

## Part D – Judging in exhibitions of the WCF

### D.1 – WCF has three types of judging in its exhibitions

#### D.1.1 – Traditional judging

Is permitted and mandatory in all countries, except in these countries, where tradition is different.

#### D.1.2 – WCF-Ring

Is permitted in all exhibitions, aside with traditional judging.

Owners shall indicate on the entry form of their cats, if their cats will participate in a WCF-Ring.

#### D.1.3 – Ring

This type of judging is permitted in Australia and New Zealand, it is only permitted in countries, where only this type of judging exists by tradition.

### D.2 –The traditional judging

#### D.2.1 – Judging is open and anonymous.

The judgement in exhibitions is open and anonymous. Only the catalogue-number of the cat, breed, colour, date of birth, show class and sex are known by the judge. Each judge has to give a reason for his judgement on the judge's report.

#### D.2.2 – Open judgement

In principal judging shall be „open judging“, i.e. each judge is obliged to announce his judgements to the present people and to give the reasons for his judgement, if necessary.

#### D.2.3 – Judgement according to the rules and the standard

The judgement of cats in exhibitions of the WCF is performed according to the official standard and the rules of the WCF.

#### D.2.4 – Judging is indisputable

Judgement in exhibitions of the WCF is indisputable and is not subject of any comments. Discussions between exhibitors and judges concerning the judge's opinion are not permitted.

#### D.2.5 – Number of cats per judge

Usually a judge judges 40 cats per day. An increase of this number by 10% is permitted, if the judge and the organizing club agree upon it. Nevertheless, it is recommended not to present too many cats to a judge that Best in Show may start in time.

#### D.2.6 – Chronological judging according to the show classes

In each colour the cats are judged chronologically according to the show classes of the WCF (from the highest to the lowest class, or vice-versa). Catalogues are printed in the same order, if the club requests to do so.

#### D.2.7 – Four ranks per class

For an adult or altered cat only one title may be awarded per breed, colour, class, sex and per day. 4 ranks may be awarded with Excellent or Very Good, for Good no ranks are awarded. If a cat is younger than 10 months, no titles are awarded, only the first four ranks are awarded per breed, colour, class and sex.

#### D.2.8 – Judge's report

The organizing club is responsible that all judge's reports are issued and are given to the judge.

The judge's report form includes the logo of the WCF, the names of the clubs, their logos and city and date of the exhibition. The judge's form is filled out by the organizing club that it includes the catalogue number, breed, colour coded and written, show class, sex and date of birth. There may not be data mentioned concerning the names of breeder, owner or cat.

## D.3 – Working place of the judge

### D.3.1 – Equipment of the working place

The judge is provided for his work with a working place free from visitors and exhibitors, with day light, which is equipped with a table and two chairs, disinfectant, paper towels, protocols and the judge's reports. Only the chief steward, a student judge and stewards or the owners bringing their cats are permitted to be present.

### D.3.2 – Room

The rooms shall be selected in that way that exhibitors have free access to the judge's area without disturbing the judges in their work.

## D.4 – Stewards

Stewards must be 16 years old and must be vaccinated against tetanus.

## D.5 – Student judge

### D.5.1 – Only one student per day

Each judge may have a student judge, if he agrees, but only one student per day.

### D.5.2 – Presence in the Best in Show

The student may ask questions, if the judge permits so.  
He must be present during nomination for Best in Show and during the Best in Show.

## D.6 – Hair categories

### D.6.1 – Hair categories in traditional judging

Traditional judging divides the cats in four hair categories (see breeds in standard):

- Longhair – cats with long hair coat
- Semi-Longhair – cats with semi-long coat.
- Shorthair – cats with short coat, except those cats listed as Siamese-OSH.
- Siamese/OSH – Siamese, Oriental Shorthair, Mekong Bobtail, Thai, Peterbald and Tonkinese.

### D.6.2 – All breeds and classes must be judged completely in each hair category

In each hair category judges have to judge all breeds, colours and classes completely, including Best in Show and Best of Best.

### D.6.3 – Cats are separated according to their breed, colour and sex.

In each hair category cats are separated first by their breed, then by their colour, in each colour chronologically by the show class (top-down, or vice-versa), and in each class by their sex, males first, and by their age, starting with the adults.

