedules for Executive Committee positions.

- 9.3.1. In the event of objection to the Executive Committee's decision in this regard, the objection can be lodged at an Annual General Meeting and a two thirds majority vote of the members shall be required to overrule the objection.
- 9.3.2. In the event of the resignation of any of the President, Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer during the term of office, the Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt a suitable person to complete the term of office with one year probation, provided due cognizance is given to previous nominations for the positions.
- 9.4. The list of nominations of each position shall be circulated to all members together with the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the Federation.
- 9.5. Voting shall be in the form of written ballot and shall take place at the Annual General Meeting of the Federation. Proxies and postal votes that are in the hands of the Secretary at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of the Annual General Meeting shall be included in the vote.
  - 9.5.1. Proxy votes shall be applicable to fully paid up members of the Federation who are unable to attend the meeting. A Proxy vote shall be termed when a fully paid up member of the Federation nominates another fully paid up member of the Federation who shall be attending the Annual General Meeting, to vote on behalf of the proxy voter as the receiver of the proxy vote sees fit.
  - 9.5.2. Postal votes shall be applicable to fully paid up members of the Federation who are unable to attend the Annual General Meeting.

### 10. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FEDERATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Federation shall take place before the end of March in the year of its happening and the notice convening the meeting shall be sent to all members at least one month before the date of the meeting.

#### 10.1. Extraordinary general meetings:

An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called for any fixed agenda on receipt of a petition signed by at least one hundred members.

### 11. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Without derogating the general powers of management vested in the Executive Committee by this Constitution, the Executive Committee shall:**

- 11.1. receive and consider proposals from the NCCE, NCJE, NCBC, NCR, NCIE and its own members;
- 11.2. convene a meeting as required;
- 11.3. determine the date and place of the meeting of the Executive Committee and the business to be conducted at such a meeting. The necessary arrangements to be made by the Secretary;
- 11.4. authorise the Treasurer to administer the assets of the Federation;
- 11.5. authorise the Treasurer to open an account at a registered commercial bank or building society on behalf of the Federation. Cheques drawn thereon shall be signed by the Treasurer and one other Executive Committee member;



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- 11.6. authorise the Treasurer to keep proper accounts of the revenue and expenditure (and of the assets and liabilities) of the Federation and the NCR to render an annual account to the Executive Committee;
- 11.7. appoint a Registrar to administer the affairs of the NCR;
- 11.8. appoint a NCIE Representative and/or NCIE Committee to attend to the publicity of the Federation;
- 11.9. appoint a NCBC Representative and together with the representative a NCBC Committee to attend to the affairs of the NCBC.
- 11.10. **Be empowered to expel or suspend any Club, Group, Forum or Member of an affiliated body who or which either is found guilty of unethical behaviour or fraud or does not conform to the rules of the Federation subject to the following:**

In the case of not conforming to the rules of the CFSA, the Executive Committee shall give the offending body formal written notice by registered post to repair its breach of the Constitution within 90 days after the date of the said notice. Should the offending body fail to do so within that period the Executive Committee shall warn, suspend or expel such offending body on a simple majority vote. In the event of the breach being of such a nature as determined by the Executive Committee, that requires immediate expulsion, the Executive Committee shall have the power to act within its discretion. During the period of suspension or on expulsion the offender shall cease to enjoy the privileges or advantages of the Federation with effect from the date of the counting of the votes. Notwithstanding expulsion such body shall remain liable for any dues or other amounts owing to the Federation by virtue of its previous membership.

- 11.11. **The Executive Committee may:**
  - 11.11.1. incur expenditure in furtherance of the objects of the federation and take action in all matters, which shall include the power to institute or defend any suit on behalf of the Federation;
  - 11.11.2. determine the subscriptions payable to the Federation by all bodies accredited to the Federation;
  - 11.11.3. appoint sub-committees from the members of the Federation and delegate any of its powers to such sub-committees as it may decide.

## 12. MEETINGS

- 12.1. The Executive Committee shall meet as often as necessary (but at least twice a year) and the quorum of such a meeting shall be attendance of a minimum of 50% of the Executive Committee members.
- 12.2. All voting shall be a show of hands or by ballot if any Executive Committee member so requires. All proposals necessitating such voting shall be decided by a simple majority vote unless specifically provided for by the Constitution.
- 12.3. In the event of equality of voting in any voting matter, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.

## 13. FINANCE

Each of the NCCE, NCJE and NCBC shall pay the sundry expenses of its Executive Committee member to attend Executive Committee meetings. The expenses of the President, Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and the NCR and NCIE Representatives shall be paid by the Federation with prior authorisation of the Executive Committee.



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### 14. AMENDMENTS

- 14.1. Proposals for amendments to this Constitution and the CFSA Rules shall be submitted from the Executive Committee, NCBC, NCCE, NCJE, NCIE, and NCR. Members of the Federation may submit their suggestions for amendment through these official departments.
- 14.2. Any material change to the Constitution of the Cat Federation of Southern Africa which in any way alters the basic structure or function of the Federation, or which seeks to alter the spirit under which the Federation was established, can only be brought about via a two-thirds majority vote of the members comprising the Executive Committee of the Federation. Executive Committee members representing those bodies which have representation on the Federation ( i.e. representatives of the Breed Groups, Affiliated Clubs, Judges Forum etc.) may only exercise their vote to change the Constitution in this instance if they have obtained a mandate from two-thirds of the bodies they represent to exercise such a vote. The two-thirds mandate must be obtained from their respective constituents, openly and in a manner which can be readily verified, such as by means of a written referendum on the part of the members of their respective bodies.
- 14.3. This Constitution may be amended at an Annual General Meeting of the Federation with the consent of two-thirds of the members present at the meeting calculated in the event of a fraction to the next highest whole number. A copy of the proposed amendment shall be included in the Agenda for such a meeting.

### 15. THE NATIONAL CAT CLUBS EXECUTIVE

- 15.1. Resolutions agreed by a simple majority of eligible Clubs regarding the changes to Show Rules and Procedures shall be placed on the Agenda of the next meeting of the NCJE and NCBC for consideration and opinion and then together with all matters concerning Clubs be placed on the Agenda of the Executive Committee.
- 15.2. The NCCE is an integral part of the Federation and may make proposals to the Executive Committee.
- 15.3. The NCCE shall collect an affiliation fee from its member Clubs to be paid to the Federation as determined by the Federation from time to time.
- 15.4. The Constitution of the NCCE must be approved by the Executive Committee of the Federation.

