

Amend Standing Rules 203.1.1 (Unregistered Cats) - Crockett

Rationale:

Our liberal system of allowing one entry without a TICA registration is only for cats eligible for TICA registration. If no proof of that eligibility is provided, how do we know if the cat is registered in another association or if it is a cat with no pedigree?

Amend 203.1.1

203.1.1 In order for a cat to be shown without a registration number, that cat must be eligible for registration and competition in TICA in the class in which the cat is to be shown. **No entry shall be accepted without a TICA registration number unless a copy of valid registration certificate from another registry, or a TICA litter registration (for kittens) is submitted along with the entry form. Copies of that documentation shall be submitted to the Executive Office with the Master Catalog. Any documentation found to be invalid will result in entries not being counted.**

Rules Committee Chair note:

The proposer has confirmed with Erwin that the ability to upload PDF documents into TOES for such entries can be included within a few weeks if the rule change is agreed. I have no information about other entry clerk programs.

Rules Committee Comments:

(A)

I think it will help with the stuffing situation - it does not allow litter registrations from another organization - it may encourage TICA registrations.

(B)

I would say instead of creating more work for entry clerks, the EO, etc...Why not make it so cats must be registered to be entered.

CFA has had that rule forever. If your cat isn't registered; you don't enter. If the number hasn't come back, then submit proof of it actually being worked on like the email from the EO.

I get why this has been submitted but just go ahead, bite the bullet and make it a requirement to have your cats registered. That would solve a myriad of problems.

(C)

The "try once before you commit" is really important in attracting new exhibitors and especially in areas where there is an incumbent registry and TICA is the "new guy". I know my own region would never have taken off without that in place.

I agree it is more work but it would ensure that the rule that the cat is eligible for registration is enforced.

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(B) I get the try before you commit and maybe in developing regions an exception could be made but technically in TICA all cats are eligible for registrations either pedigreed or HHP. (Before you all start in on f1 this or that I get that)

We have a hard enough time getting people to entry clerk and even if Erwin can do something with Toes so people can upload documents, I think it's going to create more work.

(D) CFA keeps changing their rules. I showed a kitten last month with no registration number and she didn't even count into the count. I don't carry around certified pedigrees of my cats to get TRN numbers. I believe they changed their rule this weekend. The inconsistency is a problem. Whatever we decide to do, I think we need to be prepared to not keep changing it since you can't expect the average exhibitor to keep up with every rule change, especially if it changes every year.

(E) As always I have to say that [compulsory registration] will reduce entries in some European countries. There are always exhibitors that come only for the fun of it and will never register their cats with TICA. And will there be a public list of organizations that issue pedigrees that are accepted by the EO?

Add Standing Rule 107.3 (Fiscal Transparency) – Brooks/Holmes

Rationale:

More transparency is needed in the individual regions as to Accounting of Regional funds. Some regions have thousands of £/€/€ etc and it is important to have accounting available. It is important when Regions are attempting to raise funds to be able to give their membership an accounting of such funds.

Add Standing Rule 107.3

107.3 The Regional Directors shall be responsible for providing their region with an annual detailed Income and Expense report of the funds in their region from May 1 thru April 30. This report shall be available to the regional members by May 31 following the end of the previous show year.

Rules Committee Comments:

(A)

We don't have this problem in our region but obviously I guess some regions do.

I don't have a problem with this but historically TICA has never gotten involved in club/regional finances. This could become a slippery slope...but whatever.

(B)

It wasn't so long ago that RDs were required to provide accounts in the Trend of their regional funds every year. Though I think that was about reconciling how the regional rebate from TICA was spent.

I think the Board will need Legal Counsel's perspective on whether this proposal increases any financial liability to TICA.

(C)

Totally support this proposal. It is more than appropriate for regional members to expect this as part of the RD's fiscal responsibilities as their elected official.

(D)

The biggest issue I have with this is that in many regions, the RD does not have access to or control the treasury. They are dependent on the treasurer. This can lead to issues such as the treasurer (perhaps appointed by a previous RD) not wishing to cooperate and the RD being in violation of the rule through no fault of his/her own. This proposal places an obligation on the RD that the RD might be in no position to fulfil.

The problem with the earlier requirement that certain expenditures be placed in the Trend was that it wanted a breakdown of the use of the regional rebates and the rebates usually only covered a portion of the actual awards and awards ceremony.

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I don't think this proposal works unless you spell out the positions/obligations of the regional treasurers and RDs.

As yet, TICA has no specific rules relating to this and no rules dictating how the treasury be used. But on the other hand, not having a rule can subject TICA to liability as well.

(E)

These are good points – I must be honest, I never thought about it before, but I think it might be important to have some rules related to the responsibilities of the regional treasurers otherwise they are able to do whatever they want, however they want to do it.

(B)

I think it is sensible that the RD is not necessarily a signatory to a bank account, but would expect them to be kept aware of the contents.

On reflection, I think whilst the intentions of the proposal are good, more work is needed to address the concerns raised here.

Add Standing Rules 901.4.3.4.6 (Regional Awards) – Poole

Rationale:

A Regional Award recognizes the achievement of a cat earning a Regional Win in every available category. This is quite an achievement as kittens can be born at wrong time of year; cats are spayed or neutered right out of kitten class as they are not part of a planned breeding program; or championship cats are used for breeding and then placed in loving pet homes. Just as there are many cats who earn an IW, not all can earn an LA; so to, many cats may earn an RW, but not all will be able to earn an "RA".

Suggest that at least the 3rd "leg" must have been earned in the 2017/2018 show season or later as I don't know if Board / EO wants to allow earlier achievements to earn the title of RA. I picture a smaller version of the LA Award; however, each Region can determine the award to be presented.

Add Standing Rule 901.4.3.4.6:

901.4.3.4.6 Regional Achievement (RA) Award - To be presented to a cat that wins an RW in every available category, one of which must be in top 10 Qualifying cats must have earned an RW as a kitten, in championship, and in the alter class. All RW must have been won in the same Region. Household Pets must have won an RW as a kitten and two (2) RWs as an adult. The award is for the CAT; the CAT is still eligible even if ownership has changed. There is no time limit. Owners must be able to provide documentation of all previous regional wins.

Rules Committee Comments:

(A)

I kind of like this. We have lots of members that just show in their own regions and never travel, which is fine. I think this might give some incentive to those people to continue showing.

(B)

I did think this might discourage people from going for LA.