## D.7 – Show classes of the WCF

### Class 1: World Champion – P.H.

In this class cats compete for the title „Best Variety“ and/or „Best in Show“. They may receive the Prize of Honour. P.H.: Prix d'Honneur (Prize of Honour)

### Class 2: World Premier – P.H.

In this class cats compete for the title „Best Variety Alter“ and/or „Best in Show Alter“. They may receive the Prize of Honour. P.H.: Prix d'Honneur (Prize of Honour)

### Class 3: GR. European Champion resp. GR. Continental Champion (GR. = Grand) - CACM

In this class cats compete for the title „World Champion“. They must receive CACM in 3 international exhibitions of the WCF in 3 different countries from 3 different judges, where one country must be in another continent. They must receive 98 points according to the standard. Cats are separated by breed, colour and sex. They compete also for the title „Best Variety“ and/or „Best in Show“.

**Class 4: GR. European Premior resp. GR. Continental Premior (GR. = Grand) - CAPM**

In this class cats compete for the title „World Premior“. They must receive CAPM in 3 international exhibitions of the WCF in 3 different countries from 3 different judges, where one country must be in another continent. They must receive 98 points according to the standard. Cats are separated by breed, colour and sex. They compete also for the title „Best Variety Alter“ and/or „Best in Show Alter“.

**Class 5: European Champion resp. Continental Champion - GCACE**

In this class cats compete for the title „GR. European Champion“ resp. „GR: Continental Champion“. GR. = Grand They must receive GCACE in 3 international exhibitions of the WCF in 3 different countries from 3 different judges. They must receive 97 points according to the standard. Cats are separated by breed, colour and sex. They compete also for the title „Best Variety“ and/or „Best in Show“.

**Class 6: European Premior resp. Continental Premior - GCAPE**

In this class cats compete for the title „GR. European Premior“ resp. „GR: Continental Premior“. GR. = Grand They must receive GCAPE in 3 international exhibitions of the WCF in 3 different countries from 3 different judges. They must receive 97 points according to the standard. Cats are separated by breed, colour and sex. They compete also for the title „Best Variety Alter“ and/or „Best in Show Alter“.

**Class 7: Grand International Champion - CACE**

In this class cats compete for the title „European Champion“ resp. „Continental Champion“. They must receive CACE in 3 international exhibitions of the WCF in 3 different countries from 3 different judges. They must receive 97 points according to the standard. Cats are separated by breed, colour and sex. They compete also for the title „Best Variety“ and/or „Best in Show“.

**Class 8: Grand International Premior - CAPE**

In this class cats compete for the title „European Premior“ resp. „Continental Premior“. They must receive CAPE in 3 international exhibitions of the WCF in 3 different countries from 3 different judges. They must receive 97 points according to the standard. Cats are separated by breed, colour and sex. They compete also for the title „Best Variety Alter“ and/or „Best in Show Alter“.

**Class 9: International Champion - CAGCIB**

In this class cats compete for the title „Grand International Champion“. They must receive CAGCIB in 3 international exhibitions of the WCF in 2 different countries from 3 different judges. They must receive 97 points according to the standard. Cats are separated by breed, colour and sex. They compete also for the title „Best Variety“ and/or „Best in Show“.

**Class 10: International Premior - CAGPIB**

In this class cats compete for the title „Grand International Premior“. They must receive CAGPIB in 3 international exhibitions of the WCF in 2 different countries from 3 different judges. They must receive 97 points according to the standard. Cats are separated by breed, colour and sex. They compete also for the title „Best Variety Alter“ and/or „Best in Show Alter“.

**Class 11: Champion -CACIB**

In this class cats compete for the title „International Champion“. They must receive CACIB in 3 international exhibitions of the WCF in 2 different countries from 3 different judges. They must receive 95 points according to the standard. Cats are separated by breed, colour and sex. They compete also for the title „Best Variety“ and/or „Best in Show“.

**Class 12: Premior - CAPIB**

In this class cats compete for the title „International Premior“. They must receive CAPIB in 3 international exhibitions of the WCF in 2 different countries from 3 different judges. They must receive 95 points according to the standard. Cats are separated by breed, colour and sex. They compete also for the title „Best Variety Alter“ and/or „Best in Show Alter“.