### 16. THE NATIONAL CAT JUDGES EXECUTIVE

- 16.1. Resolutions agreed by a simple majority vote of eligible Judges Forum Representatives regarding the changes to the Standard of Points shall be placed on the Agenda of the next meeting of the NCBC for consideration and opinion and then together with all matters concerning judges and judging, shall be placed on the Agenda of the Executive Committee meeting for final consideration and ratification.
- 16.2. The NCJE is an integral part of the Federation and may make proposals to the Executive Committee.
- 16.3. The NCJE shall collect an affiliation fee from all the member Forums to be paid to the Federation as determined by the Federation from time to time.
- 16.4. The Constitution of the NCJE must be approved by the Executive Committee of the Federation.
- 16.5. CFSA Treasurer to administer the NCJE Finances.



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### 17. THE NATIONAL CAT BREED COUNCIL

- 17.1. Resolutions agreed by the National Breed Council members regarding changes to the Standard of Points shall be placed on the Agenda of the next meeting of the NCJE for consideration and opinion and then together with all matters concerning breeds, breeders and breeding shall be placed on the Agenda of the next Executive Committee meeting for final consideration and ratification.
- 17.2. The NCBC is an integral part of the Federation and may make proposals to the Executive Committee through the NCBC Representative.
- 17.3. The NCBC shall collect an affiliation fee from its affiliates to be paid to the Federation from time to Time.
- 17.4. The Constitution of the NCBC must be approved by the Executive Committee of the Federation.

### 18. THE NATIONAL CAT REGISTER

- 18.1. The Federation recognises the NCR as the official registering authority. The Registrar shall be responsible to the Executive Committee for the affairs of the NCR.
- 18.2. The NCR is an integral part of the Federation and may make proposals to the Executive Committee.

### 19. THE NATIONAL CAT INFORMATION EXECUTIVE

- 19.1. The Federation recognises the NCIE as an official publishing authority. The NCIE Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and shall be responsible to the Executive Committee for the affairs of the NCIE.
- 19.2. The NCIE is an integral part of the Federation and may make proposals to the Executive Committee.

### 20. DUTIES AND POWERS

#### **Without derogating from the general powers of management vested in the Executive Committee by this Constitution:**

- 20.1. The President shall preside at the Annual General Meeting of the Federation and shall have a casting vote. In the absence of the President the Chairperson will preside.
- 20.2. The Chairperson shall preside at regular management meetings of the Federation and shall have a casting vote. In the absence of the Chairperson the President will preside.
- 20.3. The Secretary shall be responsible for the keeping of the minutes, convening of meetings, the registration and maintenance of all records of all results of all cat shows held under Federation rules and maintaining of non-financial records of the Federation.
- 20.4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the management of the financial affairs and the maintenance of the financial records of the Federation.
- 20.5. The NCIE Representative shall be responsible for:
  - 20.5.1. Any accredited CFSA publication in English as decided from time to time by the Executive Committee.
  - 20.5.2. Publication of the Standard of Points and amendments thereto from material supplied by the Executive Committee from time to time.



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- 20.5.3. The publication of certificates, programs, invitations and other related material for the annual CFSA Cat of the Year and Gold and Ruby Show.
- 20.6. The Registrar shall be responsible for:
  - 20.6.1. The smooth running and maintenance of the NCR.
  - 20.6.2. The registration and maintenance of records of pedigreed and non-pedigreed cats, catteries, studs and all other such duties as may be determined by the Executive Committee from time to time.
- 20.7. The NCBC representative shall be responsible for all matters concerning Breed Groups, Breed acceptance, Standard of Points, Show Groups, Breeds and Breeding in general.

### **21. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

Each of the NCCE, NCJE, NCBC and NCIE shall furnish the Secretary of the Federation with a copy of its Balance Sheet and its income and Expenditure Account signed by an Auditor or suitably qualified person annually.

### **22. INTERPRETATION OF THE CLAUSES AND RULES OF THIS CONSTITUTION**

The interpretation of the clauses and rules of this Constitution shall be vested in the Executive Committee of the Federation and shall be final and binding on the Federation members.

### **23. DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution or liquidation of the Federation, it shall give or transfer its assets remaining, after satisfaction of its liabilities, to some other company, society or association having objectives similar to those of the Federation. Such dissolution shall be effective if passed at a physical meeting of the Federation by a 75% majority of those members present and eligible to vote.



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### **NATIONAL CAT BREED COUNCIL (NCBC) ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **1. NAME**

This department shall be known as the NATIONAL CAT BREED COUNCIL henceforth referred to as the NCBC or as Breed Council.

#### **2. OBJECT**

To co-ordinate all matters pertaining to cat breeds and cat breeding and to orchestrate the interchange of ideas on all aspects of cat breeding.

#### **3. DEFINITIONS**

- 3.1. "Affiliate" shall refer to any accredited and affiliated cat Breeding Groups formally recognised by the Cat Federation of Southern Africa.
- 3.2. "Members" shall comprise all members of the Operating Executive of NCBC.
- 3.3. "Operating Executive" shall mean the members appointed by the Executive Committee of CFSA to handle the day to day affairs of the NCBC.

#### **4. SUBSCRIPTIONS**

- 4.1. An annual levy per capita of Affiliates, shall be payable to the NCBC in January of each year by each Affiliate.
- 4.2. The amount of the levy to be decided by a simple majority vote by Members, and may be altered from time to time.

#### **5. VOTING**

All matters requiring a members vote, to be decided by a simple majority vote, unless otherwise specified.

#### **6. OFFICE**

An office of NCBC shall be for four years, or for any period deemed suitable to a majority of Members.

#### **7. FORMAT OF OPERATING EXECUTIVE**

One person shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of CFSA as chairperson of the operating executive. Further members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of CFSA to the approval of the appointed chairperson. Members of the NCBC Operating Executive shall consist of at least two other than the chairperson. The maximum number of members will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee of CFSA and the chairperson of NCBC, which number may vary from time to time. All appointees should be suitably experienced and qualified in the opinion of the Executive Committee of CFSA.

