# TICA Board of Directors
## Annual Meeting Agenda
### August 31 - September 1 – 2, 2022
#### Chicago, Illinois

**Wednesday, August 31st 8:00 am CDT**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Consent Agenda 8:00 am – 8:15 am**  
1. Approve Minutes - June 29, 2022, Special Meeting  

**Executive Session - Strategic Planning Session 8:15 am – 3:30 pm**

**Executive Session - Judging Program, Protests/Complaints 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm**

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Members Open Meeting

Adjourn
Amend Board Governance Policy (Gender Neutrality) – Stadter/Wood

Rationale:

Most of this document is gender-neutral. There are a couple of instances where this does not happen and needs amending within the Conflict of Interest Policy (Article 2) and Article 9 Discipline and Penalties.

Amend Conflict of Interest Policy:

(NOTE: Only relevant parts included for brevity)

1. Duty to Disclose. In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest or family relationship and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.

2. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists. After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she they shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

3. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest. a. An interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she they shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.

Amend Article 9:

Policy: In following with Roberts Rules of Order, the Board Chair cannot impose a penalty on a Board Member for misbehavior; only the Board, itself, can do so. Any member of the Board can make a motion proposing a penalty. Following are possible motions that can be made for deliberation:

1. A motion that the Board Member must apologize.
2. A motion that the Board Member must leave the room during the remainder of the meeting.
3. A motion to censure the Board Member.
4. In accordance with TICA By Law 122.6.3, a motion to suspend the Board Member's rights for a designated period of time.
5. The member may be asked to leave the meeting while a penalty is discussed. This requires a motion and a simple majority to adopt. If the Board elects to allow the member to remain during discussion, the member should be allowed to speak briefly in his or her their defense.
6. Any penalty (other than suspension under By Law 122.6.3) requires a majority vote of the Board Members in attendance to adopt.

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Rules Committee Comments:

1. On "other rules affected by the proposed change and to ensure that the proper terms are used to convey the meaning intended and to ensure uniformity of terminology throughout"

   None

2. Opinions on the merits (or otherwise) of the proposal (i.e. "to review proposals" as per Standing Rule 106.4.1.1)

   (A) OK
   (B) Looks good
   (C) Sounds fine
Amend Bylaws 15.5 (Production Companies) - Bright

Rationale:

The sentences about the 1994 elections are so far in the past that they can be removed.

Amend Bylaw 15.5:

15.5 In order to avoid a possible conflict of interest no person(s) who is a principal(s) in any show production company shall be eligible to serve as an officer or director of this association. Should any such person be elected in the 1994 elections that person shall have the option of severing all connections with the production company or withdrawing from office. Should any person withdraw from office under this section the person receiving the next highest number of votes shall take the position.

Rules Committee Comments:

1. On "other rules affected by the proposed change and to ensure that the proper terms are used to convey the meaning intended and to ensure uniformity of terminology throughout"

   None

2. Opinions on the merits (or otherwise) of the proposal (i.e. "to review proposals" as per Standing Rule 106.4.1.1)

   (A) Still problematic that show production company is not defined.

   (B) I think the second sentence needs to remain – it doesn’t specifically apply to 1994 and it may still occur that a person in office joins a production company (far fetched as it may be)

   And agree with (A) – what is a show production company? Versus a club?

   (C) Works for me – probably we should eliminate all that type of outdated wording from any of our rules

   (D) The second sentence needs to go because if left in it will conflict with Bylaw 15.1.3. Should someone join whilst in office the first sentence of 15.5 covers that.

   I agree that it lacks a definition of a show production company. I think we can only comment that one is needed, since the amendment was solely to remove redundant wording.

   (E) Agree; the sentence should be eliminated.

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Some of us who have been around know what a show production company is but it seems to cause a lot of confusion these days. We should probably define.

Been thinking about this. I think that we should leave the amendment "as is". If we can identify a definition, it would be useful to put it as a Standing Rule and as a separate proposal to this one.

Totally agree - keep the two separate.

Sounds right.
Rationale:

Most of our Bylaws are already gender-neutral. The following Bylaws need amending to comply with this: 14.1, 114.2, and 114.6.

Amend Bylaws 14.1:

14.1 Breed Section. A Breed Section(s) shall be established for each breed or breed group and one or more sections for household pets. Each member must show proof of ownership of the breed or breed group in order to belong to one Breed/Breed Group Section as a part of his or her membership otherwise they will be assigned to the Household Pet Section.