**Class 13: Open class, starting with 10 months - CAC**

In this class cats compete for the title „Champion“. They must receive CAC in 3 international or national exhibitions of the WCF from 3 different judges. They must receive 93 points according to the standard. Cats are separated by breed, colour and sex. They compete also for the title „Best Variety“ and/or „Best in Show“.

**Class 14: Alter class, starting with 10 months - CAP**

In this class cats compete for the title „Premior“. They must receive CAP in 3 international or national exhibitions of the WCF from 3 different judges. They must receive 93 points according to the standard. Cats are separated by breed, colour and sex. They compete also for the title „Best Variety Alter“ and/or „Best in Show Alter“.

**Class 15: Kittens, 6 – 10 months**

Cats exhibited in this class may not be younger than 6 months on the first day of the exhibition and not older than 10 months and must be registered in the LO or RIEX register of a recognized club. Cats are separated by breed, colour and sex. They are ranked and compete also for the title „Best Variety Kitten 6 – 10 months“ (or “Best Variety Adult, if applicable) and/or „Best in Show Kitten 6 – 10 months“.

**Class 16: Kittens, 3 – 6 months**

Cats exhibited in this class may not be younger than 3 months on the first day of the exhibition and not older than 6 months and must be registered in the LO or RIEX register of a recognized club. Cats are separated by breed, colour and sex. They are ranked and compete also for the title „Best Variety Kitten 3 – 6 months“ (or “Best Variety Adult, if applicable) and/or „Best in Show Kitten 3 – 6 months“.

**Class 16a: Baby, 10 weeks – 3 months**

Cats exhibited in this class may not be younger than 10 weeks on the first day of the exhibition and not older than 3 months and must be registered in the LO or RIEX register of a recognized club. Cats are separated by breed, colour and sex. They are ranked and compete also for the title „Best Variety Baby“ and/or „Best in Show Baby“.

**Class 17: Novice class**

A novice may be exhibited only starting with an age of 6 months in his own organization supervised by the national breeding committee. The judge must be informed about the reason, why the cat is exhibited in this class. A cat may only be exhibited once in the Novice class. The signatures of two judges are required. The cat must receive „Excellent“ to be registered.

**Class 18: Colour determination class (Determination class)**

Kittens starting with an age of 3 months may be exhibited to determine their colour. They may receive a qualification without a classification.

**Class 19: Household pets**

In this class altered cats, which do not correspond to a recognized breed according to their phenotype, may be exhibited. They are ranked and may be nominated for “Best Household Pet of the Show”.

**Class 20: Litter class, 10 weeks – 3 months**

A litter shall be judged according to the standard of the corresponding breed and according to its development. The more excellent traits are in the litter, the better the litter. Cats exhibited in this class may not be younger than 10 weeks on the first day of the show and not older than 3 months. They may be also nominated for “Best in Show Litter”.

**Class 21: Veteran class**

In this class only pedigreed cats older than 8 years may be exhibited. They receive the qualification “Excellent”. They may not receive less than 95 points. Cats are separated by breed, colour and sex. They compete also for the title „Best Variety Veteran“ and/or „Best in Show Veteran“.

**Class 22a: Provisionally recognized breeds**

In this class all provisionally recognized breeds, with recognized colour, with provisionally recognized colour and with not recognized colour are exhibited. They may receive the qualification “Excellent” and are ranked, but do not receive any title certificate. Cats are separated by breed, colour and sex. They compete also for the title „Best Variety provisionally recognized breed“ and/or „Best in Show provisionally recognized breed“.

**Class 22b: Provisionally recognized colours to recognized breeds**

In this class all provisionally recognized colours for recognized breeds are exhibited. They may receive the qualification “Excellent” and are ranked, but do not receive any title certificate. Cats are separated by breed, colour and sex. They compete also for the title „Best Variety provisionally recognized colour“, but do not participate in the Best in Show.

**Class 23: Breeds in process of recognition**

In this class all breeds and colours are exhibited which are in the process of recognition. They may receive the qualification “Excellent” and are ranked, but do not receive any title certificate. Cats are separated by breed, colour and sex. They compete also for the title „Best Variety provisionally recognized colour“, but do not participate in the Best in Show.

**Class 24: Exhibition only**

In this class all cats are shown which do not participate in the competition.

**D.7.1 – Recognition of CACM and CAPM**

CACM and CAPM of organisations, which are not associated with the WCF, are not recognized.

