

**THE FELINE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC**

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# **SHOW RULES**



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## FASA SHOW RULES 2026

For a show to proceed smoothly, the close co-operation of the Show Management, Exhibitors, Judges and the Veterinary Surgeons is required. The Rules have been drafted to outline the responsibilities of each of these groups as clearly as possible.

**The welfare and the comfort of the cats must always receive the highest priority.**

If any matter arises which is not covered by the rules, it should be settled at the time by the FASA Representative in co-operation with the Show Management and, if necessary, a FASA judge.

Rules are constantly being updated.  
If in doubt, check the **FASA website**: [www.felineassociationsa.com](http://www.felineassociationsa.com)

Or contact the **FASA Secretary**



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## A. CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

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1. Application for show dates must be made to the Secretary of FASA by 31 January each year for the following year and will be confirmed by 28 February each year. FASA will provide each Show Manager with a Show Pack that includes, but is not limited to, insurance, Challenge Certificates, CCCA Awards, Merit Awards, Judges' slips, bench paper, etc. Other documentation, such as Judges' contracts, the vets letter and show rules that apply to vetting-in (which need to be circulated to veterinarians), etc. will be made available electronically as required. The appropriate fee is payable in advance of the show.
2. Shows must be conducted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of FASA and clubs must use the official FASA database for all shows sanctioned by FASA.
3. Only judges from Councils recognised by FASA may be invited to judge (If in doubt check with the FASA Secretary).
4. All officiating judges (including FASA Affiliated judges) should be treated as guests of the host club. They should be provided with a separate area for their comfort and convenience and should not be asked to perform any other official duties on the day of the show.  
Judges who are exhibiting on the day are to go directly to the head of the vet queue so that the least amount of time is spent amongst exhibitors prior to judging.  
A steward or nominated person, appointed to the judge, will accompany the judge while he/she benches their exhibits or bench them on their behalf. Judges who are exhibiting cats and judging on the same day, must leave the show hall immediately, once their exhibits are benched.'
5. All pedigree classes listed in Appendix B must be scheduled and such optional classes in Appendix C as the club decides.
6. Schedules must include a list of all eligible classes; judges and the classes they will judge and the entry fees payable. Schedules must be approved by the FASA Secretary prior to distribution.
7. A schedule must be forwarded to each officiating judge prior to the closing date and a copy of the Standard Books offered.
8. Prior to the date of the show, the Show Management must supply each Veterinary Surgeon with a copy of the rules relevant to Veterinary Inspection.
9. Clubs must endeavor to provide the best possible conditions for the comfort and judging of cats regarding light, ventilation, warmth and cleanliness in the show hall. Cages must be disinfected between each show.
10. If a show hall is not air-conditioned and the weather forecast at 6.00pm Thursday night on the Bureau of Meteorology website for the Sunday / show day is 32 degrees or over, the show is cancelled.  
If the hall is air-conditioned the temperature on the day of the show is irrelevant and the choice resides with the exhibitor.
11. Clubs must provide, paper towels, for each judging bay. It is the duty of Stewards to clean up this equipment at the end of the assignment. It is also recommended that all stewards and judges have up to date tetanus shots.
12. Results of judging must be posted in a convenient place in the show hall for the benefit of exhibitors.
13. An official signed copy of all judges' slips, and a marked catalogue must be retained and given to the FASA Points Scorer after each show. Marked catalogues shall also be given to the FASA Honors Recorder, the Show Manager, and all sponsors (although it may not be necessary to mark these) and all judges. Judges are to retain their copy of their judging slips.
14. Challenge Certificates should be given out at the show from the FASA table. If for any reason this does not happen, then the Challenge certificates must be collected by the exhibitor at the next FASA Show.
15. The name of the FASA Representative/s for the day of the show is to be printed in the show catalogue or shown on a sign by the entrance.
16. If so requested, the FASA Representative/are to be supplied with a Show Catalogue on the morning of the show.
17. Any alterations to the Judging Panel must be clearly displayed near the entrance to the show venue on the day.

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18. All mobile phones must be turned off or placed on 'silent mode' during judging. This should be stated in the catalogue and a sign be clearly visible at the venue.

19. This clause to be included on all show schedules and in the catalogue:

### Attention Exhibitors

Please report any problems and issues that arise during the show directly to the Show Manager/s

Any complaints will be handled in confidence, under the FASA Code of Conduct.

Complaints will not be considered after conclusion of the Show.