#### **8. DUTIES OF OPERATING EXECUTIVE**

- 8.1. The chairperson shall represent and shall be responsible to the NCBC as voting delegate to the Cat Federation of Southern Africa.
- 8.2. To appoint amongst themselves a Secretary/Treasurer who shall liaise with all Affiliates on all relevant matters, conduct the correspondence of NCBC and administer the finances of NCBC. This position may be held by the chairperson.



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- 8.3. To co-ordinate and circulate all pertinent information to all Affiliates.
- 8.4. To collect all annual fees.
- 8.5. To encourage the formation of Breed groups.
- 8.6. To handle any registration matters that may be raised by NCR.
- 8.7. To maintain and update as necessary the official CFSA Breed and Group lists.

### **9. CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE OF AFFILIATES**

- 9.1. Operate the Breed Group with a name acceptable to the Cat Federation of Southern Africa.
- 9.2. Operate the Breed Group under a constitution acceptable to the Cat Federation of Southern Africa.
- 9.3. Consist of at least 5 Approved Breeders as recognised by NCR.
- 9.4. Breed Groups may represent more than one breed.

### **10. ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR AFFILIATES**

- 10.1. To maintain all criteria listed in Rule 9.
- 10.2. To provide certified balance sheets and statements of assets and liabilities to the satisfaction of the Cat Federation of Southern Africa.



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### **NATIONAL CAT CLUBS EXECUTIVE (NCCE) ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **1. NAME**

This department shall be known as the NATIONAL CAT CLUBS EXECUTIVE henceforth referred to as the "NCCE".

#### **2. OBJECT**

To co-ordinate all matters pertaining to Cat Clubs associated with the Cat Federation of Southern Africa and the interchange of ideas on all aspects of running Cat Clubs and Championship Cat Shows in accordance with the Rules of the Cat Federation of Southern Africa.

#### **3. DEFINITIONS**

- 3.1. "Club" shall refer to accredited National Cat Clubs, formally recognised by the NCCE and the Cat Federation of Southern Africa.
- 3.2. "Members" shall comprise all members of Clubs referred to in 3.1
- 3.3. "Operating Executive" shall mean the elected members appointed by the Clubs to handle the day to day affairs of the NCCE.
- 3.4. International member shall mean any Club that is domiciled outside the borders of South Africa that is accepted as affiliated to CFSA.

#### **4. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of the NCCE is bestowed upon any Club once accredited as an associated Club by having complied with the criteria for acceptance as specified in Rule 10.

#### **5. SUBSCRIPTIONS**

- 5.1. An annual levy per capita of Members, as at the last day of the Clubs' financial year, shall be payable to the NCCE in January of each year by each member Club.
- 5.2. The amount of the levy to be decided by a simple majority vote of members, and may be altered from time to time.

#### **6. VOTING**

All matters requiring a Member's vote to be decided by a simple majority vote unless otherwise specified.

#### **7. OFFICE**

Office shall be for one year or for any period deemed suitable to a majority of Members.

#### **8. FORMAT OF OPERATING EXECUTIVE**

One person per Club shall be appointed to the Operating Executive. The Executive is to consist of a minimum of three members. In the case of a shortfall in the number of elected Club representatives, the existing Executive member/s shall appoint additional member/s at their discretion and to the approval of the Executive Committee of CFSA.

#### **9. DUTIES OF OPERATING EXECUTIVE**

- 9.1. To co-ordinate and circulate all pertinent information to the various Cat Clubs.



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- 9.2. To collect all annual levies.
- 9.3. To appoint amongst themselves a National Secretary/Treasurer who shall liaise with all Clubs on all relevant matters, conduct the correspondence of the NCCE and administer the finances of the NCCE. Any appointment must meet with the approval of the Executive Committee of the Cat Federation of Southern Africa.
- 9.4. The National Secretary/Treasurer shall represent the NCCE as voting delegate to the Cat Federation of Southern Africa.

### **10. CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE OF MEMBERS**

- 10.1. Operate the Cat Club with a name acceptable to the Cat Federation of Southern Africa.
- 10.2. Operate the Cat Club under a Constitution acceptable to the Cat Federation of Southern Africa.
- 10.3. Run Championship Cat Shows under the Rules of the Cat Federation of Southern Africa.
- 10.4. Use only judges accredited by the Cat Federation of Southern Africa
- 10.5. Consist of not less than 20 members.
- 10.6. Any other criteria that may be considered necessary by the Executive Committee.

### **11. ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS OF MEMBERS**

- 11.1. To maintain all criteria listed in Rule 10.
- 11.2. To run at least one Championship Cat Show per annum, acceptable to the Cat Federation of Southern Africa.
- 11.3. To provide certified balance sheets and statements of assets and liabilities annually to the satisfaction of the Cat Federation of Southern Africa.
- 11.4. To provide CFSA with AGM minutes, committee member list and detailed membership list on an annual basis.



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### **NATIONAL CAT INFORMATION EXECUTIVE (NCIE) ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**1. NAME**

This department shall be known as the NATIONAL CAT INFORMATION EXECUTIVE henceforth referred to as the "NCIE".

**2. OBJECT**

To co-ordinate all matters pertaining to publicity and communication and the interchange of ideas on all aspects of communication with CFSA members.

**3. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of the NCIE is bestowed upon any person so appointed by the Executive Committee of the Cat Federation of Southern Africa.

**4. OFFICE**

Office shall be for four years or for any period deemed suitable to the Executive Committee of the Cat Federation of Southern Africa.

**5. FORMAT OF THE OPERATING EXECUTIVE**

One person shall be appointed by the Executive Committee as Chairperson of the Operating Executive. Further members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of CFSA to the approval of the appointed chairperson. Members of the NCIE Operating Executive shall consist of at least two other than the chairperson. The maximum number of members allowed, is at the discretion of the Executive Committee of CFSA and the Chairperson of NCIE, which number may vary from time to time. All appointees should be suitably experienced in the opinion of the Executive Committee of CFSA.

