THE CO-ORDINATING CAT COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA INC

OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

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SECTION ONE

ADMINISTRATION

The official colours of the CCCA are shades of blue.

CODE OF ETHICS

MEMBERS

Criteria for Membership

Membership Guidelines

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- Any future applicants to the CCCA provide proof that they are Bona Fide Control Body, which has been in existence for at least five years and that they have functioned successfully for that time or since formation (if established longer than five years).
- Supply a list of Office Bearers
- Supply a Constitution which is acceptable to Members of the CCCA
- Provide evidence of no conflict of interest with the CCCA
- Until notification of other intention, a Member Body will adopt all approved decisions at CCCA meetings with which it was recorded as being in agreement.
- The CCCA may, at its discretion, vary any one or more of these Guidelines.

CCCA will assess all applications for membership on the merits of the Member Body making the application.

- The following organisations are recognised Bona Fide organisations by the CCCA:

Capital Cats Inc	CCCA	ACT
Pedigree Cats Tasmania	CCCA	Formerly Cat Control Council of Tasmania Name changed Nov 2025
Cats Qld Inc	CCCA	Name changed from Council of Federated Cat Clubs of Qld Inc Apr 2013
Feline Association of SA Inc	CCCA	
Feline Control Council Vic Inc	CCCA	
NSW Cat Fanciers Association	CCCA	Formally RAS CC
Cats United WA	CCCA	09/11/2019

- CCCA will not seek affiliation or partnership arrangements with any organisation outside Australia. We are however, deeply interested in keeping close contact with sister organisations all over the world in sharing views, exchanging information and facilitating cooperation between Judges and Cat Fancy individuals. We will recognise overseas Feline Bodies but not grant exclusive recognition to any one Body. ANCATS has partial recognition, International Cat Association has limited recognition.

NON CCCA MEMBER BODIES

- CCCA recognises in Australia The Australian Cat Federation.
  CCCA to seek co-operation/agreement with the Australian Cat Federation on all cat affairs of mutual benefit and concern.
- Mutual Recognition Policy: To recognise, member bodies, registrations, judges and awards unless this contravenes current CCCA policy and/or regulations
- ANCATS members are permitted to exhibit their cats at all CCCA affiliated shows providing the exhibits have verifiable pedigrees. ANCATS registered cats may be registered for breeding with CCCA as long as they are verifiable pedigrees. The Exhibits must conform to CCCA recognized breed and colour standards, and they will be eligible for CCCA awards.
- Mutual agreement with the ACF not to recognise break-away groups.

OVERSEAS BODIES

- The CCCA recognizes the World Cat Council member bodies and their judges.

FINANCES

BANKING: The signatories of the Bank Account shall be: the appointed Treasurer & the Secretary plus one other

MEMBER BODIES

The affiliation fee of each Member body of the CCCA is to be reviewed each year at the AGM.
Out-of-pocket expenses are to be paid by the CCCA to the Chairman of CCCA and the Secretariat of CCCA.

MEETINGS

- All material to be submitted in the form of motions for debate with the appropriate background material appended to the motion. Agenda distributed to all Member bodies 42 days prior to meeting date.
- Whenever motions are not carried unanimously, the voting decisions of Member bodies are to be recorded.
- Motions included in the official Agenda and carried shall not require ratification at the next Council Meeting. Motions without notice that are carried will be ratified at the next Council Meeting.
- All motions to be numbered.

CCCA Member bodies advise the CCCA secretariat of withdrawal of services and suspensions of one of their members, together with proof of wrongdoing which is to be supplied with that advice to CCCA and only then will CCCA secretariat pass this advice on to all member bodies, and ACF for their information

SECTION TWO

BREED STANDARDS GENERAL

CCCA Member Bodies must adhere to Majority decisions made at CCCA meetings on breeds and colours and their standards and breeding rules.

For all new breeds and changes to existing breeds that, as a member of the world-wide cat fancy, Coordinating Cat Council of Australia will adhere to "Breed Standards and/or Breeding Guidelines as specified by the Country of Origin."