## B ENTRY REGULATIONS

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1. The show management has the right to refuse any entry, including entries received after the advertised closing date, and entries with no fees.
2. Exhibits are entered at the risk of their owners.
3. Entries must be made on the form provided and sent to the club official specified on the schedule with the appropriate fee. Fees will be forfeited if the animal is not exhibited or benched. Where possible, the show management is to be notified of scratchings prior to the show date.
4. The age of an exhibit for entry is the age on the day of the show in calendar months. An exhibit may not be exhibited under 12 weeks of age.
5. Exhibits entered for competition are entered in the name of their registered owner(s) or registered lessee(s). Cats may be exhibited by a different person with the agreement of the registered owner or lessee.
6. Only pedigree cats and kittens registered with control councils recognised by FASA may be entered in pedigree classes. Their registration numbers must be quoted on the entry form. 'Number pending' is allowed for all pedigree kittens up to 6 months.  
For all matters relating to Registration of Exhibits refer to Registration Rules in Annex B of the FASA Constitution
7. Exhibits may only be entered in one main class as per Appendix B.
8. A current vaccination certificate for at least **Feline Enteritis, Feline Herpesvirus and Feline Calicivirus** must be produced at vetting-in for every kitten brought to a FASA show. **Every vaccination certificate MUST be signed by a qualified veterinarian and show a minimum of 2 vaccinations with the last one given at 12 weeks or older and identify the kitten.** Certificates must be seen by the veterinarian or other delegated person to ensure vaccinations are current and legal in South Australia. Kittens without current certificates will not be allowed to remain at the venue.  
**NO CARD NO ENTRY** - This includes every kitten that enters the show hall, such as Kittens on exhibition, all of which must be vetted-in and have vaccination certificates.  
**NB: Under the Livestock Act 1997 and Regulations 1998 it is prohibited for anyone but a veterinary Surgeon to administer these vaccines.**
9. The following may **not** be entered in show (refer Sections C & E for more details):
  - (a) Female cats more than 1 calendar month pregnant.
  - (b) Kittens under 12 weeks of age on the day of the show.
  - (c) Animals from a cattery in which Ringworm or Feline Infectious Enteritis has occurred.
  - (d) Any animal with evidence of severe Gingivitis.
  - (e) Animals exposed to the risk of any other infectious or contagious diseases during a period of 21 days before the show.
  - (f) Any animal with evidence of Ocular disease, conjunctivitis and/or nasal discharge.
  - (g) Monorchids and Cryptorchids.
  - (h) Any exhibit that has been recorded as Fractious or Unable to be Judged (UTJ) who is currently serving a compulsory three month resting period or has re-offended or an exhibit classed as Unable to be handled.
  - (i) Any exhibit that has been recorded as having bitten a Judge, Steward or Veterinarian.
10. Unregistered pedigreed cats or kittens may not be entered in Companion Cat classes. Part pedigree kittens and part pedigree desexed adults may be shown as Companion Cats.

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11. Exhibits entered in classes for which they are not eligible may forfeit the right to any awards, prize card or trophy. Exhibitors must notify the show management of any change of status (e.g. from Open to Champion) that occurs after the entry form has been sent in. If no such notification is received by 5 days prior to the day of the show, the show management may refuse to accept the reclassification.
12. Exhibits must be brought to the show in suitable safe containers.
13. Exhibits must have their front and back claws clipped prior to exhibition.
14. Experimental exhibits must show their “proposed” breed and generation on the entry form.
15. If any exhibit does not appear to conform to the CCCA Breeding Standards, the show manager should seek advice from the FASA Representative/s on the day. The exhibitor may be requested to produce a pedigree.
16. In a multi ring show, exhibitors have the right to enter their exhibit in the ring of their choice but must pay the full fee for all rings. The exception to this is if a judge is judging the class in which their cat is entered, they will not be expected to pay for their judging ring and the cat will not qualify to be judged in this ring.
17. All titled pedigreed cats entered into the show automatically qualify to be entered into the CCCA awards, unless specified on the entry that the exhibitor does not wish their cat to be entered in this class.