**6. DUTIES OF THE OPERATING EXECUTIVE**

- 6.1 The representative to CFSA shall liaise with all NCIE members on all relevant matters, conduct the correspondence of the NCIE and administer finances of the NCIE and shall represent the NCIE as voting delegate to the Cat Federation of Southern Africa
- 6.2 To co-ordinate and circulate all pertinent information to the Cat Federation of Southern Africa.
- 6.3 To publish a Standard of Points and amendments thereto from material by the Executive Committee of the Cat Federation of Southern Africa.
- 6.4 To co-ordinate and be responsible for printing and publishing.
  - 6.4.1 Any accredited CFSA publication in English as decided from time to time by the Executive Committee of the Cat Federation of Southern Africa.



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### **NATIONAL CAT JUDGES EXECUTIVE (NCJE) ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**1. NAME**

This department shall be known as the "NATIONAL CAT JUDGES EXECUTIVE" henceforth referred to as "NCJE".

**2. OBJECT**

To co-ordinate all matters pertaining to judging and the interchange ideas on all aspects of judging and to train and co-ordinate judges.

**3. DEFINITIONS**

- 3.1. "Forum" shall refer to accredited provincial Judges Forums of the Cat Federation of Southern Africa.
- 3.2. "Members" shall comprise all members of Forums referred to in 3.1
- 3.3. "Operating Executive" shall mean the elected members appointed by the Forum to handle the day to day affairs of the NCJE.

**4. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of the NCJE is bestowed upon any Forum once accredited by the Cat Federation of Southern Africa.

**5. SUBSCRIPTIONS**

- 5.1. An annual levy per capita of Members, shall be payable to NCJE in January of each year by each Forum.
- 5.2. The amount of levy to be decided by a simple majority of members and may be altered from time to time.

**6. VOTING**

All matters requiring a Members' vote are to be decided by a simple majority unless otherwise specified.

**7. OFFICE**

Office shall be for one year or for any period deemed suitable to a majority of Members.

**8. FORMAT OF OPERATING EXECUTIVE**

One Person per Forum shall be appointed to the operating executive. These persons must be fully qualified all breeds judges of good standing. The executive must consist of a minimum of three members. In the case of a shortfall in the number of elected representatives from the different Forum, the existing executive member(s) shall appoint additional member(s) at their discretion and to the approval of the Executive Committee of the Cat Federation of Southern Africa.

**9. DUTIES OF OPERATING EXECUTIVE**

- 9.1. To co-ordinate and circulate all pertinent information to the various Provincial Forums.



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- 9.2. To collect all annual levies.
- 9.3. To appoint amongst themselves a National Secretary/Treasurer who shall liaise with all Forums on all relevant matters, conduct the correspondence of the NCJE and administer the finances of the NCJE. Any appointment must meet with the approval of the Executive Committee of the Cat Federation of Southern Africa.
- 9.4. The National Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible to the NCJE as voting delegate to the Executive Committee of the Cat Federation of Southern Africa.

### 10. CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE OF MEMBERS

- 10.1. Operate the Forum with a name acceptable to the Cat Federation of Southern Africa.
- 10.2. Operate the Forum under a Constitution acceptable to the Cat Federation of Southern Africa.
- 10.3. Consist of at least two members who have completed a judges course with a Forum and have passed qualifying examinations as set by the NCJE for that Judges training course, or are recognised as qualified by the majority decision of the members of NCJE.

### 11. ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS

- 11.1. To maintain all criteria listed in Rule 10.
- 11.2. To provide certified balance sheets and statements of assets and liabilities to the satisfaction of the Cat Federation of Southern Africa.



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### **NATIONAL CAT REGISTER (NCR) ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**1. NAME**

This department shall be known as the NATIONAL CAT REGISTER henceforth referred to as the NCR or as The Register.

**2. OBJECT**

To co-ordinate all matters pertaining to the registration and record keeping of all cats of breeds recognised by the Cat Federation of Southern Africa.

**3. DEFINITIONS**

- 3.1. "Registrar" shall mean the person so appointed by the Executive Committee of CFSA to be responsible to the Executive Committee of CFSA for the affairs of the NCR.
- 3.2. "Members" shall comprise all members of the Operating Executive of NCR who shall be responsible to the Registrar.
- 3.3. "Operating Executive" shall mean the members appointed by the executive Committee of CFSA to handle the day to day affairs of the NCR.
- 3.4. "Financial Controller" shall mean the member appointed by the executive Committee of CFSA to handle all matters financial of the NCR. The Financial Controller may be the CFSA Treasurer.

**4. FORMAT OF THE OPERATING EXECUTIVE**

One person shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of CFSA as Chairperson of the Operating Executive. The Chairperson shall be the Registrar. Further members of the Operating Executive shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of CFSA to the approval of the Chairperson/Registrar. Members of the NCR Operating Executive may consist of any number other than the Chairperson/Registrar at the discretion of the Executive Committee of CFSA and the Chairperson/Registrar of NCR. All appointees shall be suitably experienced and/or qualified in the opinion of the Executive Committee of CFSA. At least one member of the Operating Executive NCR shall be appointed as Financial Controller.

The Financial Controller of NCR may hold the position of CFSA Treasurer simultaneously. If the Financial Controller of NCR is a separate person to the Treasurer of CFSA, then the Financial Controller of NCR shall be responsible to both the Registrar and the CFSA Treasurer for the financial affairs of the NCR.

**5. FINANCES**

The NCR is an integral part of CFSA and all income and expenditure of NCR is the property of CFSA.

**6. OFFICE**

The term of office for the Registrar shall be 4 (four) years or for any period deemed suitable by the Executive Committee of CFSA. The term of office for any other members of the Operating Executive of NCR shall be 1 (one) year or any period deemed suitable by the Executive Committee of CFSA.



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### 7. DUTIES OF THE OPERATING EXECUTIVE

- 7.1. The Chairperson/Registrar shall represent the NCR as voting delegate to CFSA.
  - 7.2. To administer the finances of the NCR through the Financial Controller.
  - 7.3. To attend to all correspondence of the NCR.
  - 7.4. To attend to all applications for registration as received.
  - 7.5. To maintain the records, registers and files for pedigreed cats, non-pedigreed cats, studs, breeding queens, catteries, breeders, owners, titles, show results and any other related matter deemed by the Executive Committee of CFSA to be necessary from time to time.
  - 7.6. To grant recognition to breeders.
8. The services of the National Cat Register shall be available to all fully paid-up members of CFSA affiliated Cat Clubs.



