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Part A – Definitions

A.1 – ASSOCIATION:

WCF World Cat Federation

A.2 – ADULT CAT:

A cat, which is 10 months old or more.

A.3 – KITTEN 3-6 MONTHS:

A kitten, which is at least 3 months old, but not older than 6 months, even not one day older.

A.4 – KITTEN 6-10 MONTHS:

A kitten, which is at least 6 months old, but not older than 10 months, even not one day older.

A.5 – NEUTER (ALTER):

A neutered male or spayed female cat.

A.6 – NOVICE:

A cat without pedigree, which is at least 6 months old. The cat can receive an “Excellent” or less, but no placing. To be registered in the RIEX and to receive a pedigree, the cat must be shown on a exhibition and must receive an “Excellent”. The signatures of two judges are required

A.7 – VETERAN:

A cat, which is older than 8 years.

A.8 – BREED RECOGNIZED BY WCF:

Every cat breed, which is recognized by WCF for breeding and exhibition.

A.9 – BREED ACCEPTED BY WCF:

Every cat breed, which is recognized by another association, which is a member of WCC, is accepted by WCF for exhibitions and titles. Also so called “provisional breeds” are accepted, but they cannot receive any title.

A.10 – REGISTERED CAT:

A cat, whose pedigree has a registration number issued by a member-club of WCF.

A.11 – EXHIBITION (SHOW):

A WCF-exhibition, which is licensed by the WCF Licensing Manager or the Show Commission for traditional judgement and WCF-Rings, or (in specific countries) for a Ring.

A.11.1 – 1-DAY-SHOW:

A WCF-exhibition taking place on one day, in which a cat may only be judged once by one judge and may receive only one judge’s report for this day.

A.11.2 – TWO 1-DAY-SHOWS:

A WCF-exhibition taking place on two days, in which a cat may be judged twice (once on each day) and may receive two judge’s reports at maximum (1 judge’s report on each day).

A.11.3 – NATIONAL SHOW:

A licensed show organized by a WCF-club in good standing, where judges only may award the titles CAC and CAP. At least 40 cats must be registered in the catalogue. It must have at least one all-breed judge. No rings or single breed shows may be performed with only one judge present.

A. 11.4 – INTERNATIONAL SHOW:

A licensed show organized by a WCF-club in good standing, where judges may award all titles according to the show classes.

A.11.5 – WORLD SHOW:

A show in one country, organized by three in special cases by two clubs and approved by the WCF- board, where one of the titles is encountered as having been received in another continent or another country. A special license given by the board is required. A World Show (WS) can only be organized once per year and per country.

A.12 – SHOW MANAGER:

The person responsible for the show, which is assigned by the organizing club.

A.13 – SHOW CATALOGUE:

A booklet produced by the organizing club, in which the show license must be included on the first page, the name and contact address of the board members of WCF and the WCF member-clubs must be included on the first pages. The main part of the catalogue includes the numbers of the cats entered into the show, the date of birth, the full name of the cats, the name of the parents, name of the exhibitor and owner of the cats, breed, colour and sex of the cats and their show class. Other pages of the catalogue may include subjects decided by the club: advertisements of sponsors, breed profiles, etc.

A.14 – EXHIBITOR:

The owner or his agent exhibiting the cat.

A.15 – STEWARD:

A person working on a licensed WCF-show, who carries the cats to the judge's table, disinfect the table, presents the cats to the judge and works in the Best in Show.

A.16 – WCF-RING:

A Ring of a WCF-exhibition, where a judge selects and ranks at maximum the 10 best cats amongst the participants. There are three WCF-rings: adults, kittens (3-10 months) and alters. The first two winners may participate in the Master-Ring.

A.16.1 – WCF MASTER-RING:

A Ring of a WCF-exhibition, where a judge selects and ranks at maximum the 10 best cats amongst the participants. The WCF Master-Ring includes only cats, which won the 1st or 2nd place in a WCF-ring. The first two winners receive the title "Master".

A.16.2 – WCF DOUBLE MASTER-RING:

A Ring of a WCF-exhibition, where a judge selects and ranks at maximum the 10 best cats amongst the participants. The WCF Double Master-Ring includes only cats, which have already the title "Master". The first two winners receive the title "Double Master".

A.16.3 – WCF TRIPLE MASTER-RING:

A Ring of a WCF-exhibition, where a judge selects and ranks at maximum the 10 best cats amongst the participants. The WCF Triple Master-Ring includes only cats, which have already the title "Double Master". The first two winners receive the title "Triple Master".

A.16.4 - WCF DIAMOND MASTER RING:

The Diamond Master Ring may only be held once a year in the world. It is usually performed at the Olimpia Show. Only cats who have reached the title "Triple Master" can enter this ring. At least four cats must be present for the ring. Only the first place receives the title "Diamond Master".

A.17 – RING:

An exhibition with American or Australian ring-judging. One judge judges and ranks all cats of the exhibition in a ring. The rings are separated for adults, kittens and alters. There are AB-rings and Speciality-rings (rings for each main category). These rings are only permitted in countries, where this type of judging already exists traditionally.

A.18 – TRADITIONAL JUDGING:

This is the type of judging, where cats are presented on a judge's table and are judged by one judge, who writes a judge's report.

A.19 – WCF-judge:

A judge, who fulfills all requirements of WCF for being registered and for receiving the permission as WCF-judge.