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## C VETERINARY INSPECTION

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1. Exhibits must be present at vetting at the advertised times for veterinary inspection. Exhibits arriving later than the advertised vetting time may be refused entry. All exhibits must pass an examination by a qualified veterinarian or veterinary nurse at the show venue before they are allowed into the benching area.
2. A qualified veterinary surgeon or veterinary nurse shall examine each exhibit. The veterinary surgeon or nurse shall reject any exhibit which in their opinion shows symptoms of, or may be suffering from, any contagious disease, has external parasites, is dirty and unfit for exhibition; or any adult male cat which is monorchid or cryptorchid or any female cat obviously in kitten. If no veterinarian is present, then the decision to reject an exhibit is to be made in consultation with veterinary nurse, Show Manager and FASA Executive Officer. The decision is final.
3. The veterinarian or nurse shall report to the show management any cat or kitten which he/she considers unfit for exhibition on the day for any other reason other than stated in Rule 2 above, and the show management may refuse such entries.
4. Once any animal has been confirmed as unfit for exhibition on the day, notation must be made on the vet slip, signed by the veterinarian or veterinary nurse and the Show Management informed. The animal must be removed from the show hall.
5. **THE FOLLOWING MAY NOT BE ENTERED IN SHOW**
  - (a) Female cats more than 1 calendar month pregnant.
  - (b) Kittens less than 12 weeks of age on the day of the show.
  - (c) Animals from a cattery in which Ringworm or Feline Infectious Enteritis has occurred.  
**RINGWORM** - Three (3) calendar months to be the MINIMUM period of quarantine. The time is taken from a veterinary clearance of the last case in the cattery.  
**FELINE INFECTIOUS ENTERITIS** - One (1) calendar month to be a sufficient period of quarantine due to:
    - (i) Treatment
    - (ii) VaccinationProvided that veterinary clearance and vaccination certificates are supplied to the breeder and presented to FASA.
  - (d) **GINGIVITIS** - Cats with Gingivitis to be disqualified only:
    - (i) When the condition is severe
    - (ii) When there is pain on handling mouth due to the condition
    - (iii) When there is purulent discharge from inflamed oral tissues
  - (e) **OCULAR DISEASE, CONJUNCTIVITIS AND NASAL DISCHARGE** - Cats showing conjunctivitis, and/or excessive serious discharge and any muco-purulent ocular or nasal discharge shall be disqualified, except in the case of Long Hairs where, due to the constricted nasal area, a light serous discharge is allowed.
6. **ENTIRE MALE CATS** - Over nine (9) calendar months of age  
An Entire male cat shall have both testicles freely palpable in the scrotum.  
Entire males must be marked on the vetting slip as such.  
Monorchids and Cryptorchids will be disqualified by the veterinarian.
7. **LITTERS** - If one kitten of a litter is disqualified due to an infectious disease, the accompanying littermates are also disqualified.  
Adult cats from the same premises may also be disqualified.
8. **EXTERNAL PARASITES** – Cats will be disqualified for carrying fleas or mites (or evidence of presence i.e. flea dirt). All cats from the same household will be disqualified as will any cats travelling in the same vehicle as the infested cats. Cats must be immediately removed from the show venue.

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9. A current vaccination certificate for at least **Feline Enteritis, Feline Herpesvirus and Feline Calicivirus** must be produced at vetting-in for every kitten brought to a FASA show. **Every vaccination certificate MUST be signed by a qualified veterinarian and show a minimum of two (2) vaccinations with the last one given at 12 weeks or older and identify the kitten.** Certificates must be seen by the veterinarian or other delegated person to ensure vaccinations are current and legal in South Australia. Kittens without current certificates will not be allowed to remain at the venue.

**NO CARD NO ENTRY** - This includes every kitten that enters the show hall, such as Kittens on exhibition, all of which must be vetted-in and have vaccination certificates.

**NB: Under the Livestock Act 1997 and Regulations 1998 it is prohibited for anyone but a veterinary Surgeon to administer these vaccines.**

### **D BENCHING EXHIBITS**

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A cushion or pad should be provided for each cage. Drapes are permitted. In cold weather, a hot water bottle or some form of heating pad may be provided. Litter trays may remain in cages during judging for kittens only, provided they are not identifiable.

1. No Substance – drops, paste, tablets, cream, Ointment to be administered to a cat during a show unless the exhibitor has a letter from their veterinarian stating that it is currently prescribed for that particular cat.
2. The use of sprays / powders in or near cages at a show is not allowed, unless authorized by the show management. Feliway (and other similar products) must not be sprayed in the show hall.
3. No identification of any sort is allowed in or on cages until after judging.
4. After judging, cattery notices, decorations, prize cards and ribbons won on the day, may be displayed on the cages.
5. Cages must be kept clean by exhibitors and stewards.
6. No exhibit may be removed from the show hall before the advertised closing time without prior written consent of the show manager.
7. The show management/stewards of the day have the right to handle any exhibit if considered necessary for its comfort.
8. Judges who are exhibiting on the day are to go directly to the head of the vet queue so that the least amount of time is spent amongst exhibitors prior to judging.  
A steward or nominated person, appointed to the judge, will accompany the judge while he/she benches their exhibits or bench them on their behalf. Judges who are exhibiting cats and judging on the same day, must leave the show hall immediately, once their exhibits are benched.
9. It is recommended that person(s) running a show (i.e. doing official paperwork prior to the show) not have an immediate family member judging at the show and no Judge should judge any exhibit shown by immediate family at a FASA Show.
10. All exhibits must be benched in separate cages until after judging has been completed.
11. All exhibitors are expected to dismantle their cage or cages where possible, and remove all litter trays and food, etc. and place in the bins provided. Used litter should be removed from the show hall for appropriate disposal.

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## E JUDGING

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**Exhibitors with mobile phones are asked to switch them off or onto silent mode when in the vicinity of judging.**

1. It is recommended that all judges and stewards have up to date tetanus shots.
2. Judging will commence as near as possible to the time advertised. If the show is 'closed', the show hall will be cleared of all persons other than the judges, Stewards and other show and club officials helping with the show.
3. Judges will as far as possible handle cats in the general order requested by the show management and return their slips to the ticket table as soon as each section is completed.
4. Challenges and awards may be withheld from any exhibit that, in the opinion of the judge, does not possess sufficient merit. The judge's decision is final.
5. Exhibits found to have any powder or colouring matter shall be disqualified.

**Duty of Care** - The show committee reserves the right not to accept any entry for competition that is deemed in the opinion of the show committee or a judge to be aggressive.