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### **RULES PERTAINING TO REGISTERED BREEDERS**

#### **1. DEFINITION**

- 1.1. A Registered breeder is a breeder who has a current CFSA Registered Cattery name and owns current CFSA Registered breeding stock
- 1.2. A Registered breeder abides by the Rules pertaining to Registered Breeders and the Code of Ethics for Cat Breeders and Owners.

#### **2. PROCEDURE TO REGISTER AS A BREEDER**

- 2.1. Any person who is a fully paid up current member in good standing of a CFSA affiliated Cat Club, who owns CFSA registered entire male(s) and/or female(s) of adequate quality, who intends to breed with these cats and wants to register the kittens with the National Cat Register, may apply to become a Registered CFSA Breeder
- 2.2. The procedure to register as a CFSA Breeder is as follows:
- 2.3. Request a copy of the Rules Pertaining to Registered Breeders and the Code of Ethics for Cat Breeders and Owners and an application Form to become a Registered Breeder.
- 2.4. Apply for a cattery name at the National Cat Register.
- 2.5. Ensure the males and females to be used as breeding stock are registered in the name of the breeder at the National Cat Register.
- 2.6. Have the breeding stock declared suitable quality to be used for breeding purposes and make application at the National Cat Register for stock numbers to be issued to the stud(s) and queen(s) by the National Cat Register.
- 2.7. Accept the jurisdiction of the Cat Federation of Southern Africa and undertake to abide by the Rules Pertaining to Registered Breeders and the General Code of Ethics for Breeders and Owners.
- 2.8. Return the signed Application Form to become a Registered Breeder to the National Cat Register and sign an indication in writing that he/she will abide by the Rules Pertaining to Registered Breeders and the CFSA Code of Ethics for Breeders and Owners.

#### **3. GENERAL BREEDER AND BREEDING RULES**

- 3.1. The breeding stock must be under the personal supervision of the Breeder and be housed on the residential premises of the Breeder.
- 3.2. Owners may not breed cats in a way that can cause deterioration in the health of the cat or the breed.
- 3.3. No cat with a congenital abnormality should be used or sold as a breeding cat.
- 3.4. In the case where pathological conditions that are known to have some hereditary (genetic) basis, such as Amyloidosis, PKD, PRA etc, exist, and whenever a reliable test is available, this should be performed and the results certified by a veterinarian or equivalent before the cat should be used for breeding.



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- 3.5. All breeding cats must be of good quality and proof of this must be provided where needed, either in the form of recent show results or a declaration by a CFSA acknowledged breeder or judge of the quality of the cat.
- 3.6. All breeding cats must have sound temperaments and have bloodlines of a good quality in their pedigree. Certified verification of these must be provided where needed.
- 3.7. All CFSA breeding cats should be identified by microchip and the identifying code of both parents should be documented in the pedigree. It is recommended that this practice be established.
- 3.8. Breeders agree to sell cats only where there is reasonable expectation of a happy and healthy life. At the time of sale, a written arrangement must be made as to what has to happen if a cat requires a new home.
- 3.9. Breeders must not knowingly misrepresent the characteristics of the breed nor mislead any person regarding the health or quality of the cat and must draw the attention of purchasers to the "Not for Breeding" ruling when selling kittens.
- 3.10. Owners shall not sell or hand over any cat or kitten to commercial cat wholesalers, retail pet dealers or cat brokers, nor for any experimental research or testing, nor directly or indirectly allow cats to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind.
- 3.11. No breeder may act as a commercial cat wholesaler, retail pet dealer or a cat broker ( i.e. buy or obtain kittens from other breeders and resell/re-home them).
- 3.12. Kittens must be house-trained and in good health before they are allowed to go to their new homes.
- 3.13. A kitten must not be allowed to go to a new home before at least 7 days after completion of its foundation vaccination for kittens.
- 3.14. Breeders/Owners must supply written details of all dietary requirements and give guidance concerning responsible ownership.
- 3.15. Breeders selling a kitten as suitable for breeding should offer advice and support to the new owners.
- 3.16. Breeders must ensure that a diet sheet, completed inoculation certificate and all relevant CFSA documents, including a copy of the Code of Ethics for Breeders and Owners, are provided to the new owner when selling or transferring in accordance with CFSA Registration Rules.
- 3.17. CATS NOT ALLOWED FOR BREEDING
  - 3.17.1. Deaf white or deaf pie-bald cats.
  - 3.17.2. An adult cat with a visible congenital umbilical hernia or any other congenital deformity(ies).
- 3.18. RULES PERTAINING TO STUDS
  - 3.18.1. Before being used as a stud, a male cat must be examined by a veterinary surgeon who must complete the Veterinarian section of the official NCR Application for Registration as a Stud form and declare the cat fit to be used as a stud.
- 3.19. RULES PERTAINING TO QUEENS AND KIITENS BRED
  - 3.19.1. A female cat must not be allowed to mate with more than one male during one calling Cycle.



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- 3.19.2. A female cat must not be allowed to have more than three kindles in 24 months, preferably not more than two kindles in 24 months.
- 3.19.3. A female cat that requires consecutive caesarian sections should not be used for breeding.
- 3.19.4. All births should be attended in case problems occur.
- 3.19.5. Females about to give birth and un-weaned kittens must be kept in a separate area/room.
- 3.19.6. Kittens must be bred and reared under the personal supervision of the breeder and on the residential premises of the breeder.
- 3.19.7. Only kittens bred and reared under the personal supervision and on the residential premises of the breeder may be registered by the breeder at the NCR.