I also question how far back this may go. I have cats from 4 years to 12 years old that I could bring back out for an RW as alters .. As long as their kitten and cat RW apply...

And then it's also more cost to annual awards .. Those are getting very expensive.

(C)

I think it needs to be made clear if these awards are to be retroactive. If so, then a new 901.4.3.4.7 and 901.4.3.4.8 along the same lines as the proposed 907.2.1 and 907.2.2 (see BW proposal) is needed.

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Retroactive recognition also imposes additional workload on the EO and that needs to be considered by the Board.

Also what is the hierarchy? An RA clearly outranks an RW, but where does it sit in relation to IW and LA? (A cat could both qualify as an RA and also an IW - would this be separately recognised on the registration document or other official lists?).

- (D) Are we getting to the point of over-rewarding?
- (B) My feelings exactly

Add Standing Rule 1023.8 (Judge of the Year)- Brown

Rationale:

Members are not privy to the evidence brought to the Board at the time of advancements or complaints. Members only see the outcome of any action taken (such as a failure to advance or a decision of action). Since members are not privy to this information, making decisions on Judge of the Year can be a clouded one.

If the TICA Board has found such cause to take action against a judge, said judge should not be eligible for TICA's most prestigious award for a period of 3 years following. TICA's Judge of the Year should be one in good standing & represent our brightest and best.

Add new Standing Rule 1023.8:

(Existing Bylaw 123.8 Judges Awards. Each year, the membership shall be asked to select the most outstanding TICA judge for the year. The judge selected shall be presented with an engraved plaque at the Annual Banquet.)

1023.8 Judges eligible to be selected as the most outstanding TICA judge for the year must meet the following qualifications.

1023.8.1 Currently licensed as an Approved or Provisional Allbreed Judge or Approved or Probationary Specialty Judge.

1023.8.2 Have not been the subject of discipline or sanction by the TICA Board of Directors within the three years immediately prior to the month in which the call for votes is issued.

Rules Committee Comments:

- (A) Works for me
- (B) I am fine with it
- (C) Works for me

Amend Show Rules 23.5 and 216.14 (Declawed Cats) – Ardolf, Burris and Stinson

Rationale:

In the past, TICA has expressly stated that it does not condone the practice of declawing but allows such cats to be shown as some exhibitors have adopted cats that were already declawed. In practice, however, the current rules allow breeders and pet owners to declaw their cats and still show them in all classes in TICA.

While the practice of declawing cats was widespread in the past, education regarding the extent of the procedure (amputation of third phalanx as well as the nail) and the impact it has on cat behavior and cat gait has decreased the practice extensively. Numerous countries and a few American states have banned the practice altogether.

TICA is an international cat association, which should reflect the views of its members and also the evolution of humane veterinarian practices. As written, the proposed rule changes would limit the entry of declawed cats and kittens to only the household pet classes, unless the exhibitor provides documentation proving the amputation was medically necessary due to injury or disease.

Amend 23.5:

A cat not having all physical properties, such as eyes, ears, legs, tail (except as specified in breed standards), is ineligible for entry except in the alter classes or household pet classes. **A declawed cat or kitten is ineligible for entry except in the household pet classes, i.e. household pets and household pet kittens, unless the exhibitor submits to the entry clerk documentary proof, signed by a veterinarian, certifying that the absence of the claw(s) is due to injury or disease.**

Amend 216.14:

216.14 Cats **and kittens** that have been declawed **and are eligible for entry pursuant to Show Rule 23.5** shall not be penalized.

Rules Committee Comments:

(A)

I agree with this. Many years ago I had to have a cat declawed for medical reasons.

(B)

First let me say that I don't agree with de-clawing.

BUT, I'd rather see a cat declawed than put to sleep or turned into a shelter.

I don't see a lot of declawed cats behind the judging table except in the GL region. There is an exhibitor that declaws all her cats and I haven't figured out why.

I think HHP and HHP kittens should be allowed because we don't know the circumstances. But that can be said of some of the alters also. They may have come from rescue situations and we don't know the circumstances.

I don't have a problem with this rule, per se, but I do have some mixed feelings.

(C)

I don't agree with declawing either but some people live in rental properties and can't risk destruction of screens, carpets, drapes, cabinetry, whatever. So I agree with allowances for HHPAs and HHPKs who likely are rescues although not always. I agree with (B) - mixed feelings

(D)

I also don't care for declawing - or only if medically necessary for the cat. I think allowances for showing an HHP is good.

At least this is a step in the right direction. Someone recently asked me about showing declawed cats and couldn't believe it was allowed in TICA.

(E)

As our international exposure continue to grow, our rules need to adapt to international norms rather than domestic US ones. Whilst personally I hate the thought of any declawed cat in the show hall, I agree with this proposal as a reasonable compromise.

Amend Board Governance VII (Voting Records) - Stadter

Rationale:

There has been feedback that it is unnecessary and in some cases cause for embarrassment to have individual votes reported for judges' advancements. If there are issues with a candidate, the relevant information should be made available through the Judging Administrator and addressed via that channel and not publicized in meeting minutes.

Amend Board Governance Article SEVEN:

It is expected that the published minutes of the General Board Meeting record that the Board went into Executive Session, the purpose of the session and the outcome of the discussion. For example, the general minutes of the meeting may record that, "the Board went into Executive Session to consider advancement and re-licensing of judges."

~~The~~ **For most motions the** general minutes would then record the outcome of that consideration, including the name of the maker and second of the motion. The General Minutes will include the individual vote of each board member by name.

For motions regarding acceptance of trainees or advancement of judges, the general minutes would record the outcome of that consideration, including the name of the maker and second of the motion. The outcome on such motions will either be noted as "carried" or "denied". The General Minutes will not include the individual vote of each board member.

Rules Committee Comments:

(A)

As a Regional Director, I definitely support this. While I am not ashamed of how I vote, we are not allowed to explain "why" we vote the way we do in executive session and this causes much controversy and dissent within the membership (in my opinion at least).

(B)

I thought we just started reporting those votes. Now you are trying to reverse the decision? But the new Judging committee may be responsible for making these decisions anyway. This may be unnecessary

(C)

It was changed 3+ years ago. I thought the change then was done for the wrong reasons.

(D)

I never did like seeing how everyone voted. Just tell me is it a yay or nay.

I think it does create issues with membership and the people that are being voted on. I know of a couple of RD's that have had to deal with fallout over their votes. Like (A) said, they don't see the comments and they don't know why people voted the way they did.