Breed Standards for new breeds introduced in Australia be based on the Standard generated by the original Registering Body and that changes be limited to reformatting, correction of spelling and language expressing, error, substitution of genetic or where more appropriate generic terms, the inclusion of riders and the adjustment of points where something has been omitted.

CCCA Standard for Pedigree Cats:
That all standards should be written to conform to a specific pattern in all breeds, as follows:

GENERAL DESCRIPTION	A general description of each breed of the cat shall be included in all cat breed standards and should follow the same layout.
TYPE DESCRIPTION	HEAD EYE SHAPE EAR SHAPE BODY LEGS FEET TAIL COAT LENGTH AND TEXTURE
COLOUR DESCRIPTION	EYE COLOUR COAT COLOUR & CONDITION
FAULTS AND PENALTIES	As pertaining to the particular breed of cat
BREEDING NOTES/ GENERAL NOTES	Specifically where applicable

Standards for all Breeds recognised by CCCA can be found on the CCCA website

SECTION THREE

CCCA AWARDS

Cats not registered with the Member Body where application is made for championship status should have its status referred back to the Member Body where it is registered.

CCCA Championship:
CCCA Championship Award Class be held by all member bodies, in each Group for the 4 categories Male entire, female entire, male desexed and female desexed.

- A minimum of ten CCCA award cards will be required before application can be made for the title CCCA Champion. A further ten award cards must be won before a cat is eligible for the title of CCCA Grand Champion, etc

- Application for these titles must be made by the owner of the cat on the prescribed form, throughtheir own Member Body for verification. The Member Body will then forward the authenticated application to the Secretary CCCA, for the championship certificate and/or ribbon to be issued
.
- Applicable fee to be paid by the owner of the cat must accompany the application submitted to their Member Body. The CCCA will invoice the Member body upon receipt of applications.

- That the following CCCA title status be awarded with ten award cards each to advance through:

  Champion
  Grand Champion
  Double Grand Champion
  Triple Grand Champion
  Sapphire Triple Grand Champion
  Ruby Triple Grand Champion
  Emerald Triple Grand Champion
  Diamond Triple Grand Champion

  at a fee as determined from time to time. Include a comet or rosette.

That CCCA titles be offered a choice of either card only or ribbon and card at the current pricing.

That CCCA Member Bodies will recognise Award cards issued by Clubs which are affiliated to a Council which is a member of CCCA and also may recognise Award cards issued by Clubs which are affiliated to other recognised Governing Bodies.

The Cat's Registration Number must be shown on all Application Forms and on CCCA Title Certificates.

That CCCA awards should not be automatic.
That is, Judges should make no award where there is no titled cat entered that is, in their opinion, of Championship standard on the day.
Awards at Multi Ring shows can be awarded in each ring.

Awards won as an entire cat may be carried forward when the cat is desexed.

When CCCA titled cat is desexed, further CCCA titles are continued from that previously gained.

- All claims to CCCA higher status shall be certified by the relevant affiliate and forward with a covering letter, application and copy of registration certificate to the CCCA Secretariat.

- CCCA awards may only be made by fully licensed Judges.
- CCCA awards cannot be awarded unless CCCA classes conform to the Groupings and Breeds as set down from time to time by the CCCA.
- CCCA will accept CCCA awards issued under conforming CCCA Classes at Agricultural/Horticultural Shows.
- ACF titled cats be eligible for CCCA award classes, as are ANCATS titled cats.