**D.7.2 – No award of CACM and CAPM for non-registered sub-clubs**

Sub-clubs not registered with the WCF may not award the titles CACM/CAPM.

**D.8 – Regions, continental areas****D.8.1 – Each region counts as a different country**

Some large countries, as Brazil, Russia, Australia, Republic of South Africa, Canada and the USA, are divided into several regions due to the size of their area, where each region counts as a different country for the award of titles of the WCF.

**D.8.2 – Starting with European Champion (Continental Champion) a region does not count as another country**

Starting with the title European Champion (Continental Champion) and higher the normal rules and show classes of the WCF apply, and another country is absolutely required. For the titles CACM, CAPM another continental area is required.

**D.8.3 – Continental areas or territories of WCF**

For the title CACM, CAPM the world is divided into equal continental areas, as follows:

1. Continental area Europe
2. Continental area Asia
3. Continental area Africa with Canary Islands
4. Continental area Australia with Oceania and Polynesian Islands
5. Continental area North America
6. Continental area Central America with Caribbean Islands
7. Continental area South America
8. Continental area Middle East

**Remark:**

Please refer to Annex-1, and also to the tables of the homepage of the WCF including all countries belonging to a continental area concerning the titles.

**D.9 – Best Variety****D.9.1 – Best Variety only in case of the award EX1 or minimum 95 points**

The title „Best Variety“ may be only awarded to cats, which had been judged better than EX1 in the kitten classes or in the adult classes (not in the alter classes) and which did not receive less than 95 points in the adult classes.

**D.9.2 – At least 3 cats present**

To award the title „Best Variety“ in the corresponding colour not less than 3 cats (adult cats, kittens 6-10 months and 3-6 months) must be present Alters do not participate in this competition. If there are not less than 3 kittens 6-10 months and 3-6 months present in a colour, the title „Best Variety Kitten“ is awarded amongst those kittens, which received EX1. If there are less than 3 adult cats present, the title „Best Variety“ is awarded for adult and kittens together only once, regardless the number of kittens present.

**D.9.3 – Best Variety Alter**

If there are not less than 3 altered cats in a colour present, who had received at least 95 points, the title „Best Variety Alter“ may be awarded amongst them.

## D.10 – Best in Show

### D.10.1 – Public competition

The competition „Best in Show“ (BIS) is performed in public on the stage.  
Only judges having the qualification for the corresponding hair category may vote.

### D.10.2 – For each hair category a Best in Show

Four Best in Shows are performed in an exhibition, on each day or once for two days. For each hair category of the WCF, Longhair, Semi-Longhair, Shorthair, Siamese-OSH a BIS is performed, if at least 15 cats are present in each category in the exhibition.

### D.10.3 – Joining of categories in case of less than 15 cats

If there are less than 15 cats present in a hair category, these cats are joined with another hair category, as follows:

Longhair with Semi-Longhair, Shorthair with Siamese/OSH.

If the number of 15 cats is not reached in one of the main categories, when joining hair categories, the Best in Show is made for all hair categories joined together.

### D.10.4 – At least 95 points required

To be nominated for the BIS, the cat must receive „Best Variety“ or in case of less than 3 cats present not less than 95 points according to the standard.

A cat may also be nominated, if „Best Variety“ was awarded in another class of age, for example when a kitten won over an adult cat, however, the adult cat can be nominated. Household pets may be nominated for „Best in Show Household pet“, if they received not less than 95 points.

### D.10.5 - Nomination

In each hair category each international judge may nominate on each day of the show the following cats, which he judged on the concerned day, for the participation in Best in Show in each hair category of the WCF (LH, SLH, SH, SOSH):

the best adult cat male

the best adult cat female

the best neutered cat male

the best spayed cat female

the best Veteran male

the best Veteran female

the best kitten 6 – 10 months male

the best kitten 6 – 10 months female

the best kitten 3 – 6 months male

the best kitten 3 – 6 months female

the best Baby male

the best Baby female

the best litter, if there at least 3 litters present in the breed or if all kittens of the litter received at least 95 points according to the standard of the breed. Any other best cat according to the advice of the show manager.

Remark:

According to the decision of the organizing club judges may nominate only one kitten 3-6 months, one kitten 6-10 months and one baby, if they are requested to do so.

### D.10.6 – Exotic Shorthair may also participate in the BIS in the hair category Longhair

Exotic Shorthair may participate in the BIS in the hair category Longhair upon decision of the organizing club.