7. **Fractious (FRAC):** Where a cat is stressed but does not scratch or bite anyone. The cat can be handled, but not comfortably. If it happens in the first ring, the next judge is to be advised and the decision to judge or not left with him/her. However, the steward must record this by completing a FASA Incident Report. Three (3) recorded offences will mean the cat must be rested for three (3) calendar months. If a cat is rested and then re-offends once, it will not be permitted to be shown again.
8. **Unable to be judged (UTJ):** the cat is unable to be taken from the cage. It is not to be judged in any other ring that day and the steward must record this by completing a FASA Incident Report. It may be entered in the next show, but if this occurs again, at that or subsequent shows, then the cat is to be rested for three (3) calendar months. If a cat is rested and then re-offends once, it will not be permitted to be shown again.
9. **Unable to be handled (UTH):** deliberate biting or attacking of a judge, steward or veterinarian. No further judging or showing of this cat will take place. The steward must record this by completing a FASA Incident Report. The cat will be banned from showing for life. CCCA and GCCFSA will be notified of this decision in writing by the FASA secretary. The owner must be notified in writing and no appeal will be considered. This is for reasons of insurance as well as the cat's welfare.

If a cat has offended in more than one of the above situations it will be treated as individual Incidents and the cat will not be rested until it has offended under one heading for the specified amount of offences. E.g. a cat has 1 Fractious and 1 UTJ Incident; it **will not** be rested until it either has 2 more Fractious **or** 1 more UTJ incident recorded.

10. If a judge considers that an exhibit has been incorrectly entered in the wrong class, it may be reclassified after consultation with two (2) other appropriately qualified judges, and the show manager notified.

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11. **PROTESTS:** Protests by exhibitors will only be entertained in regard to the eligibility of a cat to compete in a particular class and must be made at the show and settled on the spot by the Show Manager and FASA Representative/s, and the judge if necessary.
12. The judge has the power to disqualify any exhibit which does not meet the requirements of the show rules in any way but will consult with the FASA Representative/s and another judge before taking such action, and notify the show management of any decision.
13. Rearrangements of a judge's assignment may be made if:
  - (a) The judge is unable to be present.
  - (b) The number of entries is substantially different from the number expected.
14. Notice of changes must be posted in the entrance of the show hall before judging.
15. All Challenge Certificates awarded must be digitally or physically signed on the day by the officiating judge/s, and the FASA Secretary or President, or their appointee who is a member of the Management Committee. Show Managers have the right to sign challenges on behalf of judges after the conclusion of shows due to lost and misplaced certificates.
16. Judges have the right, at their discretion, to refuse to judge an exhibit due to its condition.
17. It is a recommendation of FASA that judging assignments should consist of no more than 100 exhibits.

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## F RESPONSIBILITIES OF FASA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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1. To approve the annual list of show dates by 1<sup>st</sup> August each year.
2. To appoint two Representatives at each show:
  - (a) To assist the Show Manager in adjudicating in disputes as specified by the show rules.
  - (b) To provide information and FASA literature for exhibitors.
  - (c) Who have the same right as the show management to handle any exhibit for its own comfort.
  - (d) If the FASA Representative is unable to carry out their duties for any reason, then the onus is on that person to find a replacement. It is essential that these roles are filled and active at each show.
3. To receive Applications for Honours Certificates. Such applications must be made on approved forms and forwarded to the Honours Recorder to be assessed and Certificates issued.
4. FASA must notify Clubs in advance of the names of the FASA Representative/s for the day of their show and this should appear in the show catalogue.

## APPENDIX A

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### SHOW GROUPINGS

These are recognized Breeds as of January 2014. Breeds and Standards are constantly being updated. Check with the FASA Secretary if you are unsure as to the status of a Breed.

Application can be made for recognition of kitten colours to the Breeds and Standards Sub-Committee via the FASA Secretary or speak to a FASA Judge at any FASA Show for advice.

Group 1:	Birman Persian Siberian	Exotic Shorthair Ragdoll	Maine Coon Turkish Angora	Norwegian Forest Cat Turkish Van
Group 2:	Balinese Oriental	Foreign White Oriental Longhair		Foreign White Longhair Siamese
Group 3:	Abyssinian Burmese Egyptian Mau Ocicat Snowshoe Tonkinese Scottish Fold Shorthair & Longhair American Shorthair	Australian Mist Burmilla Korat Russian Sphynx Manx Shorthair & Longhair American Curl	Bengal Cornish Rex Mandalay Somali Japanese Bobtail Scottish Shorthair & Longhair Selkirk Rex shorthair & Longhair Lykoi	British Shorthair Devon Rex Munchkin Singapura
Group 4:	Companion Cats. (Domestics) - Unpedigreed and part-pedigreed			

The 'Top 5' awards are allocated in each Group for Entire, Neuter and Kitten in each group to enable points to be allocated for the FASA 'End of Year Awards' (they do not necessarily have trophies or ribbons). Any other specials are at the discretion of the show management.