NATIONAL AUSTRALIAN CAT SHOWS

PRIOR TO SHOW

Show Schedule	To be sent to the CCCA Secretary for approval prior to release.
Insurance Show	The CCCA Member Body hosting the National Australian Cat Show should consider insurance against cancellation of the show or any other unforeseen circumstances pertaining to the National Show.
Fund Raising	All proceeds from fundraising activities must go into the CCCA show account.
Seed	The maximum seed fund as requested by the host body may not exceed the Fund amount set at the AGM (to be revised annually). Currently the seed fund is set at $6,000.
Judges	All Australian judges must be affiliated with CCCA or ACF and are to make up at least 1/3 of all Judges appointed. When judging CCCA shows the current approved CCCA standards must be used. If the Member Body chooses to increase the %age of the overseas judges, they will be responsible for all expenses for the additional judges (should a loss be incurred). Judges invited to judge at a National Australian Cat show must not accept any assignment to judge at a show being held in the same state as the National Australian Cat Show during the 3 months preceding their National Show assignment.
Website	Details of Show information/Website to be sent to the Secretary for uploading to the CCCA website.
Sponsors	It is preferable that the Member Body holding the show obtain their own sponsorship.
Rosettes And Sashes	All rosettes and sashes for the Top (10), Best of Breed, Best of Colour, Challenges etc have the CCCA logo, and have the ACF and CCCA logos. Colours as determined by the Member Body hosting the event. Any extra rosettes and sashes etc donated by a judge or breeder do NOT require the ACF/CCCA logos.

DURING SHOW

	Details of all disinfectants used at the show and how they are prepared (mixing criteria) are displayed in a position available for perusal by all exhibitor, workers and public. (Required under Government Work and Health Safety requirements).
Vetting	Must be carried out (Host Member Body to decide procedure). Note Disinfectants are required to be veterinary approved, e.g. F10 or Trigene, NOT Trueeco
Judging	When judging joint ACF/CCCA shows the current approved standards must be used.
Open Classes	Open classes for each individual CCCA recognised colour in each breed except where breeds are not broken into colour classes.
Group 4	For the purpose of National CCCA Shows, the composition of Group 4 exhibits shall be determined by the host Member Body. Group 4 cats are to receive Challenge/Award of Merit certificates.
CCCA Classes	ACF/CCCA award classes must be held at each ACF/CCCA National Australian Cat Show In each ring under approved groupings.

POST SHOW

Seed Fund	The seed fund, if advanced, shall be returned in full before or at the conclusion of the show.
Show Account	An audited set of accounts must be in the hands of the secretariat within 3 months of the date of the show.
Surplus funds	To be split 50% to the CCCA and 50% to the organising body/bodies.
Losses	The CCCA shall absorb 50% of any loss generated by the show to a maximum of $2000, subject to the approved show budget having been substantially followed.
Catalogue	2 marked catalogues must be forwarded to the secretariat at the conclusion of each show. 1 to be held by CCCA, 1 to be forwarded by the secretary to the National Library.

Challenges/Awards of Merit gained in the open class will be recognised by all ACF/ CCCA member bodies for higher status.

NATIONAL AUSTRALIAN CAT SHOW CHAMPION AWARD

- For National Champion and National Grand Champion awards – for one exhibit with three challenges at National Australian Shows in three different years. Cost as determined from time to time.
- Photos of the National Australian Show Champions to be included on the web site as a permanent record. Award application form to include tick box determining whether to mail award out immediately or present at next National Show.
- All group 4 awards to be eligible for National Show Status – effective

National Australian Cat Show Guidelines

Name

"Year" National Australian Show hosted by *"member body"*
eg: 2026 National Australian Show hosted by GCCFSA

Show Rules

Either CCC of A or ACF show rules depending on host body's governing body, no new show rules have been developed

Challenges

National Show Challenge will have both ACF & CCC of A logos and the host member body's logo. (Annexes One, Two & Three)

Joint Seminar

- CCC of A and ACF share speakers' costs, accommodation & meals.
- Show managers to liaise with CCC of A Secretary and the ACF Judges Guild President and ACF Judges Guild Secretary on the seminar content when they have been advised by visiting judges on a topic they are willing to present
- CCC of A and ACF to submit two topics for the seminar which includes judge/presenter topic/s.

