



# **THE AUSTRALIAN CAT FEDERATION (INC.)**

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## **BY-LAWS - PART 4 JUDGES TRAINING SCHEME**

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## **MODULE 3: JUDGING PRACTICE**

### **3.1 Criteria for Assessment**

- 3.1.1 Cadet Judges undertaking cadet assignments will be assessed by the Tutor Panel and required to show competence (at levels predetermined by the Tutor Panel) on each of the topics outlined below before they are deemed eligible for Junior Judge status.
- 3.1.2 Assessment is to be recorded on Module 3 Competency Assessment Form [refer to FORM X3].

### **3.2 Judging Decision**

- 3.2.1 Assessment of each exhibit relative to its standard.
- 3.2.2 Ability to speak accurately and confidently about each exhibit when required.
- 3.2.3 Ability to make decisions quickly and always in relation to the standards
- 3.2.4 Ability to assess each exhibit ultimately in terms of the “whole cat”, rather than clause by clause from the standards.
- 3.2.5 Selection of the exhibit that best conforms to the relevant standard.
- 3.2.6 Selection of best of breed exhibits in relation to the standards.
- 3.2.7 Selection of top 10/5 and justification of choices in terms of the standards.
- 3.2.8 Checking of results before announcing to prevent cross-judging.
- 3.2.9 Selection of open, PDGC, and other club/Member Body-specific (e.g., Prestige) challenges correctly.
- 3.2.10 Selection of ACF awards correctly.

### **3.3 General Presentation**

- 3.3.1 Dress and demeanour.
- 3.3.2 Speaking in public in a fluent manner with acceptable volume.
- 3.3.3 Writing fluently and legibly as required (e.g., a report, an assessment of a cat).

### **3.4 Cat Handling Techniques**

- 3.4.1 Removing from cage.
- 3.4.2 Handling on table.
- 3.4.3 Replacing in cage.
- 3.4.4 Confidence of handling.
- 3.4.5 Show technique (that is presenting the cat to its advantage and that of the audience).

### **3.5 Expectations of Assessment Panel**

- 3.5.1 It is expected that the placings of exhibits allocated by the Cadet Judge will generally align with those of the Tutor Panel appointed supervising Judge, but not necessarily replicate them. The Cadet Judge must be able to justify their placings and/or exclusions.