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All personnel, contract issues, should be done in executive session with the votes just listing a pass/fail.

I agree with this proposal.

(E)

The change occurred because there was a lot of thought that RDs were not being truthful with their regions about how they voted and also, the reverse, that they were being truthful but not being believed.

There are drawbacks and advantages to both methods.

Whatever we do, we need to be able to keep track of the counts.

(C)

In my time on the Board we used secret ballots. That seemed one way to address the issue.

The proposal is only for judges, not all the Exec Session votes and that seems a reasonable compromise to me.

(F)

I agree with (C). Feel this change back should go forward for now while the judging committee is organizing and setting priorities for work. I was disappointed that this change was made in the first place. We don't need to embarrass anyone.

(G)

I agree with (A) 110%

Amend Bylaw 17.4 (Duties of the Breed Committees) - Hutcherson

Rationale:

Rationale #1: To better define the role of the Breed Committee to assist TICA in education and advocacy on the benefits of pedigreed cats as these tasks have consistently been performed by members of the breed committee.

Rationale #2: To assist breed section members to better identify Breed Committee candidates who can provide the functions most often done by the Breed Committee.

Rationale #3: To assist interested parties in being better able to understand the tasks and duties most often performed by TICA Breed Committees.

Amend Bylaw 17.4

~~17.4—It is the duty of the Breed Committee to represent the Breed/Breed Group Section members on any proposed Breed Standard change, amendment or deletion, submitted by any bona fide voting members of the Breed/Breed Group Section. Any proposal submitted to the Breed Committee must be approved by a majority vote of the Committee prior to the Breed Committee Chairperson forwarding the proposal to the Genetics and Rules Committees for review and approval. It is the responsibility of the Breed Committee Chairperson to forward any approved proposal to the aforementioned Committees within 5 days of approval by the Breed Committee and to return any proposal not approved by the Committee to the person or persons originally submitting the proposal. Individual Breed Committee members may attach comments to any breed proposal submitted to the aforesaid committees or individuals. Upon approval of the Genetics and Rules Committees, the proposal must be forwarded to the Executive Office for balloting of the Breed/Breed Group Section in accordance with 118.2.~~

17.4 Duties of Breed Committees

17.4.1 It is the duty of the Breed Committee to educate the general public about the distinctive qualities, unique history and value to society of their breed via routes identified by the TICA Board of Directors such as the TICA website, TICA publications and TICA events

17.4.2 It is the duty of the Breed Committee to educate and provide resources for breed section members to hone their breeding programs to produce better examples of the breed

17.4.3 It is the duty of the Breed Committee to present a “breed theory” document to the TICA membership and Board of Directors every six years defining the means by which this breed may maintain its distinctive traits, ensure vigorous health and be a good choice as a domestic companion pet

17.4.4 It is the duty of the Breed Committee to submit the breed standard to the TICA Veterinary Advisory committee every three years and to take under advisement response from that committee to alter the TICA standard to maintain or create healthier examples of the breed meeting the TICA standard

17.4.5 It is the duty of the Breed Committee to provide resources to TICA breed section members and judges to assist in the evaluation and ongoing improvement of the breed

17.4.6 It is the duty of the Breed Committee to provide representation whenever possible when requested by the TICA President

Rules Committee Comments:

(A)

I think it's good to define a bit more detail as to what breed committees are responsible for

(B)

Since when have we had a Veterinary Advisory Committee? I've never heard of this before.

(C)

There was a brief reference to it at the 2017 Annual in the minutes but no details on its members or remit. No-one has asked us to formally add it to the list of Committees in Standing Rules either.

I think that in the circumstances, it is wrong for a Bylaw to refer to a committee that is not defined elsewhere.

(B)

I finally had some time to read through this thoroughly and although I agree that I would love to see breed committees take on more responsibilities, perhaps it's just me but I find much of the language of this proposal confusing, so difficult to meet the requirements. For instance:

17.4.2 – what sort of resources is Anthony thinking that the breed committee can provide that aren't already available to breed section members? I don't know that the breed committee members have any special resources or connections above what other breed section members have to help improve breeding programs – I certainly don't...

17.4.3 – what is a 'breed theory'? Even Anthony has it in quotes which to me means it has a different meaning than implied. Whatever this is supposed to be I would like to see it better defined if the breed committee is going to be required to provide one every six years.

17.4.4 – as already previously commented on, it would be difficult to require a breed committee to submit a breed standard to a committee that doesn't exist, and if this committee is formed at some time in the future I think its responsibilities need to be defined before we start requiring breed committees to be submitting reports to it

17.4.5 – again, what sort of resources can breed committees provide that are not already available to help members and judges evaluate their breed?

17.4.6 – is he talking about to providing a personal presence at board meetings, or ???

(D)

The current definition of the responsibilities of a breed committee are rather vague and undefined - he is trying to say Powerpoint presentations need to be made, health concerns need to be addressed and people need to support things like Meet the Breeds for TICA..

That's what the intent of all this is..

(E)

That was my take on it, I think if you are going to serve on a committee it shouldn't be in name only...you need to be actively involved.

(C)

I share (B)'s concerns. Since this is a Bylaw, which generally has the highest precedence, then the wording needs to be clear. The wording is what counts, not the intent behind the changes.

I also object to the amendment in its present form because:

- There is a reference to a committee that is not defined elsewhere
- The existing 17.4 is deleted entirely, which covers a process for making breed standard changes central to the concept of breed committees
- Bylaws should be describing overall policy and not a detailed list of activities.

(B)

On the contrary, the responsibilities of the breed committees are currently spelled out quite clearly in the bylaws, they are just very limited, related only to making any changes to the breed standard.

Don't get me wrong, I completely support and encourage any proposal to increase the responsibilities of the breed committees, but they need to be doable and measurable. For instance, I imagine every responsible Bengal breeder knows there has historically been a problem with HCM in the breed and knows what needs to be done to test for it and breed it out. What can the breed committee do to further education these breeders? The information is already readily available to everyone.

Also, I'm not sure that the board members are going to be terribly eager to read breed 'theories' (whatever that is supposed to be) on fifty plus breeds, even if it is only every six years – personally I think I would be blurry eyed after the first 20 or so reports, much less having to interpret it to confirm that it's content assures the maintenance of the breed's distinctive traits, ensures vigorous health and supports it as a good choice as a domestic companion pet. If these do become required, when will they be due? There needs to be a specific/set date, such as the end of the show year, or the end of the calendar year.