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## APPENDIX B

<b>PEDIGREE CLASSES - ADULT CATS</b> (Over 9 months of age)				
<b>CLASS</b> Definition	<b>MALE</b>		<b>FEMALE</b>	
	<b>Entire</b>	<b>Neuter</b>	<b>Entire</b>	<b>Neuter</b>
<b>OPEN</b> Aged 9 months and over excluding any titled cat	<b>OM</b>	<b>ONM</b>	<b>OF</b>	<b>ONF</b>
<b>CHAMPION</b> Must have won 4 challenges in the Open class under 3 different judges, at least 2 must be FASA challenges and the other 2 may be from another recognised body.	<b>CHM</b>	<b>CHNM</b>	<b>CHF</b>	<b>CHNF</b>
<b>GRAND CHAMPION</b> Must have won 4 challenges in Champion class under 3 different judges, at least 2 must be FASA challenges and the other 2 may be from another recognised body.	<b>GCHM</b>	<b>GCHNM</b>	<b>GCHF</b>	<b>GCHNF</b>
<b>DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION</b> Must have won 6 challenges in Grand Champion class under 4 different judges, at least 4 must be FASA challenges and the other 2 may be from another recognised body.	<b>DGCHM</b>	<b>DGCHNM</b>	<b>DGCHF</b>	<b>DGCHNF</b>
<b>BRONZE DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION</b> Must have won 10 challenges in Double Grand Champion class under 5 different judges, at least 7 must be FASA challenges and the other 3 may be from another recognised body.	<b>BDGCHM</b>	<b>BDGCHNM</b>	<b>BDGCHF</b>	<b>BDGCHNF</b>
<b>SILVER DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION</b> Must have won 10 challenges in Bronze Double Grand Champion class under 5 different judges, at least 7 must be FASA challenges and the other 3 may be from another recognised body.	<b>SDGCHM</b>	<b>SDGCHNM</b>	<b>SDGCHF</b>	<b>SDGCHNF</b>
<b>GOLD DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION</b> Must have won 10 challenges in Silver Double Grand Champion class under 5 different judges, at least 7 must be FASA challenges and the other 3 may be from another recognised body.	<b>GDGCHM</b>	<b>GDGCHNM</b>	<b>GDGCHF</b>	<b>GDGCHNF</b>
<b>JADE DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION</b> Must have won 20 challenges in Gold Double Grand Champion class under 5 different judges, <b>they must ALL be FASA challenges won after the commencement of the 2012 show year and All National Show challenges will count.</b>	<b>GDGCHM</b>	<b>GDGCHNM</b>	<b>GDGCHF</b>	<b>GDGCHNF</b>
<b>AMETHYST DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION</b> Must have achieved the title of Jade Double Grand Champion and won a further 20 (total of 40) challenges in Gold Double Grand Champion class under 5 different judges, <b>they must ALL be FASA challenges won after the commencement of the 2012 show year and All National Show challenges will count.</b>	<b>GDGCHM</b>	<b>GDGCHNM</b>	<b>GDGCHF</b>	<b>GDGCHNF</b>
<b>OPAL DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION</b> Must have achieved the title of Amethyst Double Grand Champion and won a further 20 (total of 60) challenges in Gold Double Grand Champion class under 5 different judges, <b>they must ALL be FASA challenges won after the commencement of the 2012 show year and All National Show challenges will count.</b>	<b>GDGCHM</b>	<b>GDGCHNM</b>	<b>GDGCHF</b>	<b>GDGCHNF</b>
<b>DIAMOND DOUBLE GRAND CHAMPION</b> Must have achieved the title of Amethyst Double Grand Champion and won a further 30 (total of 90) challenges in Gold Double Grand Champion class under 5 different judges, <b>they must ALL be FASA challenges won after the commencement of the 2024 show year and All National Show challenges will count.</b>	<b>GDGCHM</b>	<b>GDGCHNM</b>	<b>GDGCHF</b>	<b>GDGCHNF</b>

### NOTES:

- Honours Certificates must have been at least applied for to the FASA Honours Recorder before cats can be entered into the relevant Champion, Grand Champion, Double Grand Champion, Bronze Double Grand Champion, Silver Double Grand Champion, Gold Double Grand Champion, Jade Double Grand Champion, Amethyst Double Grand Champion or Opal Double Grand Champion Honours classes
- Challenge Certificates are offered in all Open and Championship classes for Male & Female Entire & Neuter cats.
- When an adult cat is neutered all challenge, certificates won as an entire carry over and are recognised towards higher Honours as a neuter.
- In the case of a genuinely lost challenge, the FASA rep from the show involved may on written request create a duplicate (marked as such) to be signed by the rep and the FASA President or Secretary, provided the application for duplicate is submitted within 12 months of the show at which it was won.

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5. Existing FASA titles will be recognised. All existing titles awarded through a recognized body will be acknowledged, and all cats should be entered into their appropriate class. Cats do not need to re-qualify for FASA titles if they have already been awarded by another recognized body.  
For example, a cat from Victoria who has been awarded the title of GCH by FCCV can be entered into the GCHM/F class even though the cat has not received the required amount of FASA Challenges to reach this title with FASA.
6. Challenges won at the Royal Adelaide Show can be used and will be considered to be a FASA challenge.

