



FIFe General Rules

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STATUS OF CHANGES

For previous changes to the rules than those listed below, please refer to the separate document "FIFe Statutes & Rules – History of Changes".

| § | Status | Remarks |
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| 6.3 | New | Requirement for candidates for the Judges & Standards Commission |
| Annex 1 | Addition | Shows at which cats can obtain two certificates on the same day are considered as two separate shows |

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1 Name – Duration – Seat – Purpose

1.1

The name of FIFe (logo) must appear on catalogues, pedigrees and certificates.

2 Admission – Resignation – Expulsion

2.1

When accepting new FIFe Members it is required that the valid statutes of such probational Members shall contain the phrase:

"It is not allowed to sell or to hand over cats, which are registered in FIFe to pet shops or similar organisations nor for any experimental research or testing.
It is also not allowed for members of FIFe Members to offer or trade cats or services, such as stud service, by auction or similar actions, be it on electronic or real events."

2.2

FIFe Members, which do not have the phrase

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in their valid by-laws, shall be called upon to include this phrase in their statutes in accordance with their national laws.

2.3

An application for full membership can be requested after a maximum period of three years after the status of Patronage Member was granted. In addition to the conditions already required, the following requirements must have been complied with during the period of patronage.

The Patronage Member must have:

- a) maintained a correct register of various breeds;
- b) organised at least one international show annually, which was supervised by the FIFe and run according to its rules;
- c) a sound financial basis; the FIFe Board shall check the financial books prior to the application.
- d) the willingness to co-operate with or to include clubs with the same objectives.

2.4

A Member, wishing to officiate as a Mentor, should have been a Member of FIFe in good standing for at least ten (10) years.

The responsibilities and rights of the Mentor towards a Patronage Member shall be as follows:

- a) The Mentor shall ensure that at all shows put on by the Patronage Member, at least one judge who is either a member of the Board or the FIFe Judges & Standards or Show Commission shall officiate and that that judge should have the right to check all relevant paperwork, if necessary by going to the place earlier than usual. This judge must then submit a detailed report on the show and any recommendations in this respect: the report will be sent to the Show Commission, the Mentor and to the FIFe Board.
- b) The Mentor oversees the activities of the Patronage Member and shall intervene and advise where and when necessary.
- c) If it is necessary for the Mentor to visit the country of the Patronage Member in to give advice, the responsibility for the costs of this visit shall be clarified in advance.
- d) The Mentor shall provide a written report on the Patronage Member to the General Assembly each year. This report shall be submitted 60 days before the event to the General Secretary and shall be sent to all Members together with the Agenda.
- e) The Mentor must be willing to assist a Patronage Member to put on a seminar for all of its members.
- f) The Mentor has the right to withdraw its Mentorship if it is not satisfied with the development of the Patronage Member. The Mentor must announce this at the General Assembly and give the reasons for this withdrawal.

- g) The Mentor shall ensure that the register of various breeds (the Pedigree Book) is kept according to the FIFe Breeding & Registration Rules. If necessary, the Mentor can call upon the assistance of the FIFe Breeding & Registration Commission to perform a necessary inspection and to advise the Patronage Member. Responsibility for the costs of this visit shall be clarified in advance.

2.5

A Member of the FIFe may, following the membership-change procedure, accept as members, individuals from other countries no matter if there is a FIFe Member in that country or not. In case the current FIFe Member does not approve the application, the new FIFe Member may send this application to the FIFe Board for consideration.

2.6

When Member's statutes are submitted, such documents must be originals or certified copies.

3 Administration

3.1

The FIFe President and the chairpersons of the FIFe commissions must convene their members for each meeting and allow the following periods of notice:

- FIFe Board 30 days
- Disciplinary Commission 30 days
- Judges & Standards Commission 21 days
- Show Commission 14 days
- Other Commissions 14 days.

3.2

All official documents, i.e. the complete standards and all rules, the EMS list of colour varieties and breeds, the list of addresses of FIFe Members judges and commission members, the complete repertory of all judge's examinations questions, etc. shall be provided on electronic media (diskettes) by the FIFe, or its authorized commissions, working groups or persons, in all three FIFe languages, to each FIFe Member on request and free of charge.

3.3

- a) All written letters including faxes and e-mails and/or Minutes, from the Board of FIFe may be in English.
- b) Communications to the FIFe Board may be in any one of the three official languages.
- c) The rules pertaining to language for examinations and judges reports remain unchanged.
- d) The General Assembly shall be held in the three official languages and shall be served by simultaneous translators. Proposals to the General Assembly shall be submitted in the three official languages.
- e) Breed standards shall be issued in the three official languages

4 The General Assembly

4.1

At the General Assembly the FIFe Board members may express their opinions on all proposals of the FIFe Members.

4.2

The minutes of the General Assembly must be sent to the Members within 4 months of the General Assembly and must also state where each decision has been placed in the statutes or in the rules. The minutes of the annual FIFe General Assembly must contain all proposals that have been submitted with the agreed wording irrespective of whether the proposal was accepted or rejected. There will be no discussion about the proposals unless this is expressly requested by the party that submitted the motion.

