



THE AUSTRALIAN CAT FEDERATION (INC.)

BY-LAWS - PART I Administration

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¹ 2021: Added: Index page

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1. COMPLIANCE WITH DECISIONS

1.1. All Member Bodies agree to abide by the Australian Cat Federation (Inc.) Constitution and By-Laws and do so at the time of application and renewal of membership.

2. VOTING

2.1. In the event of a 75% vote of the Member Bodies in favour of an item of ACF (Inc.) policy, that decision becomes binding on the Member' Bodies.

2.2. A motion the intent of which is substantially the same as one which failed at a prior GM or AGM is not accepted for submission unless

- a. two years have passed or
- b. it is deemed advisable for veterinary (health) reasons.”

3. RECOGNISED REGISTRATION BODIES OF THE FEDERATION²

3.1. The Australian Cat Federation (Inc.) (herein after called **the Federation**) recognises membership of:

3.1.1 Member Bodies:

3.1.1.1 As of 18 July 2021,³ state or territory registration bodies were as follows:

- a) The Cat Association of the Northern Territory (Inc) (CANT)
- b) Cat Association of Tasmania (Inc.) (CAT)
- c) Cats NSW Inc. (Cats NSW)
- d) Cat Owners Association of Western Australia Inc. (COAWA)
- e) Feline Control Council of Western Australia (Inc) trading as Cats WA (Cats WA)
- f) Feline Control Council of Queensland Inc. (FCCQ)
- g) The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy of Australia and Victoria Inc. (GCCFV)
- h) Governing Council of the Cat Fancy of South Australia Inc. (GCCFSA)
- i) Queensland Feline Association Inc. (QFA)
- j) Queensland Independent Cat Council Inc. (QICC)
- k) Tasmanian Feline Association Inc. (TFA)⁴

3.1.2 Provisional Member Bodies:

3.1.2.1 As of 18 July 2021,⁵ there are no Provisional Member Bodies in the Federation.

3.1.2.2 A Provisional Member Body^{6,7}

- a) Is a state or territory registration body that has been accepted for membership by the Federation in accordance with its Constitution Rule 17 to 19.
- b) Will not have voting rights and will be subject to a mentoring program until it becomes a Member Body of the Federation.
- c) The mentoring program has been determined in consultation with the Federation's Committee.
- d) Federation Member or Provisional Member Bodies' Judges may accept assignments from its Provisional Member Bodies.

3.1.3. Within Australia, the Federation recognises the registrations and pedigrees, shows, awards and judges of state or territory registration bodies which are its Member or Provisional Member Bodies.

² 2021: Amended: Clause 3 to relate to only the Federation's members.

³ 2020: Amended: List of Membership at this date.

⁴ 2021: Amended: To reflect TFA now full member.

⁵ 2021: Amended: To reflect that there are currently no provisional member bodies in the Federation.

⁶ 2020: Amended: To reflect new Provisional Member (TFA) joined.

⁷ 2021: Amended: To reflect what the status of a provisional member body is.

3.1.4 Acceptance of a new Federation Member Body

3.1.4.1 In accordance with protocol outlined in the Federation's Constitution Clause 15, Cat Registration Bodies in Australia, whether already operating, or newly established need to meet, as a minimum, the following criteria to be accepted as a Federation Provisional Member Body:

- a) are, or are in process of applying for, a "recognised organisation status" in accordance with the state or territory legislation of origin.
- b) are, or are in process of applying for an incorporated organisation in the state or territory of origin prior to application to the Federation for membership.
- c) have been established for the purpose of registering, breeding, and exhibiting cats.
- d) have a membership of at least thirty (30) full members, actively participating in the organisation prior to application.
- e) have published in a public domain its Constitution, Show Rules, Breeding Rules and Codes of Ethics.

4. OTHER RECOGNISED GOVERNING / REGISTRATION BODIES WITHIN AUSTRALIA

4.1. Co-ordinating Cat Council of Australia Incorporated (CCCA)

4.1.1. CCCA Members

4.1.1.1. At, 26th February 2020⁸, the Federation fully recognises the following CCCA Members:

- a) Cats Queensland Inc. (CQI)
- b) NSW Cat Fanciers Association Inc. (NSW CFA)
- c) Feline Control Council Victoria Inc. (FCCV)
- d) Capitol Cats Inc. (CCI)
- e) Feline Association of South Australia Inc. (FASA)
- f) Cat Control Council of Tasmania Inc. (CCCT)
- g) Cats United WA (CUWA)

4.1.1.2. Within Australia, the Federation Member or Provisional Member Bodies recognise the registrations, awards, and Judges of the CCCA Members that are listed in sub clause 4.1.1.1.