### **PEDIGREE KITTENS**

**Entire & Neutered kittens compete together.**

Pedigreed Kitten Classes are;

M9	Male under 9 months	Aged 7 months & under 9 months.
F9	Female under 9 months	Aged 7 months & under 9 months.
M7	Male under 7 months	Aged 5 months & under 7 months.
F7	Female under 7 months	Aged 5 months & under 7 months.
M5	Male under 5 months	Aged 12 weeks & under 5 months.
F5	Female under 5 months	Aged 12 weeks & under 5 months.

Age is taken from date of birth to the date of the show entered.

### **EXPERIMENTAL EXHIBITS**

An experimental cat is a pedigreed cat that is not 4 generations of one breed to breed matings.

**Experimental exhibits do not receive challenges but are eligible for Special awards.**

Experimental Adults are shown; aged 9 months and over as Male Cat (EMC), Female Cat (EFC) & Neutered Cat (ENC)

Experimental Kittens are shown; aged 12 weeks and under 9 months including neutered kittens.

Experimental Male Kitten (EMK) and Experimental Female Kitten (EFK)

Experimental cats are shown under the relevant group in which it is expected they will ultimately gain recognition.

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## ADULT UNPEDIGREED DESEXED (DOMESTIC) EXHIBITS

### **COMPANION CAT AWARDS**

This class is open to all adult desexed domestic and part pedigreed cats, to compete for titles of "Companion Cat"

All domestic and part pedigree exhibits must show proof of desexing from 6 months of age, which shall be recorded either by vet letter or tattoo.

All exhibits contest Open Class (Companion) as male or female whether titled or open (untitled).

One Merit award is to be awarded to one male and one female in longhair and shorthair classes in each judging ring. A total of 4 Merit Awards per ring will be issued.

A total of 26 Merit awards are needed to achieve the ultimate title of 'Diamond Companion Cat'.

Invited guests or judges may be invited to judge using the FASA Domestic Standard.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>Longhair Male Cat</b>	<b>Shorthair Male Cat</b>	<b>Longhair Female Cat</b>	<b>Shorthair Female Cat</b>
<b>Companion Cat</b> Open to all untitled Domestic Cats.		<b>LMOCC</b>	<b>SMOCC</b>	<b>LFOCC</b>	<b>SFOCC</b>
<b>Sapphire Companion Cat</b> Must have won 4 FASA Companion Cat Merit Awards under 3 different judges		<b>LMSCC</b>	<b>SMSCC</b>	<b>LFSCC</b>	<b>SFSCC</b>
<b>Ruby Companion Cat</b> Must have won a further 4 FASA Companion Cat Merit Awards under 3 different judges (A total of 8 awards are required to achieve this title)		<b>LMRCC</b>	<b>SMRCC</b>	<b>LFRCC</b>	<b>SFRCC</b>
<b>Emerald Companion Cat</b> Must have won a further 6 FASA Companion Cat Merit Awards under any number of different judges (A total of 14 awards are required to achieve this title)		<b>LMECC</b>	<b>SMECC</b>	<b>LFECC</b>	<b>SFECC</b>
<b>Pearl Companion Cat</b> Must have won a further 6 FASA Companion Cat Merit Awards under any number of different judges (A total of 20 awards are required to achieve this title)		<b>LMPCC</b>	<b>SMPCC</b>	<b>LPCC</b>	<b>SFPCC</b>
<b>Diamond Companion Cat</b> Must have won a further 6 FASA Companion Cat Merit Awards under any number of different judges (A total of 26 awards are required to achieve this title)		<b>LMDCC</b>	<b>SMDCC</b>	<b>LDCC</b>	<b>SFDCC</b>

## UNPEDIGREED KITTENS (DOMESTIC) EXHIBITS

### **KITTENS DO NOT COMPETE FOR COMPANION CAT TITLES**

All domestic and part pedigree exhibits must show proof of desexing from 6 months of age, which shall be recorded either by vet letter or tattoo.

<b>Definition</b>	<b>Males</b>		<b>Females</b>	
	<b>Longhair</b>	<b>Shorthair</b>	<b>Longhair</b>	<b>Shorthair</b>
<b>Aged 12 weeks and under 9 months on the day of the show</b>	<b>LUMK</b>	<b>SUMK</b>	<b>LUFK</b>	<b>SUFK</b>