### D.10.7 Identification of nominated cats

Nominated cats must have an identification note indicating their breed and colour besides their catalogue number.

### D.10.8 – The judge must be licensed for the corresponding hair category.

Each judge may participate in voting of the BIS only in these hair categories, for which he is licensed.

**D.10.9 – Voting**

Judges vote secretly or openly on the stage for the Best in Show cat amongst all cats nominated according to article D.9.5.

If a judge requires secret voting, voting will be secret.

**D.10.10 – In case of equal voting the judge is drawn by lottery.**

If voting is equal, the names of the judges are written on little papers and a visitor's child will draw one paper. The judge drawn will decide upon the best cat.

**D.10.11 – Best In Show and Best In Show Opposite Sex**

The best female cat and the best male cat, which had been voted on the stage, compete for the title „Best in Show“.

If an adult male cat (adult female cat) wins the Best in Show, the other cat will receive the title „Best In Show Opposite Sex“. The winner remains on stage for the Best of Best.

**D.10.12 – Best In Show Alter**

The same procedure applies for altered cats: Best in Show Alter and Best in Show Alter Opposite Sex for the second place. All alters will leave the stage after the voting.

**D.10.13 – Best In Show Veteran**

The same procedure applies for the Veterans: First the best male Veteran and the best female Veteran are selected. Then both compete for the title “Best in Show Veteran”. All veterans will leave the stage after the voting.

**D.10.14 – Best in Show Kitten 6-10 months**

The same procedure applies for kittens 6-10 months: First the best male and the best female kitten 6-10 months are selected. Then both compete for the title „Best in Show Kitten 6-10 months“. All kittens leave the stage after the voting.

**D.10.15 – Best In Show Kitten 3-6 months**

The same procedure applies for kittens 3-6 months as for kittens 6-10 months.

**D.10.16 – Best in Show Baby**

The same procedure applies for babies. The winner is „Best in Show Baby“.

**D.10.17 – Best in Show Litter**

The judges select the best litter of the show amongst all litters nominated for the BIS.

**D.10.18 – Special or Monobreed Shows**

Special or Monobreed shows may be organized for single breeds or specified groups of cats. The procedure for nomination and Best in Show as in the other groups. The winner may according to the rules participate in the Best of Best.

**D.11 – Best of Best****D.11.1 – Requirements, preliminaries**

Best of Best may only be performed, if at least one all-breed judge is present amongst the judges.

The competition is performed on the stage at the end of the best in Show. Only all.breed judges are entitled to vote for Best of Best amongst all hair categories (LH, SLH, SH, SOSH).

Only the winners of Best in Show for adult cats of all hair categories and Special/Monobreed shows will participate in the Best of Best.

**D.11.2 – Voting**

Voting is made according to the following procedure:

Best of Best place 1

Best of Best place 2

Best of Best place 3

Best of Best place 4 a.s.o.

The judges award 20 points for the first place, 15 points for the second place, 10 points for the third place and 5 points for the fourth place. Should more than 4 participants pass on the Best of Best (through breed-special shows), more points are awarded according to need (in steps of 5). The last-placed cat always gets 5 points, the higher positioned receives more points in 5 point steps.

The points are added by the show secretary or the show manager for the final result.

**D.11.3 – Neuters and Kitten/Juniors**

The show organizer is free to decide upon a Best of Best for Neuters/Spays and Kitten/Juniors. The procedure is equivalent to the adult Best of Best.

**D.12 – Certificates****D.12.1 – Issue of certificates for titles**

The certificates for the titles Champion/Premior, International Champion/Premior, GR. International Champion/Premior, European resp. Continental Champion/Premior, GR. European resp. GR. Continental Champion/Premior are issued by the member-clubs (federations) of the WCF. The original certificates and judge's reports must be forwarded to the concerned member-club, immediately after a title was received and before exhibiting in the next higher class.

**D.12.2 – Certificates for the titles World Champion/Premior**

The certificates for the titles World Champion/Premior are issued by the Show Commission of the WCF. The application for World Champion / World Premior titles is available on [www.wcf-awards.com](http://www.wcf-awards.com). The form "Confirmation for the title World Champion / World Premior " has to be filled, stamped and signed by the club requesting the World Champion certificate and sent as a scan or PDF attached to the online form.