A.19.1 – WCF-AB-JUDGE

A judge, who fulfils all requirements of WCF for being registered and for receiving the permission as WCF-judge for all hair categories. AB: Allbreed

A.19.2 – WCF-LH-JUDGE:

A judge, who fulfils all requirements of WCF for being registered and for receiving the permission as WCF-judge for the category Longhair (LH)

A.19.3 – WCF-SLH-JUDGE:

A judge, who fulfils all requirements of WCF for being registered and for receiving the permission as WCF-judge for the category Semi-Longhair (SLH)

A.19.4 – WCF-SH-JUDGE:

A judge, who fulfils all requirements of WCF for being registered and for receiving the permission as WCF-judge for the category Shorthair (SH).

A.19.5 – WCF-SIA/ORI-JUDGE:

A judge, who fulfils all requirements of WCF for being registered and for receiving the permission as WCF-judge for the category Siamese-ORI (SO).

A.19.6 – WCF-HL-JUDGE:

A judge, who fulfils all requirements of WCF for being registered and for receiving the permission as WCF-judge for the category Hairless (HL).

A.20 – GUEST-JUDGE with WCF-permission:

A judge belonging to another federation/club, which is not a member of the WCF, who fulfils all requirements and who is receiving a judge permission by the judge's commission of WCF. The procedure for receiving a permission is the same as for WCF-judges.

A.21 – NON-WCC-JUDGE:

A judge which does not belong to a WCC association and without WCF judge permission. The authorization to judge on a WCF exhibition is only after verification by the judges commission possible.

A.22 – JUDGE'S REPORT:

A form provided by the club to the judge, which is completed by the judge and describes the cat to be judged, for example its qualities and faults compared to its breed standard and includes the classification and certificate, if applicable.

A.23 – STUDENT JUDGE:

A member of a WCF-club, which passed the preliminary examination and fulfils all requirements of the WCF thereafter to be trained in a particular hair category (LH, SLH, SH, SO, HL) to become a judge.

A.24 – MAIN CATEGORIES:

There are **three** main categories:

Longhair: hair categories Longhair and Semi-Longhair

Shorthair: hair categories Shorthair and SIA/ORI.

Hairless: hair category hairless cats

A.25 – HAIR CATEGORIES:

LH: Longhair

SLH: Semi-Longhair

SH: Shorthair

SIA/ORI: Siamese/Oriental

HL: Hairless

Part B – Exhibitions

B.1 – Exhibition

B.1.1 – National, International exhibition

Each full member of WCF or member under patronage registered with the WCF is entitled to organize national exhibitions (titles not higher than CAC/CAP) or international exhibitions (all titles) in its own country or in a country, where member-clubs of WCF do not exist.

B.1.2 – Shows in a country, where a member of WCF already exists

If a WCF-club wants to organize an exhibition in another country, where at least one member-club of the WCF already exists, this member-club has to agree or shall organize the exhibition together with the latter club.

B.1.3 – Joint-exhibitions (Combined exhibitions)

B.1.3.1 - Definition

WCF exhibitions, which are held together with another Non-WCF organization, or exhibitions, which are held by Non-WCF organizations on the same day in the same exhibition grounds, with separate or shared catalogues, and separate or joint exhibition posters, with separate or joint judges, and with separate or joint BIS, are joint-exhibitions (Joint shows).

WCF exhibitions that take place in the same exhibition ground, the same day or the same weekend, but which do not have joint advertisement, joint posters, joint catalogues or joint inscription forms, are not considered to be a Joint show.

B.1.3.2 - Permission

To organize a Joint-exhibition which do not belong to the World Cat Congress (WCC) or belong to one contract partner of the WCF, a WCF member must ask for permission from appointed (Extended) Board member at least 6 months prior to the date of exhibition. In case of positive permission a WCF member can ask for a new license (or to ask to change the already issued license) for the Joint exhibition.

For the exhibition with any association belonging to World Cat Congress (WCC) a special permission is not needed.

The procedure for licensing is the same as for a usual WCF exhibition

Joint shows with associations, which do not belong to the World Cat Congress (WCC) or belong to one contract partner of the WCF and invite the judges, who are under suspension or whose license has been revoked by WCF, are not allowed. Already issued licenses for joint shows lose their validity if the above occurs.

B.1.4 – Three-days exhibition

Three-days exhibitions require the special permission of the board.

B.1.5 – Special permissions

Each WCF club (full members, clubs under patronage) can request one special permission in a year. Joint shows do not belong to it. A special permission requires the double licensing fee. The club may not have disciplinary proceedings.

There are no special permissions for deviations from the rules.

B.1.6 – Two days – two certificates

All WCF-exhibitions are organized on two days with two certificates or on one day with one certificate.

B.1.7 – Only one certificate per day

In all WCF-exhibitions each cat may be judged traditionally only once per day (exception B.1.8).

Even the cat is absent on the first day, it may not be judged twice on the second day. Any violation of this rule will be dealt by the Disciplinary Commission.

B.1.8 – One day with two certificates (Double judgement)

B.1.8.1 – Double judgement

The double judgement may be awarded for 1 or for 2 days. The half license fee (allocation of D-numbers) must be paid additionally per day.

B.1.8.2 – Approval

Approval of a double judgement is only possible if no other WCF exhibition takes place in the same WCF region or country (without regions) within 4 weeks. Double judgements cannot be approved for: World Shows, Joint Shows, WCF Olimpia, WCC Meeting exhibitions and similar events.

B.1.8.3 – Judges

At least three judges must be invited. All categories need to be guarded triple redundant by the judges. (Example: 3-Allbreed judges or two judges Allbreed, 1 judge for the group LH / SLH and 1 judge for the group SH/SO/HL)

B.1.8.4 – Best in Show, Best Variety

Nominations for Best in Show are not allowed, "Best Variety" may not be awarded.

B.1.9 – National exhibition

At least 40 cats must be registered in the catalogue. It must have at least one all-breed judge. Only national titles (up to CAC and CAP) may be awarded. No rings or single breed shows may be performed with only one judge present.

