



FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE FELINE – FIFe

Summary of changes per 01.01.2024

Used abbreviations: BRR = Breeding & Registration Rules / JR = Judges Rules / SR = Show Rules

FIFe Feline Fund

Research in Feline Medicine and Welfare shall be sponsored by the FIFe Feline Fund. Research grants will be decided by the FIFe Board and can be proposed by the FIFe Health & Welfare Commission or FIFe Members. [→ General Rules § 9.2]

Standard Sacred Birman (SBI)

The fault "Pure white or coloured patches on the chest or the belly" is deleted.
The fault precluding the certificate "A white patch on the genitals" is deleted. [→ Standard SBI]

Registration of agouti pattern for Van and Harlequin varieties

If the agouti pattern in a Van (01) respectively Harlequin (02) cat is known or can be clearly defined either as shaded, shell, or as tabby blotched, mackerel, spotted or ticked, cats shall be registered with the appropriate code for the pattern (11, 12, 22-25). Else cats shall always be registered with pattern code 21.

All Van agouti resp. all Harlequin agouti cats of the same colour variety shall be judged together in the same class, regardless their agouti pattern and regardless their eye colour.

Pointed resp. hairless or flock Van / Harlequin agouti varieties shall always be registered with code 21, BLH/BSH Van / Harlequin tipped pointed varieties always with code 11.

[→ EMS System + relevant breed standards]

Maximum litters

Queens must have no more than **2** litters in **12** months is added to the existing rule that queens must have no more than 3 litters in 24 months. [→ BRR § 2.2.1]

Cattery names

A cattery name may be re-allocated if the owner of the cattery name died without the name being claimed by a lawful heir within **20** years. [→ BRR § 5.2.6]

Winner Shows

Winner Shows may take place in any month of the year, except in October and November.
[→ SR § 2.6.2]

New Winner Show: Black Sea Winner Show, organised in Moldova, Romania or Ukraine.
Corresponding new title: Black Sea Winner [→ SR § 2.6.6, BRR § 5.3.1]

New show titles: Kitten Champion (KCH) and Junior Champion (JCH)

Provided the exhibit has obtained at least the minimum number of required 93 points:

- CACC is awarded in the Kitten class (class 12)
- CACJ is awarded in the Junior class (class 11).

In order to obtain the title **Kitten Champion** or **Junior Champion**, a cat must have been awarded:

- 3 (three) CACC respectively CACJ
- by 3 (three) different judges
- during 3 (three) national or international FIFe shows. [→ SR § 4.2, BRR § 5.3.1]

Breed Best in Show

Show organisers may hold a separate Best in Show for a breed when there are at least **40** cats listed in the catalogue in the classes 1 – 12 of any given breed (defined by EMS code). The other breeds of the category in question listed in the catalogue in the classes 1 – 12 must number at least **30** in total. The number of **40** cats is the lowest limit. [→ SR § 4.9.4]

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Voting during the Best in Show

Voting and the results of the Best in Show must be presented also in English if other language is used. [→ SR § 4.9.4]

National Winner title

When registering a National Winner title (NW), also the year in which the title is obtained shall be mentioned. [→ SR § 4.17]

New age requirements for show classes 9 – 12, 13a and 14

As from 01.01.2024 the ages valid for classes 9 – 12 will be as follows:

- class 12: **4 – 8** months (was 4 – 7 months)
- class 11: **8 – 12** months (was 7 – 10 months)
- class 9 or 10: **12** months (was 10 months) or older. [→ SR § 5.4]

As always, cats must be entered in show classes by age and judged by age as valid for the class [→ SR § 5.1, 1.17.e].

This means that as from 01.01.2024:

- cats, not yet 8 months must be entered in class 12
- cats, not yet 12 months must be entered in class 11
- cats, which already obtained certificates in class 9 or higher prior to 01.01.2024, will keep these certificates (and other awards achieved) and must be entered in accordance with the above new age classification valid as from 01.01.2024.

As a consequence of the age change for classes 9 and 10:

- class 13a (Novice class): **12** months or older [→ SR § 5.4, BRR § 9.2.3]
- class 14 (House cats): unneutered house cats aged **12** months or older are not admitted to shows [→ SR § 3.4]
- table of disqualifying and general faults – faults 1.7, 1.8, 1.9 and 7.2: age changed to **12** months. [→ Table in the General Part of the Standards and in the SR Annexes]

Exceptions to the Show Rules for Belarus, Indonesia, Italy and Norway

The following exceptions to the Show Rules come into effect:

- Belarus is permitted to organise international shows with a minimum number of **80** cats
- Indonesia is permitted to accept 3 certificates in classes 7 – 10 obtained in 1 country by at least **2** different judges in for the registration of the relevant title of the cat (CH/PR/IC/IP)
- Italy and Norway are permitted to accept **5** certificates in classes 7 or 8 obtained in **1** country by at least **3** different judges for the registration of the relevant title of the cat (IC/IP).

The exceptions with regard to certificates are valid for individual members of a FIFe Member residing in the mentioned country [→ SR, Annexes]

Statutes, Rules, Standards, EMS System & forms version 2024

The 2024 versions of the Statutes, Rules, Standards, EMS System and our official forms will be available for downloading on the FIFe website on 31.12.2023 at the latest. This includes the form to be used by our Members to report their 2023 breeding & registration statistics. Please only use the new versions of the forms and do not use any outdated versions. Availability will be announced on the News page of the FIFe website.

As from 2024, the yellow booklet concerning the EMS System will not be issued separately anymore. Instead, the description of the EMS System and the user manual with examples will be included in the booklet with Statutes & Rules. The EMS list, showing a breakdown of all EMS codes per breed, will be available for downloading in Excel format on the FIFe website.