These same comments also go for the reports proposed to be written for the theoretical Veterinary Committee, only those are supposed to be every three years, rather than every six...

As for your suggestions, they are all very reasonable and doable – PowerPoint presentations for educational purposes, providing data on health issues to the breed section members, supporting venues such as Meet the Breeds or Pet Expos, however none of these suggestions are included in Anthony's proposal.

Amend Bylaw 111.1.3 (Directors' Expenses) - Fisher

Rationale:

TICA is long past the time that Directors should not be reimbursed travel expenses to attend meetings. Regional Funds are not equally sufficient among the regions to support all their directors and awards programs and have not been relied on for some years.

Amend Bylaw 111.1.3

111.1.3 The President, Vice President and Directors shall be reimbursed reasonable travel expense to the Annual Convention and ~~may be reimbursed reasonable expenses incurred~~ in attending any Board of Directors ~~or membership~~ meeting. ~~if funds are available. Directors' travel expenses shall be reimbursed firstly from the Regions' escrow account.~~

Rules Committee Comments:

- (A) Looks good
- (B) Looks good
- (C) Sounds fine to me
- (D) I'm fine with this long overdue amendment

Amend Bylaw 113.2 (Membership Voting Period) - Fisher

Rationale:

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(A)

I have no problem with the idea and rationale

(B)

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(C)

This looks good to me.

(D)

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Amend Bylaw 114.2 (Candidate Announcements) - Fisher

Rationale:

TICA's election process currently (formally) spans a period of 8 ½ months, with 4 months allocated to declaration of candidacy before the Membership finally knows who the official candidates are. It would seem better to set the official field of candidates in a shorter period of time so that the Membership can focus on getting to know the candidates and the candidates can define their platforms.

Amend Bylaw 114.2:

114.2 Announcement of Candidates. After the initial election, any member who has been a member in good standing for 2 consecutive years immediately preceding shall be eligible to seek office and shall declare his candidacy in writing to the Executive Office not more than ~~6~~4 months nor less than 2 months before the election month with the filing fee established by the Board of Directors. If no member in the region or no member in the Breed/Breed Group Section has been a member for the 2 years immediately preceding the election, the 2 year membership requirement shall not apply. This shall entitle the candidate to be listed as a candidate for the office sought in every issue of the newsletter including the newsletter prior to the ballot being mailed to the membership. Each candidate shall be entitled to publish a summary of his/her experience, credentials and platform in accordance with Standing Rules.

Rules Committee Comments:

(A)

I might change some of the wording about mailing out ballots since everything is done electronically

But the idea is good overall..

(B)

I guess that "mailing" also implies emailing.

I'm happy with the amendment, although I would suggest that the opening words "After the initial election" are now redundant and could be safely removed.

(C)

I agree with (B) about redundant words and that mailing also includes emailing

Amend 22.4.2 etc (Show Licences) - Kruszona-Zawadzka

Rationale:

Currently there are many rules that clubs need to comply with (number of rings, number of cats, number of times a judge can judge during a show weekend) but the rules also demand that any club submitting a show application and paying the insurance fee (if required) is granted a show licence no matter what is on that show licence. So a club can advertise a show that is not compliant with the rules and still get a licence for it.

Many show managers think that being granted a licence mean that their show is "okay" when it is not. This proposal would allow development of a proper process to check the materials submitted and not licence shows that clearly would be in violation of TICA rules.

Amend Show Rule 22.4.2:

22.4.2 A show license shall be issued upon the following requirements having been met:

22.4.2.1 A completed show application has been submitted, listing the total number of rings, type of rings (AB, SP, HHP and/or congress);

22.4.2.2 The club applying for the show license is in good standing;

22.4.2.3 The application is accompanied by the insurance fee, or that fee has been waived.

22.4.2.4 The date of the show was approved by the club's Regional Director, or proof that the request was made and no response received within 30 days

22.4.2.5 A show flyer has been submitted

Add New Show Rules 22.4.3 and 22.4.4

22.4.3 A club may be denied a show licence if any information on the application or on the flyer is in violation of TICA rules.

22.4.4 If a club was denied a show licence pursuant to 22.4.3 the club may choose to either re-apply with corrected information and flyer or to request a refund of any fees already paid for that licence.

Renumber existing Show Rules 22.4.3 and 22.4.4 as 24.4.5 and 22.4.6 respectively. Renumber Standing Rule 202.4.3 as 202.4.5

Rules Committee Comments:

(A)

I'm not sure what she's getting at or I may not be reading it right.

The show license application already has a place on it to check if it's been approved by the RD, etc...

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I know when I've licensed a show, if so forget to send them a flyer, they always remind me, so I'm not sure what is going on with this.

(B)

I agree with this proposal - but it may be difficult for the EO to know whether the RD approved or not.. I know things are kinda loose here in the SW.. and we've had clubs with the same basic show dates for years..

The requirement of a show flyer is already on the application for a license

(C)

Although the EO form may already have tick boxes etc for some things, the rules don't have those requirements specified. I'm assuming she feels that forms and rules should be consistent.

Secondly, there is no rule that forces the EO to *not* licence a show if the relevant information is missing or the show is non-compliant with existing rules. That's why there is a new 22.4.3 and 22.4.4

(D)

I am traveling but I believe there is a rule limiting the RDs ability to deny a show date. So even if the RD refused it, if there was no show within 500 miles, the club could still have the date.

Amend Show Rule 24.2 (Entry Info) - Kissinger

Rationale:

By changing Show Rule 24.2 it will now be saying the same thing as Show Rule 211.4. Show Rule 211.4 covers catalog rules, which most exhibitors are probably not reading. Show Rule 24.2 is in Entry Procedures, which an exhibitor is more likely to read.

Current 211.4 reads:

211.4 The catalog shall reflect the following information for each entry; entry number, name, registration number (if available), date of birth, age, sire, dam, breeder, owner, lessee (if applicable) and region of residence of owner/lessee.

Amend 24.2:

Upon entering a cat or kitten in any TICA show, the registered owner is responsible for furnishing the correct information, including, but not limited to, registered name, registration number (**if known**), birthdate, age on the opening date of the show, **sire, dam, breeder, owner, lessee (if applicable), region of residence of owner/lessee**, and the proper competitive classification.