B.1.10 – International exhibition

In an international exhibition at least 80 cats must be entered in the catalogue.

B.1.11 – Exhibitions in remote regions

Shows held in remote regions (Israel, the Far East, the Island states and regions, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand) can be held 2 exhibitions in one day. The application for the license must be sent at least 2 months prior to the show, two C numbers must be used. The shows must be visibly interrupted. At least three WCF judges must judge.

B.1.12 – Exhibitions on islands**B.1.12.1 – Conditions**

Exhibitions held on islands are protected and supported in the following way: within 2 weeks before an island show there may not be held a show in the country, which the island belongs to. In countries which are divided in regions, this rule applies analogue to the WCF regions. A special permission for exceptions of this rule needs the agreement of the island club, holding the show.

B.1.13 – Only one exhibition per member/weekend

Each WCF member may hold only one show on the same weekend.

B.1.14 - Time limit between two International exhibitions in the same city

Minimum time limit between 2 shows in the same city is 3 weeks.

B.1.15 – International exhibitions of patronage clubs

Clubs under patronage, which are less than two years in WCF, must invite a member of the (Extended) Board or a member of the Show or Judges commission or, if not possible, an authorized person, as an official representative of the (Extended) Board or the commissions. This person should not judge at the show, but only supervise the show secretariat. The costs of the representative must be borne by the organizer.

B.2 – Licensing**B.2.1 – Licensing by the Show Licensing Manager**

All exhibitions must be licensed by the Show Licensing Manager or the Show commission that titles and awards are encountered to be valid.

B.2.2 – Content of the application for a license

The application for the license must include the following information: name of the main club, clubcode of the main club, date of the exhibition (day, month, year), name of co-organizing club(s), location of the exhibition (country and city), exact geographic location, region (see appendix-1), continental area or territory, judges with their country, organization and their qualifications..

B.2.3 – Term of application for the license

Applications for show-licenses are not permitted to be forwarded less than 6 weeks prior to the show after having transferred the license fee to the account of the WCF, and they must include all required information. If a club organizes an exhibition without any license it will be punished to pay a fine, which has to be paid within 30 days. In case of repetition an expulsion is impending. Titles / certificates do not have any validity.

B.2.4 – Information about the license

The licenses will be forwarded within 14 days to the club, the board of the WCF, the coordinator of the judges, to all judges concerned having an email-address, and to the chairman of the show commission if having an email-address.

B.2.5 – Fee

A fee for the license has to be paid according to the regulations for fees.

B.2.6 – Fees already paid are to expire in case of change of the location or date

Any change of the location or the date results in the deletion of the show. Already paid fees will expire. It may be applied for a new license for which a new fee has to be paid.

B.2.7 – Publication in the show calendar

Clubs have to pay the fee for the show license, which will guarantee the publication of the show date in the Internet, if the application was forwarded in time.

B.2.8 – Judges listed in the license

Only these judges listed in the license are permitted to judge in this show.

B.2.9 – License must be printed in the catalogue.

Show licenses must be printed on the first pages of the catalogue.

If a license is not published, the titles and certificates of that show will not be valid.

B.2.10 – Invitation of judges before the application for a license

Clubs must invite the judges, before they apply for a show license, and then may forward their application including all required data.

B.2.11 – License invalid

The license will become invalid with suspension or expulsion of the requesting club, likewise with non prolongation of patronage.

B.3 – Distance between international exhibitions**B.3.1 – Minimum distance between two international exhibitions: 200 km**

An international exhibition to be licensed may not be organized too close to another already licensed exhibition in the same or neighbour region.

The required distance is 200 km bee-line, or the agreement of the first licensee will be required.

B.3.2 – One exhibition per month in the same city

There cannot be licensed more than one exhibition for each club in the same city per month.

B.4 – Judges**B.4.1.1 – Invitation of judges with judge's permission issued by the WCF**

Each member of the WCF may invite only judges or guest-judges with a valid judge's permission issued by the WCF to its exhibitions and who are listed in the official judges' list of the WCF. It is recommended to make a written contract or to write by email. WCC and LOOF judges/guest judges are counted as WCF judges.

B.4.1.2 – Invitation of guest-judges without judge's permission issued by the WCC

Each member of the WCF may invite guest-judges without judge's permission issued by the WCF to its exhibitions in the proportion of two WCF judges/guest-judges (definition s. B.4.1.1) to one guest-judge without judge's permission issued by the WCC and LOOF.

The Judges commission must receive copies of the evidence of the exams of the judge for verification and authorization before the filing of the license application.

This verification must be carried out again in each individual case and is a fee-based service of the WCF.

B.4.2 – At least one judge from another region or country

At international exhibitions minimum one judge must be from another country or region of WCF than the country / region, in which the exhibition is organized.

B.4.3 – At least two Allbreed judges must judge on international exhibitions without Special shows

On these international exhibitions minimum two Allbreed judges must judge

B.4.3.1 – If there are only two judges, only judges with WCF-judge's permission are permitted

In an exhibition with only two judges all judges must be permissioned by the WCF

B.4.3.2 – Minimum three judges must judge on international exhibitions with Special shows

On these international exhibitions minimum three judges must judge, of which must be at least two Allbreed judges.

B.4.4 – Reimbursement of expenses, catering for judges

The inviting club has to reimburse the invited judges their travel expenses: tickets, costs for fuel in case of travelling by car, lodging (standard single room, not less than 3-stars), if necessary costs for the taxi to and from the airport (to and from the rail station) in the judge's hometown and the city of the exhibition, unless the club will pick up and transfer the judge. The club has to pay for the food of the judge on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, if necessary, including the breakfast for Monday.