4.1.1.3. Cats owned by CCCA Members that are listed in sub-clause 4.1.1.1 may be shown in the Federation's National Show, Member or Provisional Member Bodies shows and are eligible for the Federation's awards providing that, they comply with the Federation's Breeding and Registration Rules.

4.1.2. CCCA Associate Members:

4.1.2.1. As at, 26 February 2020, there are no Associate Members of CCCA.

4.1.2.2. Future CCCA Members (whether they be associate or full) will be considered on a case-by-case basis prior to any recognition (whether that be partial, full, or not all) by the Federation.

- 4.1.2.3.** Factors that may be considered (but not limited too) are:
- a) have been established for the purpose of registering, breeding, and exhibiting cats.
 - b) are, or in process of becoming, an Incorporated Association.
 - c) are, or are in process of becoming a “recognised organisation status’ in accordance with the state or territory legislation of origin.
 - d) have a minimum of 30 members actively participating in the organisation prior to application.
 - e) have a registration database able to produce at least a four (4) generation pedigree.
 - f) have published in a public domain its Constitution, Show Rules, Breeding Rules and Codes of Ethics.

5. OTHER PARTIALLY RECOGNISED GOVERNING/REGISTRATION BODIES WITHIN AUSTRALIA

5.1. At 11th June 2024 these are:

- 5.1.1.** Australian National Cats Inc, (ANCATS)
- 5.1.2.** International Cats Australia Inc (Cats Australia) and
- 5.1.3.** The Australian Independent Cat Council Inc. (AICC).

5.2. JUDGES:

- 5.2.1.** The Federation’s Member or Provisional Member Bodies may not appoint Judges licensed by any Body listed under sub-clause 5.1 to officiate in any capacity at Shows/Events conducted by them.
- 5.2.2.** Awards made by judges licensed by any Body listed under sub-clause 5.1 will not count towards a Federation Member or Provisional Member Body’s exhibitor’s cats’ titles.
- 5.2.3.** The Federation’s National Judges or any of its Member or Provisional Member Bodies’ Judges may not officiate in any capacity at shows/events for Bodies listed under sub-clause 5.1.

5.3. REGISTRATIONS AND PEDIGREES:

- 5.3.1.** The Federation’s Member or Provisional Member Bodies may recognise the registrations and pedigrees of any Body as listed sub clause 5.1 above provided:
- 5.3.1.1.** they can be verified by data recorded in their own or other Federation Member or Provisional Member Bodies records; or CCCA Members as listed in sub clause 4.1.1.1, or
 - 5.3.1.2.** from certified pedigrees of imported stock; or
 - 5.3.1.3.** the progeny of cats which have been imported into the register from overseas on verification to the satisfaction of a Federation Member or Provisional Member Body of the parents’ export certified pedigrees.
 - 5.3.1.4.** Such pedigrees and registration records are to be for at least four (4) generations, or more if stipulated in the Federation’s Breeding and Registration Rules for the breed; and
 - 5.3.1.5.** the breeding of cats under subparagraph 5.3.1.1 to 5.3.1.4 above is within the Federation’s Breeding and Registration Rules.

SHOWING:

- 5.4.1.** Australian National Cats Inc (ANCATS)
- 5.4.1.1.** Exhibits which comply with subparagraph 5.3.1.1 to 5.3.1.4 above may be shown in the Federation’s National Show, and Member or Provisional Member Bodies shows provided they comply with the applicable Show Rules and are within the Federation’s Breeding and Registration Rules but are not eligible for the Federations’ awards.

5.4.2. International Cats Australia Inc (Cats Australia)

5.4.2.1. Exhibits which comply with subparagraph 5.3.I.1 to 5.3.I.4 above may be shown in the Federation's National Show, and Member or Provisional Member Bodies shows provided they comply with the applicable Show Rules and are within the Federation's Breeding and Registration Rules but are not eligible for the Federations' awards.

5.4.3. AICC

5.4.3.1. Exhibits MAY NOT be shown in Federation's National Show, and Member or Provisional Member Bodies shows.

6. RECOGNISING AUSTRALIAN BODIES EXPELLED FROM RECOGNISED CAT CONTROL ORGANISATIONS:

6.1. A group that has been expelled from either the Federation or CCCA will not be considered for acceptance as a Member Body or Provisional Member Body of the Federation, unless a minimum of five (5) years has elapsed since expulsion. Such applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

6.2. As an unrecognised Body, the Federation does not recognise the registrations, pedigrees Judges or awards of an expelled Body nor may cats owned by a Federation's Member or Provisional Member Bodies that are listed in sub-clause 3.I.1.1 or 3.I.2.1 (where applicable) be shown in shows held under the jurisdiction of an expelled Body. Cats owned by members of an expelled Member Body may not enter for competition in the Federation's National Show, or Member or Provisional Member Bodies shows nor are they eligible for the Federation's awards.