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## **JUNIOR EXHIBITOR**

- The aim of this class is to encourage the next generation of FASA exhibitors to develop an interest in showing cats and to foster a culture of responsible cat ownership and care.
  - This class must be scheduled at all FASA and affiliated shows.
  - Entry to this class does not attract an entry fee.
  - These rules apply equally to pedigree and companion cat exhibits
1. Junior Exhibitors shall be over the age of eight years and under sixteen as at 1<sup>st</sup> January and be part of a FASA Family Membership.
  2. A Junior Exhibitor will only enter one cat/kitten in each show into this class, the cat must be FASA registered.
  3. During a show season, the JE does not have to show the same cat/kitten.
  4. The cat/kitten does not have to be registered in the name of the JE but the JE must live full or part time in the same household and be responsible for the care of the cat/kitten.
  5. The JE will be present for vetting in and for the remainder of the show. The vetting in slip will endorse the JE status of the entry and should be collected by the JE.
  6. A Junior Exhibitor will be under direct supervision by a parent/ other adult family member or designated guardian at all times during the show.
  7. The JE is not to present their cat/kitten to the veterinarian or the judge; this must be done by a responsible adult as designated above or a FASA steward.
  8. The JE may set up the cage, groom the cat and settle it in the cage at the beginning of a show and do any necessary cleaning during the show if supervised by an adult as specified above.
  9. The JE is expected to be the primary carer of the cat/kitten at a show.
  10. The exhibit must be entered into its designated class as well as the JE class.
  11. All exhibits in the JE class will normally be judged together. The judge will be assessing the exhibit for temperament, presentation, health and cleanliness. The judge may ask the JE some basic questions about their cat.
  12. This class will be judged in only one ring of the show but not necessarily by the Challenge judge.
  13. First second and third places will be awarded, and the allocated points accumulate for the End of Year Awards.
  14. If any of these Rules appear to have been breached the Show Manager shall be informed and take the appropriate action.

### **Guide to judges for Junior Exhibitor Class**

Thank you for agreeing to judge this class today.

This is an important part of our show today as it encourages the next generation of exhibitors and cat owners.

A copy of the relevant section of the Show Rules is attached.

We hope that you will find this rewarding and fun to judge.

Exhibits are assessed on temperament, personality, cleanliness, health and presentation not type Pedigreed cats and companion cats compete on an equal basis.

Points are awarded for places and these accumulate towards an end of year award

These exhibits are cared for at home and at the show by their exhibitor and you may and are encouraged to ask questions about this.

If the cat is pedigreed you could ask general questions about the breed.

If a companion cat you can ask how the cat came to be living with him/her.

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The JE is expected to remain in the vicinity of the show hall and must be available during judging for the duration of the show so you can ask your steward to have the JE accompany you whilst you are judging their cat. This can be very interesting for the JE.

If you have any questions about judging this call please ask your steward or the Show Manager.

### **APPENDIX C**

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#### **NOVELTY CLASSES**

**(It is optional for Clubs to run Novelty Classes, and entry is also optional)**

NOVELTY CLASSES:           e.g. Personality Cat, Purrfect Whiskers  
Novelty classes may be scheduled for the Domestic section.

Novelty Classes need not be judged by the judge judging the main class; however, the main classes must be judged first.

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## APPENDIX D - END OF YEAR AWARDS POINT SCORING SYSTEM

### NOTES:

1. Points are awarded to the cat according to the **SPECIALS** awarded at FASA Affiliated shows.
2. Points are cumulative from the first show in the calendar year to the last.
3. It is the responsibility of Show Managers to ensure that the Point Scorer receives a marked catalogue and signed copy of all judges slips after each show.
4. Wherever possible aggregate points, for the Best, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each section, will be published on the FASA website so exhibitors may check the progress of the cats.
5. Cat, Neuter and Kitten awards count towards Prefix of the year.
6. Awards received at the Royal Show are not included in the point scoring for the FASA End of Year Awards.
7. If only one breed is represented in any group, the Best and Reserve in group will receive points for group awards and breed awards Regardless if there are specials for the breed or not.
8. The Point Scorer is appointed by the FASA Management Committee
9. Point Scorer refers queries and is answerable to the FASA Executive Committee.
10. To be eligible for FASA end of year awards, exhibits must have been shown for a minimum of three (3) shows in one show season.
11. Points for FASA End of Year Awards are only counted for FASA registered cats belonging to current FASA financial members. Points will only accrue from the date both FASA registration and membership is current.
12. If an exhibit wins an End of Year Award and should there be a transfer of ownership during that time, the award is to be given to the person exhibiting the exhibit at the time of receiving the most points.
13. All breeds will be Best Exhibit at the beginning of each year, unless otherwise sponsored. If any person or Breed club wishes to have specific awards, they can sponsor the award by donating the cost of the trophy (as designated by FASA), then the award will be run in that show season and revert back to Best Exhibit for the following show season unless once again sponsored. Sponsorship should be arranged before the commencement of each show season. Donations may be made for a specific award or to the Trophy Fund. FASA will buy no more than one (1) trophy for each breed, if necessary, e.g. if entire is donated, then FASA will supply a 'Best Neuter or Kitten' combined trophy. A reserve Junior Exhibitor award will be given provided that a minimum of 3 children compete and they have competed in a least three (3) FASA or affiliated club shows during the calendar year.
14. Any member/s who resign from membership throughout the year will forfeit the right to any points accrued and consequently any trophies for that show year.