Rules Committee Comments:

- (A) It is good to have consistency
- (B) Absolutely
- (C) I'm not a fan of duplicating rules in two places but I can see the justification for this change.
- (D) I agree, I'm not keen on redundancy but the rules are already in place, and it can be confusing to people if they say two different things
- (E) I see the justification for the rule but what is going to happen if that rule is broken? What's the purpose if there is no enforcement?
- (F) I totally agree with (E)
- (A) I would think the cat can't be entered. We had an exhibitor here who would not put the sire and dam on their entries. They said they didn't have to do it.
- (G) Will the entry clerk be penalized or just the exhibitor?
- (C) If the club refuses to accept the entry, then the exhibitor is effectively penalized without any need for action.

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If the club accepts an incorrect entry then my view is it should be the club not the entry clerk who should be penalized.

I do think that 23.6 should be updated to explicitly allow clubs to exclude entries which do not include the required information. Something like:
23.6.8 Failure to provide the required information for the entry (see 24.2)

(A)

I agree – the clearer the better

Amend Show Rule 211.4.1 (HHP Catalog Entries) - Hull

Rationale:

Transparency and honesty should be condoned all Classes.

Fellow HHP exhibitors have a right to know the Breed of cat(s) they are competing directly against, if the breed is a deliberately-bred, purebred, or pedigreed cat being entered into HHP.

If TICA wants keep secret the names of sire/dam/ breeder, this could continue, although many fellow exhibitors object to this. The Breed, however, should be made known.

Amend 211.4.1

211.4.1 HHP entries shall omit information as to sire, dam, & breeder. **Any deliberately-bred, pedigreed cat entering an HHP class should have their Breed made known.**

Rules Committee Comments:

(A)

"should have their breed made known" is not a rule - it is a statement and doesn't belong in the rules (i.e. how should it be made known?)

Also, "TICA wants keep secret" does not belong in the rationale.

Also, there is no dishonesty in showing a purebred cat in the HHP
Susan

(B)

(A) says it well!

(C)

I can't see how this will work. Rescued pedigree cats may not have papers, hence cannot be described as a specific pedigree breed, which defeats the proposed objective.

I also don't agree with the underlying assumption that exhibitors have a right to know if an HHP is a specific breed.

(D)

The whole thing is silly. Last week we had four HHP One real Siamese that didn't meet the standard. One straight haired Devon shown by the breeder and my straight haired Selkirk, Four time IW and a shelter cat and we shared the wealth. I think the proposer of these suggestions must have a personal reason that we do not know about.

(E)

I agree – this whole thing feels like some personal vendetta.

(F)

I don't agree with any of the proposals that she has submitted. She obviously has some sort of issue with something or someone.

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We judge HHP's based on their cleanliness, temperament and it actually is the only class where it is truly the judge's preference. It's actually, sometimes, the hardest to judge.

They don't need to be labelled, separated or anything. They are in the HHP class for a reason.

Amend Show Rules 22.2.2 (Alternative Format Shows) - Crockett

Rationale:

This proposal addresses shows where judges are sometimes judging AB 3 times. Alternative Format was never intended to be a vehicle for campaigners.

Amend 22.2.2

An Alternative Format show is a show in which two separate shows are held consecutively, but in the same calendar day. Each show shall be scored as a separate show. **Each judge may only judge one AB show on a single calendar day.**

Rules Committee Comments:

(A)

I think this will make it a lot harder for small shows to get a good cat count.

The clubs do Alternate Format because they have a low cat count and therefore can't afford to fly in many different judges.

Some of the judges are "Only" SP Judges so this rule would make 1/2 to 2/3 of the rings SP and many exhibitors (not only campaigners) prefer AB over SP!

I think it would be better to say 1/3 of the rings of an Alternate Format have to be SP that limiting the judges!

(B)

I am not a fan of judges judging 3 times over the weekend and never have been. However, there are good reasons to have a judge judge twice in a single calendar day at an alternative format show, such as travel arrangements (fewer nights in a hotel)

(C)

From the other side...I hate judging back to back, especially both AB. I don't think it's fair to the exhibitors.

I would like to see this go even further and added into the judging program that judges can't count all those shows towards advancement. We have some judges that have judged all their shows on these formats.

(D)

Several members of the new JC agree that 3 judgments of the same cats by a judge over a weekend should not all count towards advancement. The committee will be addressing this issue.

Add Show Rules 21.17, 22.2.3, 22.3.1.4 (Combined Format Shows) - Crockett

Rationale:

Show halls are increasing in cost – this format would allow fewer rings with more finals, potentially reducing costs to clubs. Alternative format causes cats to be handled more times, causing more stress on the cats and more wear and tear on the judges. By handling the cats once and doing two finals, this reduces stress, and could allow for more entries.

Because of the proposed format, only Allbreed judges can judge a Combined Format show.

Add new 21.17 and renumber existing 21.17 and rest of 21.x:

21.17 Combined Format Show

A show in which cats are judged one time and both Allbreed and Specialty finals are awarded, subject to the rules set forth in the Standing Rules. Only Allbreed judges may judge a Combined Format show.

Rules Committee Note:

Additionally, all cross references to 21.x within the Show Rules and Standing Rules will be updated if the rule number changes as a consequence of this addition. For brevity, these are not included here.

Add new 22.2.3:

A Combined Format Show is a show in which the Allbreed judge judges LH and SH cats separately, hanging Specialty finals subject to the rules for number of finals by count as set forth in Show Rule 212.3. Once judging has been completed for both LH and SH cats in each class (CH, Kitten, Alter, HHPK and HHP), an Allbreed final shall be calculated and presented (no additional handling or judging is undertaken).

Add new 22.3.1.4

22.3.1 The maximum number of entries a club may accept is limited as follows:

- 22.3.1.1 Alternative Format - 125 entries. (See Show Rule 21.16.)
- 22.3.1.2 Back-to-Back Format - 250 entries. (See Show Rule 21.14.)
- 22.3.1.3 Split Format (2-day Show) - 500 entries. (See Show Rule 21.15 and Show Rule 216.4.)
- 22.3.1.4 Combined Format Show 175 entries (See Show rule 21.17)**

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Rules Committee Comments:

(A)

I'm not sure I like it.. Haven't gone looking for what rules are affected by it. I know CFA does something similar (not too sure but I've seen it done)

I'm rather tired of seeing proposals come thru to make getting titles easier.

(B)

I didn't like it when she brought it up on the judges list.

First, I think it's lazy judging. Yes, sometimes we judge back to back and it's 250 cats but if you can't physically do it, then don't judge. That may sound harsh, but judging is a lot of physical work.