B.4.5 – Reimbursement must be before the Best in Show

The organizing club must reimburse the judge before the Best in Show on the first day, at latest before the Best in Show on the second day. There are no exceptions. Judges are entitled not to appear to the Best in Show in case the club did not reimburse them in time.

B.4.6 – Currency of reimbursement

All expenses are paid in Euros or in the currency of the judge's home country.

B.5 – Accepted breeds**B.5.1 – Entering accepted breeds**

It is permitted to enter these cat breeds into WCF- exhibitions, which are recognized or accepted by WCF.

B.5.2 – Entering of non-accepted breeds

Other breeds may also be exhibited: non-recognized breeds, provisionally accepted breeds, non-accepted breeds. They will not receive any titles.

B.6 – Veterinary**B.6.1 – Compliance with country specific regulations**

Each organizing club is responsible to comply with the veterinary regulations and regulations valid in the concerned country.

B.6.2 – Veterinary inspection at the entrance

According to regulations of veterinary authorities the entry of cats may be controlled by one or more licensed veterinaries. Furthermore, the organizing club may decide upon additional regulations.

B.7 – Use of the logo of the WCF**B.7.1 – The WCF-emblem is required in the show hall.**

In the show hall on the stage the emblem of the WCF must be present, the size not less than 120 x 120 cm. Each colour is permitted, but green is recommended.

B.7.2 – Use of the logo of the WCF in documents

Each organizing club must clearly show his membership in the WCF by using the logo of the WCF in his documents, on the posters, in the application forms, judge's reports, at the information counter and on stage.

B.8 – Show catalogues and protocols

B.8.1 – One page of the catalogue must be used for the WCF

All show catalogues must have one page used for the WCF, including the name and contact address of the board members.

B.8.2 – Catalogues and show documents must be forwarded to the WCF

To control the compliance with the rules, the responsible clubs must forward the show catalogue and copies of all protocols including the respective results to a person delegated by the WCF Board within 10 days after the exhibition. The sending shall be made by mail or in exceptional cases by letter, for letters the date of postage counts as valid sending date.

B.8.2.1 – All protocols must be confirmed

All protocols must be confirmed by the responsible judges by name, stamp or signature.

B.8.3 – Fine in case of not forwarding the documents

Further exhibitions of the club will not be licensed, unless the show documents are received. If a club refuses to forward the show documents, that is encountered as violation of the rules and will be punished with a fine. Further exhibitions of the club will not be licensed, unless the fine is paid.

B.9 – Smoking prohibited

B.9.1 – Smoking prohibited in show rooms

Smoking is strictly prohibited in all show rooms, in rooms used for seminars, etc. (everywhere where are cats).

Part C – Worldshows in WCF

C.1 – World Show (WS)

It is an exhibition of the WCF, which is organized by three or in exceptional cases by two clubs and for which the permission of the board of WCF is required. A special license given by the board is mandatory, such an exhibition may be organized maximum once per year and per country.

C.1.1 – One title is encountered as having been received in another continent/country.

One of the titles is encountered in the cat's show career as having been received in another continent or in another country.

C.1.2 – Three, in exceptional cases two organizing clubs

If a World Show is organized, it must be organized by three, in exceptional cases by two clubs, of which at least one club must be a full member of the WCF and the other club is a cat club or an organization for cat fanciers.

C.1.3 – At least one club must be a full member

At least one club applying for and organizing the World Show must be a full member.

C.1.4 – One club is responsible

Only one club, which is a full member, is responsible for the World Show of the WCF, the other clubs are co-responsible.

C.1.5 – In good standing

All clubs organizing the World Show must be in good standing at the time when applying for the license and when organizing the World Show.

C.1.6 – No disciplinary case pending

All clubs applying for and organizing the World Show are not permitted having any disciplinary sanction against them or having any disciplinary case pending.

C.2 – Licensing

C.2.1 – Special license fee

The special fee for the license is decided by the board.

C.2.2 – Application at least 6 months prior to the exhibition

Clubs applying for the license for a World Show must forward the application at least 6 months prior to the exhibition and must have paid the fee according to WCF's regulations for fees.

C.2.3 – No other exhibitions in the same country on the same date

In the country, where the World Show is organized, no other exhibitions will be licensed for the same days. In case of a license in the protected area the organizer of the WS may renounce the protection and still receive a WS-license. The licensing bureau is obliged to inform about that in time. If another exhibition is organized on those days, the distance between both exhibitions must be 2000 km bee-line, independent from the continent or the country.

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

The number of cats to be judged traditionally will be limited to max. 40 cats per day. Cats that are to be judged for example in WCF Rings or Special shows) beyond this number are limited to 110 cats per day and to be charged additionally, only after consultation with the judge. 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 all cats 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.

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 five 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-ORI.
- Siamese/ORI – Siamese, Oriental SH, Mekong Bobtail, Thai, Tonkinese, Balinese, Oriental LH, Toybob.
- Hairless – cats without coat

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 – Prize of Honour - P.H.

In this class cats compete for the title „Best Variety“ and/or „Best in Show“. They may receive the Prize of Honour.

Class 2: World Premier – Prize of Honour - 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

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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 – CACJ

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. In this class cats compete for the title „Junior-Champion“. They must receive CACJ in 3 international or national exhibitions of the WCF from 3 different judges. They must receive 90 points according to the standard .

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 15a: Neutered kittens, 6 – 10 months – CAPJ

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.

In this class cats compete for the title „Junior-Premior“. They must receive CAPJ in 3 international or national exhibitions of the WCF from 3 different judges with at least 90 points according to the standard .The cats are separated by breed, colour and sex.

They are ranked and compete also for the title „Best Variety Kitten Neuter 6-10 months“ (or „Best Variety Adult/Neuter, if applicable) and/or „Best in Show Kitten Neuter 6 – 10 months“. Junior neuters can participate in an own Best in Show or in the Best in Show for neuters, this can be decided by the organizing club.