### 3.20. RULES PERTAINING TO ACCOMMODATION

- 3.20.1. Accommodation must allow for the management and maintenance of the cat's best interest, be on the residential premises of the breeder and under the breeder's personal supervision, subject to :
  - 3.20.2. A Minimum of 6 (six) square meters of floor space with a height of at least 1.8 (one point eight) meters per cat.
  - 3.20.3. More than one level must exist and a sleeping and refuge area must be included.
  - 3.20.4. All areas should be suitable for human access and be weatherproof.
  - 3.20.5. If the facilities are outdoors, sufficient shade must be available for protection against direct sunlight and offer excellent protection from all weather conditions.
  - 3.20.6. In stud quarters provision must be made for a separate visiting queen's quarters with sufficient space, bedding, water, food and clean litter tray facilities.

## 4. CONDITIONS TO MAINTAIN REGISTRATIONS AS A CFSA BREEDER

- 4.1. Cattery, Breeder, Stud and Breeding Stock registration/renewal fees are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> January of the current year. Outstanding fees must be paid up by the 28<sup>th</sup> February of the current year.
- 4.2. Registration fees must be duly and timeously paid throughout the year.
- 4.3. Verified proof must be provided that the Breeder is a fully paid-up member of a CFSA affiliated Cat Club for the current year.
- 4.4. The Breeder must breed cats responsibly and abide by the CFSA Rules Pertaining to Registered Breeders and C FSA Code of Ethics for Cat Breeders and Owners.

## 5. NCR/NCBC RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS REGISTERED BREEDERS

- 5.1. Reminders for the following year's registration fees will be sent to all Registered Breeders.
- 5.2. During the first week of March of the current year an updated list of Registered Breeders and their cattery names as well as the breed(s) they breed will be posted on the CFSA Website and will also be available in hard copy form from the Registrar on request. This list will be updated every 3 months to include new registered breeders.
- 5.3. Final reminders will be sent out to all Registered Breeders who are in arrears by 31 January of the current year.



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- 5.4. All Registered Breeders must remain informed of any changes/additions to the Rules Pertaining to Registered Breeders and the Code of Ethic for Breeders and Owners.

### 6. CFSA POWERS RE REGISTERED BREEDERS

- 6.1. CFSA reserves the right to remove a Registered Breeder from the list of Registered Breeders if the conditions needed as a Registered Breeder are not met or are broken.
- 6.2. CFSA reserves the right to take disciplinary action, if needed, against any Registered Breeder breaking the rule(s) and/or condition(s) for CFSA Registered Breeders and/or CFSA Code of Ethics for Cat Breeders and Owners Rule(s).
- 6.3. On receipt of a report of a Registered Breeder breaking CFSA Rule(s) pertaining to Registered Breeders and/or CFSA Code of Ethics Rule(s) for Breeders and Owners, the matter will be investigated objectively.
- 6.4. On proof of the breaking of CFSA Rule(s) pertaining to Registered Breeders and/or CFSA Code of Ethics Rule(s) for Breeders and Owners, the Breeder will be informed in writing of the infraction(s) and will be given the opportunity to correct the infraction within a reasonable time period.
- 6.5. If within a reasonable time period, as determined by the Executive Committee of CFSA, the infraction(s) has/have not been corrected or not refrained from, the Breeders name will be removed from the CFSA List of Registered Breeders and no registration of kittens or the registration/declaration of breeding stock in the breeders name will be accepted. The CFSA affiliated Cat Club of which the Breeder is a member will be informed of the action taken and the information will be posted on the CFSA Website.
- 6.6. If the Breeder's name has been removed from the CFSA List of Registered Breeders, a re-application may be made to have him/her re-instated as a Registered Breeder. The application will be considered by the CFSA Executive Committee and their decision will be final and binding.



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### **CODE OF ETHICS AND RULES FOR BREEDERS AND OWNERS**

Owners of all CFSA registered cats/kittens accept the jurisdiction of the Cat Federation of Southern Africa and must abide by the General Code of Ethics for Breeders and Owners.

#### **GENERAL RULES FOR CAT OWNERS**

1. The health and welfare of each individual cat or kitten shall be the foremost concern for all breeders and owners of cats and kittens.
2. Owners should think carefully and take advice before getting a kitten and choose a cat suited to their lifestyle.
3. Owners should only keep as many cats as they can feed and care for adequately. Although individual cats enjoy the company of other cats, overcrowding must be avoided as this can lead to stress and aggression and it increases the risk of diseases.
4. Cats and kittens must be provided with warm, comfortable and clean housing, clean and comfortable bedding and plenty of space and opportunity to exercise and play. Drinking water must be available at all times and adequate food of good quality must be given regularly. Litter trays must be changed and disinfected daily.
5. Cleaning and disinfecting facilities for floors, walls and furniture must always be available.
6. All cats need some grooming to keep the coat in good condition and to check for parasites e.g. fleas. Longhair cats need daily grooming to prevent the formation of knots matted areas of fur.
7. Whenever a cat is showing signs of illness timely veterinary attention must be sought.
8. Kittens must receive their foundation vaccination for kittens and this must be followed up in the adult cat with annual booster core vaccines.
9. Cats must be examined regularly and treated accordingly for fleas, ticks, mites, intestinal worms etc.
10. Special measures must be taken to prevent the spread of viral, bacterial and fungal diseases and vaccinations where applicable and available must be used.
11. Owners must ensure that their cats are identified in case it should become lost. CFSA recommends that this be done by a microchip being implanted by a qualified veterinary surgeon registered with the South African Veterinary Council and the NCR must be notified of the cat's chip number.
12. Cats that are bought as pets, not for breeding, should be neutered or spayed at an age recommended by your veterinary surgeon or at a maximum of 15 (fifteen) months of age. Official proof of neutering/spaying must be obtained. A cat that is registered as "Not for Breeding" may not be bred from and the progeny will not be registered by CFSA unless the breeder or the person who first registered the cat agrees in writing that the registration be changed from "Not for Breeding" to "For Breeding".
13. Any signed agreement between the breeder and the new owner must be honoured at all times. In the case of a cat being transferred to another new owner this person must be made aware of the agreement between the breeder and the original owner and this agreement must be honoured.
14. Owners shall not sell or hand over any cat or kitten to, or through, commercial cat wholesalers, retail pet dealers or cat brokers, nor for any experimental research or testing, nor directly or indirectly allow cats to be given as a prize or donation in a competition of any kind.