Second, Cats can change from session to session....a bit of grooming, etc...you can have a whole different cat.

Third, As an allbreed judge, I may final more LH or SH in my AB final and then have to possibly dig for LH/SH finals...hate that.

I think this is a bad idea all the way around.

(C)

I don't like it!

You want 2 finals? Than the judge should handle the cat 2 times! Some cats are better in the morning others better in the afternoon so it will unfair to some of them

(D)

CFA does this but it is becoming less and less common. I am not sure why.

(E)

I am against this too. Cats can change between handlings and if I am going to award a second final I want to handle again and appreciate the cat again.

(A)

I've got a question - how does this affect the rules as to how many times a judge can judge in a weekend?

Also how does this affect the number of cats a judge can handle (daily and weekend)?

And how does this affect how many times a cat can be handled (daily and weekend)?

I don't think we can review other changes without knowing answers to these questions.

(F)

Interesting point - but if there is no additional judging then there are effectively 3 finals but only 2 judging sessions.

The final sentence reads: "(no additional handling or judging is undertaken)." So I think that the rules on handling would remain unchanged.

Amend Show Rules 21.70, 21.72 (Congress Definitions) - Wood

Rationale:

With the changes passed to 212.3 and 212.4 on the last ballot, “Top 5 Format” and “Top 10 Format” are no longer defined terms and should be removed from Congress definitions. This change also has the advantage that the number of required finals is now in just one place in the Show Rules (212.3).

Amend Show Rules 21.70, 21.72:

21.70 BREED CONGRESSES - Shows wherein cats of the same breed compete for awards. No breed congress may be held unless there are at least 20 or more cats present and competing. ~~The Top Ten format shall be used when 25 or more cats are present and competing. The Top 9 format requires a minimum of 24 cats competing. The Top 8 format requires a minimum of 23 competing. The Top 7 format requires a minimum of 22 competing. The Top 6 format requires a minimum of 21 competing. The Top Five format shall be used when 20 cats are present and competing.~~ **Finals are awarded as set out in 212.3.**

21.72 MULTIPLE BREED CONGRESSES - Multiple breeds of cats compete for awards, generally but not necessarily breeds of like conformation or type. No multiple breed congress may be held unless there are at least 20 or more cats present and competing. ~~The Top Ten format shall be used when 25 or more cats are present and competing. The Top 9 format requires a minimum of 24 competing. The Top 8 format requires a minimum of 23 competing. The Top 7 format requires a minimum of 22 competing. The Top 6 format requires a minimum of 21 competing. The Top 5 format requires a minimum of 20 competing.~~ **Finals are awarded as set out in 212.3.**

Rules Committee Comments:

- (A) I think it makes sense. The finals should follow whatever rules are in place.
- (B) no comment - consistency is good!
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Amend Show Rule 22.1.2.3 (Pet Expos) - Faccioli

Rationale:

The addition approved by the Board at the 2017 Annual Meeting was amended after the Board discussed the proposal and the new wording does not reflect clearly the original intent of the rule.

The original proposal was:

22.1.2.3 The provisions and restrictions of 22.1.2.1 and 22.1.2.2 shall not apply when one or both of the scheduled shows for the same date is part of a Pet Expo in which the Pet Expo determines the date of the expo, the shows are in different regions, and when the show is limited to a maximum of 125 entries.

The intent of the rule is that the restrictions shall not apply in the case of Pet Expo as mentioned, no matter if the shows are held on the same region or not.

Amend 33.8.16:

22.1.2.3 The provisions and restrictions of 22.1.2.1 and 22.1.2.2 shall not apply when one or both of the scheduled shows for the same date is part of a Pet Expo in which the Pet Expo determines the date of the expo, and when the show is limited to a maximum of 125 entries ~~within a region~~.

Rules Committee Comments:

- (A) I don't know what happened here. This was my proposal and Kurt proposed a friendly amendment that it did not even need to be a different region but could apply even if the shows were in the same region. I think the minutes did not accurately reflect the language of the motion.
- (B) The bottom line is that the membership voted upon the words in the ballot, so it does need a membership vote to change them. This new amendment makes sense in my opinion.
- (C) Sounds good - definitely less confusing.

Amend Show Rules 27.2 to 27.4 (Qualifying Finals) - Fisher

Rationale:

The Board were recently asked to clarify which finals are considered as “qualifying” finals under Article 7 of the Show Rules and accompanying Standing Rule 207.1.1. The provisions of Article 7, when read with the definitions of “formats” in Article 12 (prior to May 1, 2018), have always been interpreted by the TICA Executive Office to define “qualifying” finals as those finals which place in Top 5 SP or Top 5 AB and finals in places 6-9 only when at least 25 cats are present and Top 10 finals are awarded. This is a historical definition from the days when finals were either Top 5 (less than 25 cats) or Top 10 (25 or more cats).

This distinction seemed known only to the EO and has caused some comment among members who did not realise that not all finals qualified for titles above CH/CHA/MS. Consequently some cats did not actually obtain titles that their owners thought had been earned.

This proposal simplifies the policy so that a “qualifying final” is either a top 5 final in an SP ring or any final in an AB ring.

Amend Show Rules 27.2, 27.3 and 27.4:

27.2 GRAND CHAMPION/GRAND CHAMPION ALTER/GRAND MASTER: An eligible male or female cat registered in TICA shall be entitled to the prefix "GRAND CHAMPION", an eligible neuter or spay cat registered in TICA shall be entitled to the prefix "GRAND CHAMPION ALTER", and an eligible, TICA registered household pet shall be entitled to the prefix "GRAND MASTER" when it has won a minimum of 1,000 points, and acquired a minimum of 6 finals, three of which are within the ~~Top 5 Cats~~ **top 5 cats** in a specialty ring or ~~Top 10 Cats~~ **any final** in an allbreed ring. However, in such isolated areas as defined in Standing Rules 1012.3, cats will be entitled to Grand Champion, Grand Champion Alter or Grand Master status by being awarded no less than 500 points, and acquired a minimum of 3 final awards, one of which is within the ~~Top 5 Cats~~ **top 5 cats** in a specialty ring or ~~Top 10 cats~~ **any final** in an allbreed ring.