Class 16: Kittens, 3 – 6 months – CACP

Cats exhibited in this class may not be younger than 3 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. In this class cats compete for the title „Kitten-Champion“. They must receive CACP in 3 international or national exhibitions of the WCF from 3 different judges. They must receive 90 points according to the standard .

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: Neutered kittens, 3 – 6 months – CAPP

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. In this class cats compete for the title „Kitten-Premior“. They must receive CAPP in 3 international or national exhibitions of the WCF from 3 different judges. They must receive 90 points according to the standard. .

The cats are separated by breed, colour and sex. They are ranked and compete also for the title „Best Variety Kitten Neuter 3 -6 months“ (or „Best Variety Adult/Neuter, if applicable) and/or „Best in Show Kitten Neuter 3 - 6 months“. Kitten neuters can participate in an own Best in Show or in the Best in Show for neuters, this can be decided by the organizing club.

Class 17: Novice class

The clubs are allowed to evaluate cats for the 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.

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, 3 – 6 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 3 months on the first day of the show and not older than 6 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 the recognition process

In this class all breeds and colour variations are exhibited that are still in the process of recognition. They can receive an "Excellent" and are placed, but will not receive title certificate. The cats are classified separately according to breed, colour and gender. They do not compete for the Best in Show.

Class 24: Out of competition

Class for all cats which are exhibited out of 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.8 – Regions, continental areas**D.8.1 – Each region counts as a different country**

Some large countries, as Brazil, China, Kazakhstan, Russia, Ukraine, 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 color 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 color, the title „Best Variety Kitten“ is awarded amongst those kittens, which received their titles..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 color 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 or another equivalent place. Only judges having the qualification for the corresponding hair category may vote.

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

Five 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-ORI, Hairless a separate 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/ORI or/and Hairless.

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.

LH/SLH: Longhair with Semi-Longhair
SIA/ORI: Siamese/Oriental SH with Shorthair
SIA/ORI: Balinese/Oriental LH with Semi Longhair
HL: Don Sphynx/Canadian Sphynx with Shorthair
HL: Peterbald with SIA/ORI

Following the decision of the organizing club, Hairless may also be assigned to the BIS SIA/ORI if both groups together reach the number of at least 15 cats.

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, SIA/ORI, HL):

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 neutered kitten 6 – 10 months male
the best neutered kitten 6 – 10 months female

the best kitten 3 – 6 months male
the best kitten 3 – 6 months female
the best neutered kitten 3 – 6 months male
the best neutered kitten 3 – 6 months 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 and one kitten 6-10 months, 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 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.10.14.1 – Best in Show neutered Kitten 6-10 months

The same procedure applies for neutered kittens 6-10 months: First the best male and the best female neutered kitten 6-10 months are selected. Then both compete for the title „Best in Show neutered 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.10.15.1 – Best In Show neutered Kitten 3-6 months

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

D.10.16 – Best in Show Litter

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

D.10.17 – Monobreed Shows

Monobreed shows may be organized for single breeds or breed groups. 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, SIA/ORI, HL).

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

D.11.2 – Voting

Voting is made secret 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

Best of Best place 5 a.s.o.

The judges award 25 points for the first place, 20 points for the second place, 15 points for the third place, 10 points for the fourth place and 5 points for the fifth 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.

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.

D.13 – Certificates for international titles, particularities

D.13.1 – Issue of certificates for titles on an island

The title certificates received on an island will be valid as international titles not only for foreign exhibitors, but also for exhibitors from the country, the island belongs to. For exhibitors, resident on islands, titles awarded on the mainland to which the island belongs, count as international title points.

D.13.2 – Title certificates for members of clubs, located on islands and in Israel, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, USA

For the members of clubs located on islands and Israel, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and USA it is allowed to close the international titles CACIB/CAPIB and CAGCIB/CAGPIB without leaving the island/country. Necessary title certificates for each title: 6 x CACIB/CAPIB, 9 x CAGCIB/CAGPIB.

All higher titles must be obtained according to the general rules.

Part E – Organization of the WCF-Ring

E.1 – WCF-Rings

In all exhibitions of the WCF traditional judging and WCF-Rings may be organized simultaneously: A Ring for adult cats, one for alters and one ring for kittens 3 - 10 months. All cats in the show, who compete with each other, may participate in a WCF-Ring.

E.1.1 – Adult Ring

Regardless their breed, colour, class and sex, and the judge awards maximum ranks from 1 to 10.

E.1.2 – Alter Ring

All altered cats are judged together in the ring, regardless their **age**, breed, colour, class and sex, and the judge awards maximum ranks from 1 to 10.

E.1.3 – Kitten Ring

All kittens from 3 to 10 months (10 months excluded) are judged together in the ring, regardless their breed, colour, class and sex, and the judge awards maximum ranks from 1 to 10.

E.2 – Qualification of judges in a WCF-Ring

Only judges who are holding a judge's permission for the categories of the cats participating in the ring.

E.3 – Ranking and number of participants

E.3.1 – Ranking of the 10 best participants at maximum

At least 4 cats have to participate in a Ring.

Not more than the 10 best participants will be placed.

Amount of participating cats Number of cats in the final

4	2
5 or 6	3
7 or 8	4
9 or 10	5
11 or 12	6
13 or 14	7
15 or 16	8
17 or 18	9
19 and more	10

E.3.2 – Split of a WCF-Ring

If the number of participants is less than 39 (inclusive), the Ring may not be split.

If the number of participants is more than 39, the Ring may be split into two part-rings, but not less than 4 participants must be present in the second part-ring.