The Minutes of the General Assembly will be issued in French, German and English.
This rule is effective from 28.05.2004.

4.3

The Controllers of the Minutes for the General Assembly must complete their check and advise the General Secretary within three weeks of receiving the Minutes.

4.4

The amendments made by commissions to the rules, standards and other official documents, must have been received by the General Secretary's 10 weeks after the General Assembly.

4.5

The expense for the hire of a meeting room or rooms for the General Assembly, as well as the expense for the simultaneous translators shall be borne by the FIFe. The organisation of the General Assembly is the responsibility of the FIFe.

4.6

Each Member may submit a maximum of three (3) proposals per year to the General Assembly.

The Board, as well as each commission, may submit a maximum of ten (10) proposals per year to the General Assembly.

Exceptions may be granted by the Board, provided they are well motivated.

4.7

Proposals that were rejected or voted against may only be presented after 2 years have passed.

4.8

It is not allowed to change the contents of a proposal before, during or at the General Assembly. The proposal can only be reformulated if the sense remains the same, or if the translation in a language (English, French or German) is not correct.

4.9

FIFe Members are convened by e-mail to attend the General Assembly and receipt of confirmation will be sent. They can send their proposals by e-mail, the receipt of which shall be acknowledged. The proposals shall be sent in an editable electronic format to the General Secretary where these will be compiled to an Agenda.

FIFe Members shall receive the Agenda in which the proposals of Members are set out by e-mail. Members wishing to receive the Agenda by regular mail must send a written request to the Secretariat which will be respected until it is formally revoked.

All items to be placed on the Agenda of the General Assembly must be addressed in writing to all Members in the 3 FIFe languages (English, French and German).

The annual reports are to be made available at the beginning of the General Assembly.

The following items shall be sent to the Members in advance:

- Proposals from the Board and the commissions
- Proposals from the Members
- Balance sheets
- Budget
- Candidates for the various positions on the Board and in the commissions
- Membership applications.

4.10

The Board has the right to correct any language mistakes or typing errors which may have occurred in proposals, accepted by the General Assembly before such proposals are included in the statutes or rules for publication. All such corrections shall be submitted to the chairperson of the relevant commission for approval before publication.

4.11

The General Assembly shall take place each year on the last Thursday and Friday in May. The Judges' Seminar shall take place on the Saturday.

4.12

It is strongly recommended that all delegates or their designated representatives should attend the open meetings of the Commissions.

4.13

When 30% of the current articles of an existing set of Rules, i.e. General Rules, Show Rules, Rules for Judges and Student Judges, Breeding and Registration Rules and Breed Council Rules (this listing may not be complete and can at any time be complemented or reduced) are to be changed or corrected by separate proposals of any of the commissions to any given General Assembly, it shall be obligatory, after agreement of the Board, to present a new, completely revamped set of Rules to the General Assembly for approval.

4.14

Scrutineers can be chosen from all members of FIFe Members present at the General Assembly.

5 The Executive Board

5.1

After each meeting the FIFe Board must send the Minutes of this Meeting to the FIFe members within 60 days of that Meeting.

5.2

It is a privilege of the FIFe Board to appoint Honorary Judges.

Any Member may propose a judge they consider to be worthy of this honour.

The years of service to the FIFe as a judge and in any other capacity shall be taken into account; in making a decision the Board shall consult the Judges & Standards commission.

A judge who has been made an 'Honorary Judge' may if he wishes remain active and the relevant notations shall be made against his name on the official judges list.

6 Commissions

6.1

The commissions shall send all final versions of their proposals as dealt with at the General Assembly by email with confirmation of receipt to the General Secretary within 60 (sixty) days following the General Assembly. All proposals (carried, rejected and withdrawn) must be sent in all three FIFe languages.

6.2

The commissions shall send minutes of their meetings to the General Secretary within one month of such Meeting in at least one FIFe language.

6.3

In order to be elected as members of the Judges and Standards Commission, the candidates must have been active International Judges during at least five (5) years.

7 Controllers

8 Disciplinary powers

8.1

In the case of a disciplinary proceeding against a FIFe Member, or a member of a FIFe Member, the Member or the person charged is to be informed immediately upon the arrival of the complaint; this shall be done in writing by registered post or by email with confirmation of receipt and, above all, in good time and with all relevant documents to allow the Member or person concerned to prepare all documentation necessary to present their own case in answer to the charge.

9 Financial resources of the FIFe

10 Accounts and budget

10.1 deleted

11 Modification of the Statutes

11.1

All statutes and rules, amendments and additions, accepted by the FIFe General Assembly, shall come into force on the 1st of January of the following year.

11.2

All changes to the rules and standards shall be written in italics and marked with a line on the side of the page.

11.3

When an article in the FIFe statutes or rules is deleted, the text shall be replaced by the word "deleted" and the following articles retain their original number. New articles shall be allotted new numbers.