27.3 DOUBLE GRAND, TRIPLE GRAND AND QUADRUPLE GRAND CHAMPIONS/ALTERS/MASTERS: An eligible male or female cat registered in TICA may qualify for the Grand Champion, an eligible neuter or spay cat registered in TICA shall be entitled to the prefix Grand Champion Alter, and an eligible, TICA registered household pet may qualify for the Grand Master categories above by winning a total of not less than 1,000 points for each additional title, with at least one additional award being within the ~~Top 5 Cats~~ **top 5 cats** in a specialty ring or ~~Top 10 Cats~~ **any final** in an allbreed ring. However, in such isolated areas as defined in Standing Rules 1012.3, cats will be entitled to each additional title by earning 500 points with at least one additional award being within the ~~Top 5 Cats~~ **top 5 cats** in a specialty ring or ~~Top 10 Cats~~ **any final** in an allbreed ring.

27.4 SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION/SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION ALTER/SUPREME GRAND MASTER: An eligible male or female cat registered in TICA, an eligible neuter or spay cat registered in TICA, and an eligible, TICA registered household pet, after attaining the title of Quadruple Grand Champion, Quadruple Grand Champion Alter or Quadruple Grand Master respectively, shall be entitled to the prefix "SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION", "SUPREME GRAND CHAMPION ALTER", or "SUPREME GRAND MASTER" by winning an additional 2,000 points with at least one additional award being Best Cat of either format **in any final**. However, in such isolated areas as defined in Standing Rules 1012.3, cats are entitled to the title "Supreme Grand Champion", "Supreme Grand Champion Alter", or "Supreme Grand Master" by earning 1,000 points with at least one additional award being Best Cat of either format **in any final**.

Amend Associated Standing Rules 207.1.1:

207.1.1.1

<i>Champion</i>	<i>HHP</i>	<i>Requirements for Titles</i>
CH CHA	MS	300 points from 4 different judges, plus one final
GRC GCA	GRM	1000 points with 6 finals, 3 in Top top 5 SP or Top-10 any final in AB
DGC DGCA	DGM	2000 points plus 1 final Top top 5 SP or Top-10 any Final in AB
TGC TGCA	TGM	3000 points plus 1 final in Top top 5 SP or Top-10 any Final in AB
QGC QGCA	QGM	4000 points plus 1 final in Top top 5 SP or Top-10 any final in AB
SGC SGCA	SGM	6000 points plus 1 Best Cat as a QGC/QGCA/QGM

207.1.1.2

Isolated Areas:

<i>Champion</i>	<i>HHP</i>	<i>Requirements for Titles</i>
CH CHA	MS	150 points from 2 different judges, plus one final
GRC GCA	GRM	500 points with 3 finals, 1 in Top top 5 SP or Top-10 any final in AB
DGC DGCA	DGM	1000 points plus 1 final in Top top 5 SP or Top-10 any Final in AB
TGC TGCA	TGM	1500 points plus 1 final in Top top 5 SP or Top-10 any final in AB
QGC QGCA	QGM	2000 points plus 1 final in Top top 5 SP or Top-10 any final in AB
SGC SGCA	SGM	3000 points plus 1 Best Cat as a QGC/QGCA/QGM

Rules Committee Comments:

- (A) This is all well and good but I think the Alter finals should be restricted to Top 5 in Allbreed rings due to now having top 10 in the finals changes.
- (B)

Why so complicated? I think every final should be a qualifying final, That would make IT programing a lot easier.

(C)

I think the rationale for top 5 in SP is because there is a smaller pool of cats in an SP ring compared to AB rings in the same show.

(D)

I think all finals should qualify as well. What is the purpose of having 10 finals if they all don't count.

(E)

I agree with (B). We should be trying to make it simpler if at all possible.

(F)

I too agree. Make it simple

(C)

But *all* finals count towards the points total for titles anyway.

In my view, the "Qualifying Final" concept is about making sure the cat is of a certain quality to get to a title. You don't need one at Ch level, and although you need 3 for a GRC, you only need one such "Qualifying Final" for DGC/TGC/QGCs, which doesn't seem a great burden. Otherwise a cat could earn higher titles by just showing up enough times to get an appropriate points count.

(D)

I still don't agree with it. We have cats that are SGC that aren't really deserving of the title but they hit the right shows and got that best cat.

I think all finals should count towards titles because you still have to have 6 finals to grand. You also will always have to have a best to supreme.

As someone who shows, I want every final my cat gets to count. Exhibitors pay a lot of money for those finals and if we trying to keep and bring in exhibitors, why would we limit finals to qualifying and not.

Amend Standing Rules 203.1.1 (Unregistered Cats) - Crockett

Rationale:

Our liberal system of allowing one entry without a TICA registration is only for cats eligible for TICA registration. If no proof of that eligibility is provided, how do we know if the cat is registered in another association or if it is a cat with no pedigree?

Amend 203.1.1

203.1.1 In order for a cat to be shown without a registration number, that cat must be eligible for registration and competition in TICA in the class in which the cat is to be shown. **No entry shall be accepted without a TICA registration number unless a copy of valid registration certificate from another registry, or a TICA litter registration (for kittens) is submitted along with the entry form. Copies of that documentation shall be submitted to the Executive Office with the Master Catalog. Any documentation found to be invalid will result in entries not being counted.**

Rules Committee Chair note:

The proposer has confirmed with Erwin that the ability to upload PDF documents into TOES for such entries can be included within a few weeks if the rule change is agreed. I have no information about other entry clerk programs.

Rules Committee Comments:

(A)

I think it will help with the stuffing situation - it does not allow litter registrations from another organization - it may encourage TICA registrations.

(B)

I would say instead of creating more work for entry clerks, the EO, etc...Why not make it so cats must be registered to be entered.

CFA has had that rule forever. If your cat isn't registered; you don't enter. If the number hasn't come back, then submit proof of it actually being worked on like the email from the EO.

I get why this has been submitted but just go ahead, bite the bullet and make it a requirement to have your cats registered. That would solve a myriad of problems.

(C)

The "try once before you commit" is really important in attracting new exhibitors and especially in areas where there is an incumbent registry and TICA is the "new guy". I know my own region would never have taken off without that in place.

I agree it is more work but it would ensure that the rule that the cat is eligible for registration is enforced.

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(B) I get the try before you commit and maybe in developing regions an exception could be made but technically in TICA all cats are eligible for registrations either pedigreed or HHP. (Before you all start in on f1 this or that I get that)

We have a hard enough time getting people to entry clerk and even if Erwin can do something with Toes so people can upload documents, I think it's going to create more work.