In case of a split the best cats are ranked according to article E.3.1. The split of a ring is optional.

E.4 - WCF-Master-Ring

E.4.1 – Participation in the Master-Ring

Cats, which received the 1st and 2nd place in WCF-Rings, are entitled to participate in the annual Master-Ring of the WCF. If a WCF-Ring was split according to E.3.2, only the winner (=1st place) of each part-ring may participate in the Master-Ring.

E.4.2 – Master-Ring only once per year per country

The Master-Ring of WCF may be organized in each country only once per year during a licensed international show or during the World Show.

E.4.3 – Application for the organization of a Master-Ring

The permission for the Master-Ring is granted by the president of the WCF.

E.4.4 – Presentation of the confirmation for the participation required

If cats want to participate in the Master-Ring of WCF, the owners of the cats have to present the original documents or the copies certified by the member-club of the WCF, which confirm the win in a WCF-Ring.

E.4.5 – Qualification of judges in a WCF-Master-Ring

Only judges who are holding a judge's permission for the categories of the cats participating in the ring, have the authority to direct the Master-Ring.

E.4.6 – Title WCF-Master

The first and the second place of a non-splitted Master-Ring receive the title „WCF-Master“.

In case of a split the winner of each splitted ring receives the title "WCF-Master".

This title can be entered in the pedigrees of WCF.

E.4.7 – Number of prizes

The maximum number of prizes in the Master-Ring is 10, regardless the total number of participants. The cats are ranked according to the WCF-Ring. E.3.1 is applied accordingly.

E.4.8 – Separated Master-Rings

The Master-Ring may be separated into 3 Master-Rings analogously to the WCF-Ring in case of a sufficient number of participants (adults, alters, kittens). There must not be less than 4 participants in each Master-Ring. Otherwise kittens, alters and adult cats will compete together in one Ring.

E.4.9 – Split of the Master-Ring in case of more than 39 cats possible

If the number of participants is more than 39 in a Master-Ring, the Master-Ring may be split similar to the WCF-Ring, but the number of participants in the second part-ring may not be less than 4. In that case the best cats are selected similar to the WCF-Ring. E.3.2 is applied accordingly.

E.5 - WCF-Double Master-Ring**E.5.1 – Participation in the Double Master-Ring**

Cats, which received the 1st and 2nd place in WCF-Master-Rings, are entitled to participate in the annual Double Master-Ring of the WCF. If a WCF Master-Ring was split according to E.3.2, only the winner (=1st place) of each part-ring may participate in the Double Master-Ring.

Remaining rules are the same like in the WCF-Master-Ring.

E.6 - WCF-Triple Master-Ring**E.6.1 – Participation in the Triple Master-Ring**

Cats, which received the 1st and 2nd place in WCF-Double Master-Rings, are entitled to participate in the annual Triple Master-Ring of the WCF. If a WCF Double Master-Ring was split according to E.3.2, only the winner (=1st place) of each part-ring may participate in the Triple Master-Ring.

Rules analogous to the existing Master Ring rules.

E.7 - WCF-Diamond Master-Ring**E.7.1 – Participation in the Diamond Master-Ring**

The Diamond Master Ring may only be held once a year in the world. It is usually performed at the Olimpia show.

Only if the organizer of the WCF Cat Olimpia waives the option, can this ring be held at another show. Only cats who have reached the title Triple Master, can enter this ring. At least 4 cats must be present for the ring. Only the first placed cat is given the title Diamond Master. The Diamond Master is the highest attainable Master title in the WCF.

Description about Best Cat points for the Diamond Master-Ring are published on the website.

Part F – Further competitions in WCF

F.1 – Best Cat of WCF

The WCF organizes every year the competition "Best Cat of WCF". The description and rules of the competition, also the winners awards are presented on the WCF webpage.

F.2 – WCF Cat Olimpia

F.2.1 –Definition

The „Best Cat of WCF“-exhibition (WCF Cat Olimpia) is held once a year and is a fully recognized World exhibition. The Rules for World Exhibitions published on the WCF website also apply to the Olimpia. It differs as follows: No other exhibition is licensed on the Olimpia date.

The "Olimpia Master" competition will take place at the Olimpia as well as the presentation of the "Best Cat of WCF".

F.2.2 – Participation

Cats that participate, get triple points for their results. Description, units awarded titles and special rules for the Cat Olimpia are published on the website.

F.3 – WCF "Fun" Shows

" Fun Shows" can be organized for specific groups or certain characters of cats. No official titles may be given. Winners of this show cannot be nominated as such for the Best in Show. The number of participants does not matter.

Part G – Disciplinary sanctions

G.1 – Disciplinary sanctions

In case of violation of the current rules disciplinary sanctions may be put on the organizing club (starting from verbal reprimand to temporary suspension of membership or expulsion of the club or the judge from the WCF). The punishment will be authorized by the board of the WCF, if the board agrees with the joint decision of the disciplinary and show commission.

G.2 – Fine

Besides disciplinary sanctions a fine may be imposed in case of a violation of the rules.

G.3 – Hierarchy of responsibilities

The person held responsible first is the Show Manager, then the organizing club, the co-organizer and then the judges.

G.4 – Complaints

Complaints concerning the breaking of show rules must be heard by the show commission too.

G.5 – Publishing of show rules on club-websites

All members may only publish the complete show rules. Publishing extracts only is not permitted. WCF proposes to set a link to the official website of WCF.

