



THE AUSTRALIAN CAT FEDERATION (INC.)

BY-LAWS - PART 4 JUDGES TRAINING SCHEME

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MODULE 1: BEING A JUDGE: WHAT IT MEANS

1.1 Criteria for Assessment

- 1.1.1 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.
- 1.1.2 Assessment is to be recorded on Module 1 Competency Assessment Form [refer to FORM X1].

1.2 Judging Ethics

- 1.2.1 These ethics apply to all ACF judges and while it may not be possible for Cadet Judges to demonstrate all these competencies while still in training, they must be able to demonstrate that they have knowledge and understanding of the need for them.
 - a) Constant compliance with any Code of Ethics and/or Dress Code for Judges relevant to the Cadet Judge's Member Body.
 - b) Professional behaviour and demeanour in all situations in the cat fancy.
 - c) Professional and ethical behaviour towards other judges at all times (i.e., abstention from talking about or criticising another judge or another judge's results at shows, after shows, or through media such as telephone, email, and internet sites).
 - d) Gracious and professional behaviour including prompt communication with clubs/Member Body issuing invitations to judge.
 - e) Gracious and professional behaviour towards exhibitors, ring clerks, and stewards.
 - f) Attendance at seminars, workshops and meetings as required by the Affiliate Body.
 - g) Attendance at ACF Judges' Guild AGM/Seminar whenever possible.
 - h) Objectivity in decision-making.
 - i) Tolerance of all official personnel on the judging floor and respect for the needs of other judges and Cadet Judges.
 - j) Restraint from talking about exhibits after an assignment is completed, except with an appropriate person such as the Tutor Panel or supervising Judge for the purposes of training, or with an owner.
 - k) Restraint from attempting to influence other judges' placing decisions.
 - l) Certainty that, when talking with another judge about the exhibits you have both judged that day, no-one else is within hearing distance.

1.3 Judging Techniques

- 1.3.1 While it may not be possible for Cadet Judges to demonstrate all these competencies while still in training, they must be able to demonstrate that they have knowledge and understanding of the need for them.
 - a) Compliance with Member Body's rules and regulations relevant to judges.
 - b) Compliance with judging practices relating to safety and hygiene.
 - c) Removing, handling on table, and replacing exhibit in cage while presenting exhibits to breed and audience advantage.
 - d) Demonstrated capacity to deal with fractious exhibits and knowing when not to persist.
 - e) Recognition of all general faults.
 - f) Recognition of all general withholding faults.
 - g) Recognition of all general disqualifying faults.
 - h) Assessment of each exhibit relative to its breed standard.
 - i) Placing of exhibits in an order of merit which best reflects the exhibits' meeting of breed standards and the avoidance of cross-judging.
 - j) Speaking or writing confidently about an exhibit as required.
 - k) Making timely and justified decisions including about challenges and other awards applicable.
 - l) Accurate completion of all judging paperwork.
 - m) Development of productive working relationships with stewards and ring clerks.