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### RECOGNITION OF A NEW BREED/COLOUR/PATTERN/ EYE COLOUR FOR SHOW PURPOSES

1. To compete in the general classes at a CFSA Championship Cat Show, the new breed/pattern/colour/eye colour, after meeting the conditions for acceptance for registration either into the Main/Advanced (Established breed/pattern/colour/eye colour) Register, or the Progressive/Experimental (Provisional Acceptance) Register, needs to progress through the following Show Exhibition Classes in order to qualify for titles at CFSA Championship Shows: Preliminary Exhibition and Provisional.
2. **PRELIMINARY EXHIBITION:**
  - 2.1. (Breed/Pattern/Colour/Eye Colour not yet accepted to compete in **the Provisional Class**).
  - 2.2. The Breed/Pattern/Colour/Eye Colour is put on exhibition at CFSA Championship Shows.
  - 2.3. Cats entering this class must comply with the following requirements:
    - 2.3.1. Be registered for that breed according to the rules of the **Main, Advanced, Progressive or Experimental Registers** of the National Cat Register.
    - 2.3.2. A Preliminary Standard of Points has been approved by CFSA.
    - 2.3.3. The exhibits must be presented to at least three qualified CFSA judges and the Registrar or a member of the NCR Operating Executive at, at least, 2 (two) CFSA Championship Shows within a minimum of a six-month period and a **Preliminary Standard of Points** as approved by CFSA must be explained and discussed.
  - 2.4. For a Breed/Pattern/Colour/Eye Colour to receive **Provisional Show Status**, the following requirements must be met:
    - 2.4.1. The breed/pattern/colour/eye colour has been on Preliminary Exhibition and complied with the conditions for Preliminary Exhibition.
    - 2.4.2. Each cat of the applicable breed/pattern/colour/eye colour exhibited must be registered with the National Cat Register in an applicable register and must have a minimum of 3 (three) consecutive generations of the breed and/or permitted breeds/patterns/colours/eye colours, prior to the cat itself, in the pedigree.
    - 2.4.3. In the case of a new breed/pattern/colour/eye colour not yet recognised by CFSA but recognised by another acceptable International Registering body, 6 (six) different cats of which at least 3 (three) are at least 9 (nine) months of age, must be exhibited at a minimum of 2 (two) official CFSA shows within a six-month period of time.
    - 2.4.4. In the case of a breed/pattern/colour/eye colour not recognised by another acceptable International Registering Body, **an additional** 6 (six) different of which at least 3 (three) are at least 9 (nine) months old must be exhibited at a minimum of two official CFSA shows within a six-month period of time.
    - 2.4.5. In the case of a breed/pattern/colour/eye colour for a recognised CFSA breed, 4 (four) different cats of which at least 2 (two) are at least 9 (nine) months old must be exhibited at a minimum of 2 (two) official CFSA shows within a six-month period of time.



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- 2.5. Once a breed/pattern/colour/eye colour receives Provisional Show Status, cats satisfying the necessary conditions may be entered in the Provisional Class.

### 3. PROVISIONAL CLASS:

- 3.1. (Breed/Pattern/Colour/Eye Colour not yet accepted for **Championship Show Status**).
- 3.2. Cats judged in this class will be judged at a CFSA show by a minimum of 2 (two) judges per cat against a CFSA accepted Provisional Breed Standard of Points for that breed/pattern/colour/eye colour. Judges to award either an *Excellent Award* or to refrain from giving an award.
- 3.3. Cats entered in this class can be entered under their allocated breed number but do not compete for Ribbon Awards, titles or any of the Best in Show Categories and cannot accumulate points towards Cat of the Year. Amongst themselves they may compete for Provisional Best of Group.
- 3.4. Conditions for cats to be entered in the Provisional Class:
- 3.4.1. The breed/pattern/colour/eye colour has obtained Provisional Show Status according to the conditions of **Provisional Show Status**.
- 3.4.2. Each cat of the applicable breed/pattern/colour/ eye colour exhibited must be registered with the National Cat Register in an applicable register and must have a minimum of 4 (four) consecutive generations of the breed and/or permitted breeds/patterns/colours/eye colours, prior to the cat itself, in the pedigree.
- 3.5. For a breed/pattern/colour/eye colour to receive **Championship Status and compete for CFSA Ribbon Awards, titles and compete in COY**, the following requirements must be met:
- 3.5.1. Has met the conditions for full recognition as an established breed/pattern/colour/eye colour for registration in the **Main/Advanced Register** of the **National Cat Register** and the Standard of Points for the breed/pattern/colour/eye colour has been finally accepted by CFSA.
- 3.5.2. A minimum of 4 (four) different cats of the applicable breed/pattern/colour/eye colour of which 2 (two) are at least 9 (nine) months old, must have received an *Excellent Award* from both judges judging the cats in the Provisional Class, at a minimum of 3 (three) different CFSA shows within a period of 6 (six) months.



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### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR RECOGNITION OF A NEW BREED / PATTERN / COLOUR / EYE COLOUR FOR REGISTRATION AND BREEDING PURPOSES

To be recognised as a new breed/pattern/colour/eye colour, a cat must have distinguishing features that sets it apart from all other breeds/patterns/colours/eye colours.

The description of a breed requires a specific type, pattern and colour(s), including eye colour and hair description.

**Category A:** A Breed that is not a recognised CFSA breed, but is recognised by an acceptable International Cat Registration Body with Registration Rules in compliance with CFSA Registration Rules.

**Category B:** A breed that is not recognised by CFSA as a breed, but is recognised by an International Cat Registration Body with Registration Rules NOT in compliance with CFSA Registration Rules.

**Category C:** A breed that is a new mutation of a breed, not recognised by CFSA and not recognised by any International Cat Registration Body.

**Category D:** A pattern/colour/eye colour that is not a recognised CFSA pattern/colour/eye colour, but is recognised by an acceptable International Cat Registration Body with Registration Rules in compliance with CFSA Registration Rules.

**Category E:** A pattern/colour/eye colour that is NOT a recognised CFSA pattern/colour/eye colour in any CFSA recognised breed and not recognised by any International Cat Registration Body.

**Category F:** A pattern/colour/eye colour that is NOT a recognised pattern/colour/eye colour for an already recognised CFSA breed, but a recognised pattern/colour/eye colour for another recognised CFSA breed.