Regions of the Russian Federation

WCF Region	Regions, provinces, territories, districts		Continent
RUR-010	Karelia	Rep. Karelia	Europe
RUR-020	Volga 1	Rep. Mari El	Europe
		Rep. Chuvasia = Chuvash	
		Rep. Mordovia	
RUR-030	Volga 2	Rep. Tatarstan	Europe
		Rep. Udmurtia = Udmurt	
RUR-040	Rep. Bashkortostan		Europe
RUR-050	Rep. Komi		Europe
RUR-060	Yamalo-Nenetskij	Yamalo-Nenetskij autonomous okrug	Asia
RUR-070	Khanty-Mansia	Khanty-Mansiyskij autonomous okrug	Asia
RUR-080	Altay	Rep. Altay	Asia
		Altayskij kraj	
RUR-090	Rep. Khakassia		Asia
RUR-100	Yevreyskaya	Jewish autonomous obl.	Asia
RUR-110	North-Caucasus 2	Rep. Ingushetia	Europe
		Rep. Kabardino-Balkaria	
		Rep. Karachay-Cherkessia	
		Rep. North Ossetia-Alania	
		Rep. Tschetschenien	
ER-010	Moskovskaya obl. = Podmoskovye	Dmitrovskij rajon	Europe
		Dzerzhinskij urban okrug	
		Domodedovo urban okrug	
		Elektrostal urban okrug	
		Fryazino urban okrug	
		Kashirskij rajon	
		Korolyov urban okrug	
		Kotelniki urban okrug	
		Krasnogorskij rajon	
		Kolomenskij rajon	
		Lyuberetskij rajon	
		Leninskij rajon	
		Mytishchinskij rajon	
		Naro-Fominskij rajon	
		Odintsovskij rajon	
		Podolskij rajon	
		Reutov urban okrug	
Sergievo-Posadskiy rajon			
Yubilejnij urban okrug			
ER-020	Leningradskaya obl	Boksitogorskij rajon	Europe
		Gatchinskij rajon	
		Kingiseppskij rajon	
		Kirishskij rajon	
		Kirovskij rajon	
		Kolpinskij rajon	
		Lodeynopolskij rajon	
		Lomonosovskij rajon	
		Luzhskij rajon	
		Podporozhskij rajon	
		Priozerskij rajon	
		Slantsevskij rajon	
		Sosnovoborovskij okrug	
		Tikhvinskij rajon	
Tosnenskij rajon			
Vsevolozhskij rajon			

ER-030	Enclave Kaliningrad		Europe
ER-041	Central 1	Ivanovskaya obl.	Europe
		Kostromskaya obl.	
		Vladimirskaia obl.	
		Vologodskaya obl.	
		Yaroslavskaya obl.	
ER-042	Central 2	Belgorodskaya obl.	Europe
		Kurskaya obl.	
		Libetskaya obl.	
		Orlovskaya obl.	
		Ryazanskaya obl.	
		Tambovskaya obl.	
		Tul'skaya obl.	
ER-050	Western	Voronezhskaya obl.	Europe
		Bryanskaya obl.	
		Kaluzhskaya obl.	
		Novgorodskaya obl.	
		Pskovskaya obl.	
		Smolenskaya obl.	
ER-060	West-Polaris (Kola penninsula)	Murmanskaya obl.	Europe
ER-070	Severo-Dvinskij	Arkhangelskaya obl.	Europe
ER-080	Permskij	Kirovskaya obl.	Europe
		Permskij kraj	
		Nizhegorodskaya obl.	
ER-090	Volga 3	Samarskaya obl.	Europe
		Saratovskaya obl.	
		Ulyanovskaya obl.	
		Penzenskaya obl.	
ER-100	Kaspijskij	Rep. Kalmykia	Europe
		Astrakhanskaya obl.	
ER-110	Southern	Rostovskaya obl.	Europe
		Volgogradskaya obl.	
ER-120	North-Caucasus 1	Stavropolskij kraj	Europe
		Krasnodarskij kraj	
		Rep. Adygea	
AR-010	Uralskij	Chelyabinskaya obl.	Asia
		Kurganskaya obl.	
		Orenburgskaya obl.	
		Sverdlovskaya obl.	
		Tyumenskaya obl.	
AR-020	West-Siberia (Zapadno-Sibirskij)	Kemerovskaya obl.	Asia
		Novosibirskaya obl.	
		Omskaya obl.	
		Tomskaya obl.	
AR-030	Central-Siberia	Krasnoyarskij kraj	Asia
AR-040	Baykal	Irkutskaya obl.	Asia
AR-050	Chitinskij	Zabaykalskij kraj	Asia
		Agin-Buryat okrug	
AR-060	Amurskij	Amurskaya obl.	Asia
AR-070	Khabarovskij	Khabarovskij kraj	Asia
AR-080	Far-East	Primorskij kraj	Asia
AR-090	Sakhalin and Islands	Sakhalinskaya obl.	Asia
AR-100	Kolymskij	Chukotka autonomous okrug	Asia
		Magadanskaya obl.	
AR-110	Kamchatka	Kamchatskij kraj	Asia

Oblast ... Province with governor and regional legislation
Krai ... Territory, in general the same as an Oblast
Okrug ... District, frequently with an Ethnic minority
The capital (administrative centre) is written in brackets.