(D) CFA keeps changing their rules. I showed a kitten last month with no registration number and she didn't even count into the count. I don't carry around certified pedigrees of my cats to get TRN numbers. I believe they changed their rule this weekend. The inconsistency is a problem. Whatever we decide to do, I think we need to be prepared to not keep changing it since you can't expect the average exhibitor to keep up with every rule change, especially if it changes every year.

(E) As always I have to say that [compulsory registration] will reduce entries in some European countries. There are always exhibitors that come only for the fun of it and will never register their cats with TICA. And will there be a public list of organizations that issue pedigrees that are accepted by the EO?

Amend Standing Rules 901.4.3, 907.2 (Breed Winners) – Board Directive

Rationale:

The Board and membership have already approved the concept of Breed Winners. These amendments provide the details of eligibility and recognitions for these awards.

Amend Standing Rule 901.4.3:

901.4.3.5 International Awards. International Awards will be presented to the 25 cats, kittens, alters, and household pets, household pet kittens; and 25 longhair cats and 25 shorthair cats having the highest aggregate points of all cats, kittens, alters, household pets, and household pet kittens, as applicable, in the association during the applicable show year. **International Breed Awards will be presented to the cat, kitten, and alter having the highest aggregate of points in each Championship breed, provided those points aggregate at least 1,000.** All awards earned during the show year will be listed accordingly for every region or recognized area and internationally.

901.4.3.5.1 The Top 25 Cats, Kittens, Alters, Household Pets and Household Pet Kittens, **and Best of Breed Cats, Kittens and Alters**, are featured in a visual media presentation at the Annual Awards Banquet and in the TICA YEARBOOK in color, free of charge.

901.4.3.5.2 The Top 25 longhair and shorthair cats, and the Best ~~Cat~~ **of Breed** in each breed are honored at the Annual Awards Banquet. **All three (kitten, cat and alter) may be brought up together and presented.**

~~901.4.3.5.3 International Best of Breed winners are pictured in the TICA YEARBOOK.~~

901.4.3.6 The Executive Office is responsible for the International Awards After Regional Directors lists are furnished, notification letters are mailed to International Award winners.

Amend Standing Rule 907.2

907.2 RW/IW. Beginning the show year 1996-97, International Winner (IW) and Regional Winner (RW) will automatically be added to the registration records of winners at the Executive Office. A new Certificate of Registration with the title added to the cat's name may be requested by submission of the original certificate and the fee for a duplicate record according to the current price list. Alternatively, the owner can use TICA's online services to reprint their registration certificate.

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907.2.1 BW. Beginning the show year 2018-2019, International Breed Winner (BW) will automatically be added to the registration records of winners at the Executive Office. A new Certificate of Registration with the title added to the cat's name may be requested by submission of the original certificate and the fee for a duplicate record according to the current price list. Alternatively, the owner can use TICA's online services to reprint their registration certificate.

907.2.2. Any cat, kitten or alter that has achieved the official status of International Breed Winner, shall be entitled to apply for the prefix International Breed Winner (BW) to be added to its official registered title, retroactively, provided that proof of the win can be provided. Proof of the win may be evidenced by a copy of the official TICA standings for breed for the particular show season, a best of breed certificate, or photocopies of win acknowledgement from the TICA Yearbook or TICA Trend. A new Certificate of Registration with the title added to the cat's name may be requested by submission of the original certificate and the fee for a duplicate record according to the current price list.

907.2.23 An International Win (**IW**) title will take precedence over a Regional Win (**RW**) title.

Rules Committee Comments:

(A)

I don't have a problem with it except that the BW will take rank over the RW. Some of these breed winners haven't been shown enough to get a regional win and now they get to brag that they are a breed winner when they can't even achieve a regional win...

(B)

My only concern is the time added to the banquet (and the cost of additional awards and programming changes. But it was already decided to move forward)

(C)

I think 907.2.3 spells out that only an IW outranks an RW. The Board needs to clarify the level of precedence. My view is that a BW should be independent of the LA/IW/RW hierarchy and be shown separately on the registration document.

I also assume that the Board has considered the impact of the workload on the EO by making these awards retroactive.

(D)

I was thinking the same as (B). By the time we get to Cat of the Year, half of us may have gone to bed. Gone are the days when I stay up to party

(A)

I don't mind the banquet because after all we are supposed to be honoring the cats that have done what we have asked them to do...but there does come a time when you have to limit "everyone getting a prize"

(E)

We had a discussion with Frances (EO) and Ralph (IT) in terms of programming. Currently, only 3 title abbreviations can be listed with a name (such as OD LA SGC). We wondered if 4 would be possible for programming.

I'm hoping nothing needs to go away in terms of the titles (so a cat that was an OD BW RW SGC, for instance) would have all of those.

Also, the 1000 points are RW/IW points and not title (color/division) points.

Delete Show Rule 23.7.2 (Pedigree-re-registered as HHP) - Hull

Rationale:

This proposal is only to be put forward if the proposal to divide the HHP class is not passed.

This current rule favours pedigreed cats while pushing out the non-pedigreed cats of unknown heritage, thereby destroying the original purpose of the HHP Class, and also discouraging membership by HHP owners in TICA.

Delete Show Rule 23.7.2

~~23.7.2 All TICA registered championship class cats if shown as Household Pets, must be re-registered as Household Pets.~~

Rules Committee Comments:

(A)

I do not think that this would have the desired effect. Pedigree cats would just re-appear in the catalog as "Fluffy" or "Billy" (or whatever) with no way of knowing that they were originally a pedigree cat. I disagree that the current system favours pedigreed cats in the HHP class.

(B)

I am not sure this would have the desired effect - the pedigree cat can retain its pedigree and be shown as HHP if this were to go through.

It doesn't make sense to me

(C)

I just don't understand why there is such a push to try to identify the pedigreed cats that have been transferred to HHP - they are not judged like the pedigreed cats in the other classes, so what does it matter?

(D)

I don't think there is favoritism at all towards pedigreed cats; and if this proposal were to pass there would likely be a decrease in HHP entries because those "pedigreed" cats that are not show quality would then have no place to go. We need to keep an opening for those non-show quality pedigreed cats too! They are just as important to their owners and in a sense they are rescues too.

(D)

[Replying to (C)'s comment] Exactly - Judging HHPs is about apparent health, cleanliness and presentation.

(E)

The whole tenet of TICA is that all cats have a place whether they "know" their pedigrees or not.

I just don't think this is a good idea.