7. ADVISING MEMBERS OF ISSUES RAISED WITH ACF (INC.) WITHIN ITS ORGANISATION

7.1. The Secretary of the Federation will inform and involve any Member or Provisional Member Body as soon as any matter pertaining to their state or territory arises.

7.2. When a member of any recognised cat organisation applies for membership with another, the Secretary of the latter should check with the former's regarding any outstanding or unresolved issues pertaining to the applicant, before granting membership."

8. ASSISTANT SECRETARY VOTING RIGHTS

8.1. An Assistant Secretary, appointed as required by the Committee, has no voting rights, unless the nominated person is a Committeeperson of a Member Body.

9. INTERNATIONAL LIAISON OFFICER (ILO) ROLE

9.1. The ILO shall have the responsibility of communicating with overseas bodies, but all such communications must be channelled through the Secretary of the Federation.

10. YEARBOOK EDITOR APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES

10.1. An ACF (Inc). Yearbook Editor will be appointed each year, and each Member Body should appoint and name at the ACF (Inc.) Annual General Meeting a yearbook coordinator to work with the Yearbook Editor to supply advertisements, photos and copy by the specified copy date.

- 11. SECRETARY OF THE FEDERATION TO HOLD COPIES OF MEMBERS CONSTITUTION AND OFFICEHOLDERS**
- 12.** In addition to the requirements of Constitution Rule 25, it is the responsibility of each Member or Provisional Member Body to see that the Secretary of the Federation is always in possession of a current copy of each Member or Provisional Member Bodies' Constitution (updates to be forwarded after each AGM where changes have been made) and a current list of Office Bearers for each Member or Provisional Member Body to be kept purely for filing.
- 13. FINANCES, ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION AND RENUMERATION**
 - 13.1.** As at, 10 June 2019:
 - 12.1.1.** in accordance with Constitution Rule 22, the annual subscription for Member and Provisional Member Bodies of the Federation is set at \$300.00.
 - 12.1.2.** in accordance with Constitution Rule 116(e), the honorarium for the Secretary of the Federation for the upkeep of equipment is set at \$750.00.
 - 13.2.** As at, 29 July 2019:
 - 12.2.1.** the annual subscription for Federation membership of the World Cat Congress is set at \$400.00.
- 14. WORLD CAT CONGRESS MEETING (WCC)**
 - 14.1.** A delegate to attend the WCC AGM will be elected annually at the Federation's AGM. The WCC delegate will normally be the President, Vice President, or Secretary in line with the delegates representing the other member organisations attending. If none of these persons, can attend the meeting then a delegate will be appointed from the Committee of the Federation.
 - 14.2.** An advisor to the delegate attending the WCC meeting will be the ILO unless unable to attend and then the advisor to be selected from the Committee members of the Federation already attending, appointed by the Committee, or elected annually at the AGM of the Federation. Only the Delegate to be funded by the Federation.
- 15. RECOMMENDATORY BODIES**
 - 15.1. Australian Cat Federation (Inc.) Judges Guild**
 - 14.1.1.** Further to Constitution Clause 9 (j) the Judges' Guild, is to review/prepare submissions referred to it by the Federation on:
 - 14.1.1.1.** breed standard amendments.
 - 14.1.1.2.** recognition of new breed varieties/colours.
 - 14.1.1.3.** registration and breeding rules/practices including breed development programmes.
 - 14.1.1.4.** judges training scheme; and
 - 14.1.1.5.** any other related matters referred to it by the Federation.
 - 14.1.2.** At the Federation's Annual General Meeting and General Meetings provision is to be made for the representative of the ACF (Inc.) Judges' Guild to be seated and acknowledged as a participant at the meeting⁹.
 - 14.1.3.** The Federation to reimburse half the cheapest available advance purchase airfare for the ACF (Inc.) Judges' Guild President and Secretary to attend the AGM, should it be requested¹⁰.
- 16. NATIONAL SHOWS**
 - 16.1.** The Federation's Member or Provisional Member Bodies will not hold a show on the weekend of the ACF National or the CCC of A National.