**NB: Only financial FASA members and FASA registered (with the exception of domestic exhibits) cats, neuters and kittens are eligible to compete for the following points.**

<b>GROUP AWARDS</b>	<b>Exh</b>	<b>Pts</b>	<b>BREED AWARDS</b>	<b>Pts</b>	<b>PREFIX OF THE YEAR FOR EACH GROUP</b>	<b>Pts</b>
Best in Group	<15	100	Best of Breed (1-3)	10	Best in Group	100
Reserve in Group	<15	90	Reserve Best of Best (5)	8	Reserve in Group	90
Third Best in Group	<15	80	Third Best of Breed (7)	7	Third Best in Group	80
Fourth Best	<15	70	Fourth Best of Breed (9)	6	Fourth Best in Group	70
Fifth Best	<15	60	Fifth Best of Breed (11)	5	Fifth Best in Group	60
Sixth Best	18	50	<b><u>JUNIOR EXHIBITOR</u></b>		Sixth Best In Group	50
Seventh Best	21	40	1st	10 points	Seventh Best In Group	40
Eighth Best	24	30	2nd	7 points	Eighth Best In Group	30
Ninth Best	27	20	3rd	5 points	Ninth Best In Group	20
Tenth Best	30	10	Points for this class are awarded to an exhibitor.		Tenth Best In Group	10

## APPENDIX E

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### NATIONAL TITLES

- Co-ordinating Cat Council of Australia (CCCA) Award Certificates are awarded to titled cats (cats competing in the Open class do not qualify) in each Group for the following four(4) categories entire male, entire female, neuter male and neuter female, provided the Judge believes they are of sufficiently high standard.
- Ten (10) CCCA Award certificates will be required before application can be made for the title of CCCA Champion. A further ten (10) certificates must be won before a cat is eligible for the title of CCCA Grand Champion, and so on for Double Grand Champion, Triple Grand Champion, Sapphire Triple Grand Champion, Emerald Triple Grand Champion, Ruby Triple Grand Champion and Diamond Triple Grand Champion.
- Application for these titles must be made by the owner of the cat on the prescribed form and include the CCCA Awards won, a copy of the cat's pedigree and prescribed fee, through FASA. FASA forwards the authenticated application to CCCA for the championship card and ribbon to be issued.
- Awards at Multi Ring shows can be awarded in each ring provided entry in each ring is compulsory.
- In recording titles, the CCCA Awards take precedence over other awards.
- CCCA awards may only be awarded by fully licensed Judges.
- CCCA will accept CCCA Certificates awarded under conforming CCCA Classes at Agricultural/Horticultural Shows.
- CCCA certificates cannot be awarded unless CCCA classes conform to the Groupings and Breeds as set down from time to time by the CCCA.
- CCCA Awards (certificates) gained as an entire cat are carried over towards ongoing titles once the cat is desexed.

## **APPENDIX F**

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### **EXHIBITOR OWNED CAGES**

Exhibitors will be permitted to bring their own cages for use at FASA shows. There are a number of rules associated with the use of these cages which outline the size, style etc of cage to be used. These rules which are listed below, are necessary to ensure the welfare of the exhibits, judges, stewards and ease of show set up. Please be aware, that the rules state that if your cage does not comply, then it can be removed from the show. Cages will continue to be provided as usual for those not wishing to purchase their own and there will be no financial penalty for people wishing to use the current cages.

#### **RULES RELATING TO EXHIBITOR OWNED CAGES**

##### **Cages:**

1. Exhibitors may bring their own wire cages provided they notify the show manager on the entry form. Exhibitors will be responsible for setting up and removing these cages.
2. All cages brought by exhibitors must comply with the approved standard and sizes and both sizes may be used for all breeds.  
**The sizes will be either:**  
Metric: 625mm wide x 440mm deep x 485mm high  
Imperial: (approx) 24.6 inches x 17.3 inches x 19.1 inches.  
**Or a maximum size of:**  
Metric: 765mm wide x 480mm deep x 535mm high  
Imperial: (approx) 30 inches x 19 inches x 21 inches
3. All cages will have a door on one long side (front) and on one short side (end).
4. All Exhibitor owned cages must be fitted with suitable waterproof non see through solid barriers on both sides and back to prevent direct contact between benched cats. (Corflute is the most common barrier)
5. Cages may be brought folded or erected and decorated at home or at show as usual.
6. Cages must be cleaned and disinfected before being brought to the show and they must be kept clean by exhibitors prior to and after judging.

##### **Setting up show:**

A measured space will be marked, which will allow the cage to be placed along the table. The cage number and cage card will be placed in this space.

##### **Setting up cages:**

Exhibitors may put their cages in their correct space during set up or on the morning of the show and the card must be affixed to the cage when it is placed on the table. **Cages must be in place by 8.00am on show day.**

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### Not allowed:

- Soft cages of any kind or any cages not complying with rules.
- Exhibitor owned cages NOT specified on entry forms.
- Show Manager may reject a cage if it is incorrect size, type or if it is in unsanitary condition and the cage must then be removed.

*Example of an approved cage.*