ACF Requirements when CCC of A member body hosting show

1. ACF Secretary to liaise with Show Manager, who will provide final numbers as required by hotel.
2. Attendance costs to be published in the show schedule including payment details.
3. Accommodation for ACF Officers and delegates, potentially 4 Officers and 22 delegates at the official hotel/apartments.
4. Meeting Rooms,
   - ACF judges Guild AGM & GM, Monday morning.
     - Setup head table for 2 and classroom for attendees, data projector
     - ACF Judges Guild will be responsible for additional costs such as data projector and microphone/s (subject to costs)
   - Joint Seminar, Monday afternoon
     - Additional chairs to be added at rear of room for afternoon attendees
   - ACF AGM & Committee & General Meeting
     - Head Table for 4, u-shape for 22 maximum, data projector, and microphone/s (subject to costs)
5. ACF pays for ACF meeting, preferably the day delegate rate (generally includes room hire and basic electronics, data projector, microphone/s), room hire costs catering for officers and delegates except for observer attendance costs unless paid to ACF.

Local & Interstate Australian Judge

Australian judges from both associations may officiate at National Australian Shows. There should be an equal number from both associations.

Titles

- Rather than having ACF National Champion or CCCA National Champion the tile has been amended to "National Australian Champion" the title certificate would be issued by either the ACF Secretary or by the CCCA Secretary and have both logos on it.
- Exhibitors may use challenges they currently have so long as they have not been used prior., e.g.: perhaps they have 2 now and just need one more, they can they use those 2 plus one from any National show.
- To avoid an exhibitor using the same challenge twice the ACF Secretary will advise the CCCA Secretary when processing a National Title that the exhibitor used this CCCA challenge, and the reverse would occur. This is not an onerous task
- ACF and CCC of A National Title rules amended to read that ANY 3 Challenges from either body may be used to achieve the award.

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Challenge Certificate

Date: Cage Number

Exhibits Name:

Registration no.:

Owner:

Awarded for: Open Birman Male Seal Point

Ring 1 Judge: Judge One .....

Ring 2 Judge: Judge Two.....

Ring 3 Judge: Judge Three.....

Ring 4 Judge: Judge Four .....

Ring 5 Judge: Judge Five .....

Ring 6 Judge: Judge Six .....

Show Manager:

Award of Merit Certificate

Date: Cage Number

Exhibits Name:

Registration no.:

Owner:

Awarded for: Neuter Birman Male Seal Point

Ring 1 Judge: Judge One .....

Ring 2 Judge: Judge Two.....

Ring 3 Judge: Judge Three.....

Ring 4 Judge: Judge Four .....

Ring 5 Judge: Judge Five .....

Ring 6 Judge: Judge Six .....

Show Manager:

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Annex Three

Merit Award Certificate

Date: Cage Number

Exhibits Name:

Registration no.:

Owner:

Awarded for: Companion Neuter/Spay Award

Ring 1 Judge: Judge One .....

Ring 2 Judge: Judge Two .....

Ring 3 Judge: Judge Three.....

Ring 4 Judge: Judge Four .....

Ring 5 Judge: Judge Five .....

Ring 6 Judge: Judge Six .....

Show Manager:

SECTION FOUR

JUDGING MATTERS

- Only Judges domiciled in Australia be included on the CCCA Judges List.

- That CCCA member bodies only recognise Judges who are registered with a recognised governing body within the State or Territory in which they reside.

- Applicants will apply to the Secretary of the appropriate member body in the State or Territory where they are resident, enclosing all relevant documentation supporting their eligibility and including their reasons for wishing to become a judge.
- The application fee as prescribed by the relevant CCCA member body shall be enclosed with the application. Where an application is not accepted, the application fee will be refunded in full.

- Each Member Body supply a brief resume of the breeding and Judging experience of Judges listed on their panels to the CCCA Secretary for reference when such information is requested.

- All CCCA Member Bodies direct their judges to advise them before Judging Interstate, as councils do not approve invitations to unrecognised bodies, and that CCCA Members advise their affiliates that they should not forward Judging requests to Judges affiliated with unrecognised bodies.

- Judges invited to Judge at any NSW Show must have been on the full panel in their own state for a period of not less than three years. CCCA Member Bodies are to adhere to this policy.

- When a new recognised variety of a breed is imported into Australia from overseas, the standard by which the particular variety is to be judged be circulated to all CCCA Members, with the view that all Member bodies would agree to judge to the same standard.