Application for recognition of a new breed/pattern/colour/eye colour must be accompanied by:-

A clear indication that the new breed/pattern/colour/eye colour falls under category A,B,C,D,E, or F.

1. In the case of Category A,B,D and F:
  - 1.1 The verified status of recognition at the Registration Body where the cat(s) have been registered.
  - 1.2 A 4-generation, certified pedigree of the cat(s) of the new breed/pattern/colour/eye colour requiring registration. The cat(s) and the ancestry of the cat(s) in this pedigree must satisfy the description of the breed/pattern/colour/eye colour.
2. In the case of all the categories (A to F):



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- 2.1 A detailed verified account of the history and development of the breed/pattern/colour/eye colour.
  - 2.2 Uniqueness of the breed/pattern/colour/eye colour as established and proven by photographs, descriptions and declarations by various cat genetic experts.
  - 2.3 Acceptable scientific proof of the unique genotype and phenotype of the breed/pattern/colour/eye colour, indicating its genetic dominance/recessive-ness.
  - 2.4 Sufficient verified proof that the new breed/pattern/colour/eye colour does not carry any defect or feature that is damaging to a cat's health and/or welfare.
  - 2.5 A Tentative Breed Standard and a Standard of Points for the breed/pattern/colour/eye colour including a detailed list of acceptable patterns/colours/eye colours.
  - 2.6 Sufficient facts to demonstrate the potential value of the breed/pattern/colour/eye colour to the cat fancy and the differences between the proposed breed/pattern/colour/eye colour and existing recognised breeds/patterns/colours/eye colours.
  - 2.7 Full verified details of the CFSA registered breeder(s) taking an interest in the breed/pattern/colour/eye colour and willing to participate in the development of the breed/pattern/colour/eye colour.
3. If out crossing to another CFSA recognised breed/pattern/colour/eye colour is needed for the development/maintenance of the breed/pattern/colour/eye colour, the following additional information must accompany the application:-
    - 3.1 Acceptable reasons for out crossing to the recognised breed/pattern/colour/eye colour.
    - 3.2 Request to outcross to a recognised breed/pattern/colour/eye colour, clarifying the need genetically and indicating the consequences/possible effects to the phenotype and genotype of the already recognised breed/pattern/colour/eye colour.
    - 3.3 A detailed breeding programme, indicating the modus operandi, to establish the breed/pattern/colour/eye colour to be a pure breed/pattern/colour/eye colour, with all breeding cats to have a minimum of four generations of the same breed/pattern/colour/eye colour in the pedigrees and no more than one generation line-breeding and 5% in-breeding in their pedigrees.
    - 3.4 Undertake to, under no circumstances, register the offspring of these cross matings, as the breed/pattern/colour/eye colour used for the outcross.
    - 3.5 Indicate what would be the fate of kittens not suitable for use in the breeding programme resulting from these crosses.
    - 3.6 Keep precise records of the genotype and phenotype of all offspring. These records must be kept and if requested these statistical records must be submitted for verification purposes.
    - 3.7 A date when the breed/pattern/colour/eye colour would be considered as a pure breed without outcrosses in the four generation pedigree of all breeding stock.

Compliance of these requirements will not necessarily guarantee acceptance of the breed/pattern/colour/eye colour

### **ACCEPTANCE FOR REGISTRATION PURPOSES:**

The breed/pattern/colour/eye colour, if accepted, pending on the information supplied, the number of CFSA breeders actively working with and promoting the breed/pattern/colour/eye colour and the numbers and quality of the breeding stock being used for the establishment of the breed/pattern/colour/eye colour, may either be *provisionally* accepted for registration purposes at



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the **National Cat Register** in the **Experimental Register (Development Register) Progressive Register** or accepted as a new *established* breed/pattern/colour/eye colour for registration purposes in the **Main Register/Advanced Register**. **Registration in the Experimental Register(Development Register)Progressive Register does not automatically guarantee progression to the Main Register/Advanced Register.** If the breed/pattern/colour/eye colour has been accepted *provisionally*, cats of the breed/pattern/colour/eye colour may be accepted for registration in the **Experimental Register/Progressive Register**. These cats will receive a preliminary breed/pattern/colour/eye colour abbreviation, indicating that the breed/pattern/colour/eye colour is not yet recognised. Once the conditions for a new *established* breed/pattern/colour/eye colour have been met, the cats whose registration details comply with the conditions for registration in the **Main Register/Advanced Register** will be transferred to the **Main Register/Advanced Register**. These cats will receive a unique breed abbreviation, indicating that the breed/pattern/colour/eye colour is fully recognised.

### **Breed/pattern/colour/eye colour acceptance into the Main Register/Advanced Register.**

Upon **application** the breed/pattern/colour/eye colour may be accepted for recognition as an *ESTABLISHED BREED* in the **Main Register/Advanced Register** of the **National Cat register** once the following criteria have been met:-

#### **Categories A,B,C,D and E:**

1. At least 4 registered CFSA breeders indicate in writing that they are actively working with the breed/pattern/colour/eye colour.
2. At least 12 cats of the breed/pattern/colour/eye colour have been bred. Each cat must have a certified, verified National Cat Register pedigree, showing, prior to the cat, a 4-generation pedigree **as per Main Register/Advanced Register requirements, and showing not more than one generation line-breeding.**
3. At least 8 of these cats are unrelated up to the grandparent level.

**Category F:** (A pattern/colour/eye colour that is not a recognised pattern/colour/eye colour for an already recognised CFSA breed).

1. At least 2 registered CFSA breeders indicate in writing that they are actively working with the breed/pattern/colour/eye colour.
2. At least 6 cats of the breed/pattern/colour/eye colour have been bred. Each cat must have a certified, verified National Cat Register pedigree, showing, prior to the cat, a 4-generation pedigree **as per Main Register/Advanced Register requirements and showing not more than one generation of line-breeding.**
3. At least 4 of these cats must be unrelated up to grandparent level.

If at any stage valid information is obtained implying a breach of any of the above-mentioned rules and conditions, acceptance of the breed/pattern/colour/eye colour in any of the **National Cat Register's Registers**, can be cancelled.