12 Dissolution of the federation

13 Miscellaneous

13.1

FIFe will not recognize or accept any new breeds resulting from a mating between a domestic cat (*Felis catus*) to a wild cat species or from a mating between a domestic cat (*Felis catus*) to a hybrid cat (F1 – F4) out of a crossing with a wild cat species.

These breeds will not be allowed to be shown at any show or event organized by a FIFe Member.

13.2

The FIFe shall make official use in all its correspondence and all address-listings of its Members, Board- and Commission-members, Officers and Judges, of the international ISO 3166-1 alpha -2 code of country names.

A complete current list of these relevant codes can be found in Annex 2 of the General Rules.

13.3

Intellectual works, manuscripts, lectures etc., made by an elected FIFe Board or Commission member, which serve the use and ideal of FIFe, becomes property of FIFe, provided that ownership rights are not violated and nothing else is agreed in writing between the author and the Board.

13.4

Official documents, show invitations, show catalogues, judge reports, diplomas and pedigrees, carrying the FIFe logo should be printed in the Latin (Western) alphabet, in addition - if needed - to the national alphabet.

If a FIFe Member maintains its own website, the FIFe logo must be shown on the opening page and must provide a link to the FIFe website.

The right to use the abbreviation "FIFe" in email or website addresses is exclusively reserved to FIFe and the national Members of FIFe.

13.5

The FIFe Board may grant other organisations the use of the FIFe EMS Master Code and is allowed to modify the EMS Master Code.

Annex 1 – Membership and other fees in Euro

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| Annual membership fee | 350.00 |
| Fee for one International Show ¹ | 180.00 |
| Fee for one National Show ¹ | 60.00 |
| Cattery registration fee..... | 20.00 |
| Annual Breed Council fee | 10.00 |
| Judges examination fee | 150.00 |
| Annual Judges fee | 100.00 |
| Rosettes DVM, DSM, DM, JW, SC & SP..... | 16.00 |
| Rosettes GIC & GIP | 14.00 |
| Rosettes IC & IP | 13.00 |
| Rosettes CH & PR | 12.00 |

Minimum net Judges Allowance

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| Two-day show | 160.00 |
| One-day show | 100.00 |
| Per Show ² | 200.00 |
| Per Show ³ | 100.00 |

¹ shows at which cats can obtain two certificates on the same day are considered as two separate shows

² if a judge officiates on both days of a two-day show separated by categories

³ if a judge officiates on one day of a two-day show separated by categories

Annex 2 – ISO country codes

ISO 3166-1 alpha-2

| Code/Kode | Country | Land | Pays |
|-----------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| AR | Argentina | Argentinien | Argentine |
| AT | Austria | Österreich | Autriche |
| AU | Australia | Australien | Australie |
| BE | Belgium | Belgien | Belgique |
| BG | Bulgaria | Bulgarien | Bulgarie |
| BR | Brazil | Brasilien | Brésil |
| BY | Belarus | Weiss-Russland | Biélorussie |
| CH | Switzerland | Schweiz | Suisse |
| CN | China | China | Chine |
| CO | Colombia | Kolumbien | Colombie |
| CY | Cyprus | Zypern | Chypre |
| CZ | Czech Republic | Tschechien | Rép. Tchèque |
| DE | Germany | Deutschland | Allemagne |
| DK | Denmark | Dänemark | Danemark |
| EE | Estonia | Estland | Estonie |
| ES | Spain | Spanien | Espagne |
| EU | Europe | Europa | Europe |
| FI | Finland | Finnland | Finlande |
| FR | France | Frankreich | France |
| GB | United Kingdom | Ver. Königreich | Royaume-Uni |
| GR | Greece | Griechenland | Grèce |
| HR | Croatia | Kroatien | Croatie |
| HU | Hungary | Ungarn | Hongrie |
| ID | Indonesia | Indonesien | Indonésie |
| IL | Israel | Israel | Israël |
| IS | Iceland | Island | Islande |
| IT | Italy | Italien | Italie |
| LI | Liechtenstein | Liechtenstein | Liechtenstein |
| LT | Lithuania | Litauen | Lituanie |
| LU | Luxembourg | Luxemburg | Luxembourg |
| LV | Latvia | Lettland | Lettonie |
| MD | Moldova | Moldawien | Moldavie |
| MX | Mexico | Mexiko | Mexique |
| MY | Malaysia | Malaysia | Malaisie |
| NL | Netherlands | Niederlanden | Pays Bas |
| NO | Norway | Norwegen | Norvège |
| PL | Poland | Polen | Pologne |
| PT | Portugal | Portugal | Portugal |
| RO | Romania | Rumänien | Roumanie |
| RU | Russia | Russland | Russie |
| SE | Sweden | Schweden | Suède |
| SI | Slovenia | Slowenien | Slovénie |
| SK | Slovakia | Slowakei | Slovaquie |
| UA | Ukraine | Ukraine | Ukraine |
| US | United States | Vereinigte Staaten | États-Unis |