    - To remain on the active CCCA Judges list, each judge must complete at least three assignments annually, averaged over three years, including at least one assignment per year within their own control body.

  The three annual assignments required will not include judging of any companion animals, domestic or household pets.
  It is the responsibility of each CCCA member organisation or the control body to ensure that each of their judges comply with the criteria for retaining their judge's licences. Member bodies are to ensure that their affiliates take this requirement for their member judges into consideration when allocating judges for their shows. It is the responsibility of each judge to ensure that their qualifications remain current and that they are up to date with new or uncommon breeds.
- CCCA judges can only judge for bodies recognised by the CCCA.

- The criteria for inclusion on the CCCA judges list be mandatory, and that councils, when submitting names for inclusion on the list, provide certification that the criteria have been met.

- Any judge listed on the CCCA judges list who officiates at a show or event conducted by a non-recognised body shall:
  Be removed from the CCCA judges list
  Not have any CCCA awards made by that judge recognised by CCCA and its member bodies

- The recommended number of exhibits the judges are expected to handle in an assignment is 100.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CCCA JUDGES

- That CCCA judges are knowledgeable, personable and competent to judge exhibits at the national level and to represent the Australian cat fancy internationally.
- That CCCA judges are able to apply the breed standards in the best interests of the welfare of the animal.
- That CCCA judges have satisfactorily completed appropriate training.
- That CCCA judges must not solicit judging assignments.

Overseas Judging Assignments – For those judges who have not judged overseas previously in China, Asia or elsewhere in the world, other than New Zealand.

- Judges are required to submit the first three of their invitations to judge overseas to their member body before accepting it, and the body will forward to the CCCA Office for approval. There will be a CCCA checklist that will need to be completed by both the office and the Member and where satisfactory, the CCCA will approve acceptance of the invitation. The CCCA form only has to be submitted on the first occasion. Thereafter it is sufficient to supply the unsigned contract for the next two invitations.

- Experienced judges who have already judged overseas may accept invitations received from CCCA accepted overseas bodies, without having to forward the contract/invitation to the CCCA office first. The judge must notify the CCCA office of such acceptance prior to the assignment being undertaken.

Overseas Judging Requirements – New Zealand

Fully qualified Judges who receive invitations from New Zealand to judge groups for which the judge is qualified to judge, are not required to request permission from the CCCA to do so.

It is sufficient for judges to notify the CCCA that they have accepted an invitation to judge in New Zealand.

DEFINITIONS

Trainee Judge	A candidate accepted for training as a judge of shorthair or longhair breeds, who is not yet qualified.
Probationary Judge	A qualified and licensed judge for shorthair or longhair breeds, who is able to judge only within their own Member Body, for a period of not less than 12 months, and who is undertaking a MINIMUM of five satisfactory assignments and judging the following minimum number of exhibits over those five assignments: Longhair Breeds (Group 1): 150 exhibits Shorthair Breeds (Group 2 & 3): 150 exhibits (These minimums may be increased at the discretion of the individual control body.)
Qualified Judge	The holder of a full licence to judge shorthair or longhair breeds, who has completed the minimum training as outlined in these guidelines and their probationary licence period, is entitled to be included on the CCCA judges list
All Breeds Judge	A judge qualified in all breed groups who has completed their probationary licence periods.
Senior Specialist Judge	The holder of a full licence to judge for at least five years is eligible for membership of the CCCA Tutor Judges Panel
Senior All Breeds Judge	The holder of a full licence for at least five years in all breed groups

Experienced Judge	Is an all breeds judge who has had more than 5 satisfactory overseas judging invitations , excluding New Zealand invitations.
CCCA Tutor Judge	Any Senior Judge may be appointed as a CCCA Tutor Judge on recommendation of their member organization

CRITERIA FOR RETAINING JUDGES LICENCE

Details can be found on the CCCA website – CCCA Judges – Minimum Requirements

JUDGES TRAINING

Details can be found on the CCCA website – CCCA Judges – Minimum Requirements