Regions of the USA

WCF Region	Regions, provinces, territories, districts	Continent
USA-010	The North-East	<i>Continental area North America</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ME - Maine (Augusta) • NH - New Hampshire (Concord) • VT - Vermont (Montpelier) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MA - Massachusetts (Boston) • CT - Connecticut (Hartford) • RI - Rhode Island (Providence)
USA-020	The Middle Atlantic	<i>Continental area North America</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NY - New York (Albany) • NJ - New Jersey (Trenton) • Pennsylvania (Harrisburg) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DE - Delaware (Dover) • DC - Washington, DC • MD - Maryland (Annapolis)
USA-030	The South 1	<i>Continental area North America</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VA - Virginia (Richmond) • KY - Kentucky (Frankfort) • TN - Tennessee (Nashville) • NC - North Carolina (Raleigh) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SC - South Carolina (Columbia) • GA - Georgia (Atlanta) • FL - Florida /Tallahassee) • AL - Alabama (Montgomery)
USA-040	The South 2	<i>Continental area North America</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MS - Mississippi (Jackson) • AR - Arkansas (Little Rock) • LA - Louisiana (Baton Rouge) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MO - Missouri (Jefferson City) • TX - Texas (Austin)
USA-050	The Midwest	<i>Continental area North America</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OH - Ohio (Columbus) • MI - Michigan (Lansing) • IN -Indiana (Indianapolis) • WI - Wisconsin (Madison) • IL - Illinois (Springfield) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MN - Minnesota (St Paul) • IA - Iowa (Des Moines) • ND - North Dakota (Bismarck) • SD - South Dakota (Pierre) • NE - Nebraska (Lincoln)
USA-060	The South-West	<i>Continental area North America</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NM - New Mexico (Sanata Fe) • AZ - Arizona (Phoenix) • NV - Nevada (Carson City) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OK - Oklahoma (Oklahoma City) • KS - Kansas (Topeka)
USA-070	The West	<i>Continental area North America</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CO - Colorado (Denver) • WY -Wyoming (Cheyenne) • MT - Montana (Helena) • UT - Utah (Salt Lake City) • CA - California (Sacramento) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ID - Idaho (Boise) • OR -Oregon (Salem) • WA - Washington (Olympia) • AK - Alaska (Juneau) • HI -Hawaii (Honolulu)

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Regions of Brazil

WCF Region	Regions, provinces, territories, districts	Continent
BRA-010	North-West	<i>Continental area South America</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AM – Amazonas (Manaus) • AC – Acre (Rio Branco) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RO – Roraima (Boa Vista) • RR – Rondônia (Puerto Velho)
BRA-020	North-Central	<i>Continental area South America</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP – Amapá (Macapá) • PA – Pará (Belém) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MT - Mato Grosso (Cuiabá)
BRA-030	North-East	<i>Continental area South America</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MA – Maranhão (São Luís) • CE – Ceará (Fortaleza) • RN - Rio Grande do Norte (Natal) • PB – Paraíba (João Pessoa) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE – Pernambuco (Recife) • AL – Alagoas (Maceió) • SE – Sergipe (Aracaju) • PI – Piauí (Teresina)
BRA-040	East 1	<i>Continental area South America</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BA – Bahia (Salvador) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TO – Tocantins (Palmas)
BRA-050	East 2	<i>Continental area South America</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MG - Minas Gerais (Belo Horizonte) • ES - Espírito Santo (Vitória) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RJ - Rio de Janeiro (Rio de Janeiro)
BRA-060	East 3/Central	<i>Continental area South America</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DF - Distrito Federal (Brasília) • GO – Goiás (Goiânia) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MS -Mato Grosso do Sul (Campo Grande) • SP - São Paulo (São Paulo)
BRA-070	South	<i>Continental area South America</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PR – Paraná (Curitiba) • SC - Santa Catarina (Florianópolis) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RS - Rio Grande do Sul (Pôrto Alegre)

The capital (administrative centre) is written in brackets.

Regions of Australia & New Zealand

WCF Region	Regions, provinces, territories, districts	Continent Oceania
AUS-010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Territory (Darwin) – NT • Western Australia (Perth) – WA • South Australia (Adelaide) – SA 	Area Australia
AUS-020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queensland (Brisbane) – QLD • New South Wales (Sydney) – NSW • Australian Capital Territory (Canberra) – ACT • Jervis Bay Territory (Canberra) - JBT • Victoria (Melbourne) – VIC 	Area Australia
AUS-030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tasmania (Hobart) – TAS 	Area Australia

The capital (administrative centre) is written in brackets.

WCF Region	Regions, provinces, territories, districts	Continent Oceania
NZE-010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northland (Whangarei) • Auckland (Auckland) • Waikato (Hamilton) • Bay of Plenty (Whakatane) • Gisborne (Gisborne) • Taranaki (Strafford) • Manawatu-Wangannui (Palmerston North) • Hawke's Bay • Wellington (Wellington) 	Area New Zealand
NZE-020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marlborough (Blenheim) • Nelson (Nelson) • Tasman (Richmond) • Canterbury (Christchurch) • West Coast (Greymouth) • Otago (Dunedin) • Southland (Invercargill) 	Area New Zealand
NZE-030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chatham Islands (Waitangi) 	Area New Zealand

New Zealand is divided into districts.

The capital (administrative centre) is written in brackets.

Regions of the Republic South Africa

South Africa is a republic with provinces.

WCF Region	Regions, provinces, territories, districts	Continent Africa
ZAF-010	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Western Cape (Cape Town)	Area South Africa
ZAF-020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eastern Cape (Bisho)	Area South Africa
ZAF-030	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kwazulu/Natal (Pietermaritzburg)	Area South Africa
ZAF-040	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Northern Cape (Kimberley)• Free State (Bloemfontein)	Area South Africa
ZAF-050	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• North-West (Mafikeng) ¹⁾• Gauteng (Pretoria)• Mpumalanga (Neilspruit)• Limpopo (Polokwane) ²⁾	Area South Africa

The capital (administrative centre) is written in brackets.

1) Mmabatho, the former capital of the Homelands Bophuthatswana, is a part of the city Mafikeng since the re-union with the Republic of South Africa.

2) Polokwane was formerly called Pietersburg. In 2002 cities, which reminded to the former politics of separation, have been renamed countrywide.

Note:

Unlisted countries divided into regions can be found here:

<http://www.wcf-online.de/WCF-EN/regeln/shows.html>