Amend Bylaws 114.2:

114.2 Announcement of Candidates. Any member who has been a member in good standing for 2 consecutive years immediately preceding shall be eligible to seek office and shall declare his their candidacy in writing to the Executive Office not more than 4 months nor less than 2 months before the election month with the filing fee established by the Board of Directors. If no member in the region or no member in the Breed/Breed Group Section has been a member for the 2 years immediately preceding the election, the 2-year membership requirement shall not apply. This shall entitle the candidate to be listed as a candidate for the office sought in every issue of the newsletter including the newsletter prior to the ballot being mailed to the membership. Each candidate shall be entitled to publish a summary of his/her experience, credentials and platform in accordance with Standing Rules.

Amend Bylaws 114.6:

114.6 Responsibilities of Members. Each member shall be responsible to ensure that his their ballot is properly authenticated and forwarded as set forth in 113.3.5 above. No member shall attempt to invalidate or otherwise tamper with the TICA election process in any manner whatsoever.

Rules Committee Comments:

1. On "other rules affected by the proposed change and to ensure that the proper terms are used to convey the meaning intended and to ensure uniformity of terminology throughout"

None

2. Opinions on the merits (or otherwise) of the proposal (i.e. "to review proposals" as per Standing Rule 106.4.1.1)

(A) Fine - I like it better than his/her
(B) Fine with me
(C) And me
(D) Looks good
(E) Purrfect
Rationale:

All rules are being reviewed to ensure that they are gender-neutral.

The following Clerking Program rules require amending to comply with this:

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54.2.6
54.2.7.4
54.2.7.5
56.2.1
56.2.3.4
56.2.4

Amend 51.3.1:

51.3.1 The applicant for reinstatement must send the Clerking Administrator a written request that he/she wishes they wish to be reinstated.

Amend 53.1:

53.1 The Judge is the final authority in the ring. The clerk serves as his/her their executive assistant and must always comply with the Judge’s wishes.

Amend 53.2:

53.2 The clerk should remain in the ring and leave it only if necessary. A Clerk’s Place is in the ring. It is advisable to have someone else show your cat(s) for you; but should this not be possible, it is the clerk’s responsibility to find a competent replacement to serve as a temporary clerk in his/her their absence from the ring. As a last resort, request permission to leave the ring to put your cat in a ring and immediately return to the ring where you are clerking. Do not wait in another ring to watch your cat being judged.

Amend 53.3:
53.3 The clerk should perform *his/her/their* duties as quietly as possible. Do not make unnecessary noise - tap pencils, flip through cards, chat with stewards, the Judge or exhibitors, etc.

**Amend 53.5:**

53.5 Do not interrupt or allow others to interrupt the Judge when *he/she is they are* judging a cat.

**Amend 53.8:**

53.8 The clerk should avoid bringing *his/their* own cat into the ring in which *he is they are* clerking. Arrange ahead of time for someone else to show the cat, if possible.

**Amend 54.1.3:**

54.1.3 Arrange the color class, division ribbons and breed awards (if there are any) neatly so that they will not be in the way of the Judge or yourself. Ask the Judge if *he/she has they have* a preference on where color, division flats and breed awards are placed.

**Amend 54.1.7:**

54.1.7 Ask the Judge if *he/she has they have* a preference in how rosettes are arranged for presentation of finals.

**Amend 54.1.8:**

54.1.8 Ask the Judge if *he/she has they have* a preference in how rosettes are arranged for presentation of finals.

**Amend 54.2.2:**

54.2.2.1 The clerk must determine the Judge’s preference before calling cats to the ring.
   54.2.2.1.1 Does the Judge want cats sent back as soon as *he/she has they have* finished judging all of the cats in a particular breed (or in some cases a division) and new cats brought up thus keeping the cages full at all times?
   54.2.2.1.2 Does the Judge want to keep all the cats in the ring until *he/she has they have* judged them all before sending them back?
   54.2.2.1.3 If it is not possible to judge all of the cats of a breed or division because the class is so large that there is not sufficient cage openings for them all, does the Judge want some cats left in the ring and the others sent back?

**Amend 54.2.3.1:**

54.2.3.1 The clerk should write the Judge’s name, ring number, and *his their own* name on the front of club’s copy of the catalog.
Amend 54.2.3.4.4:

54.2.3.4.4 After the judging has begun.
If a cat is transferred after the show has begun, and a Judge has already judged the class that is correct for that cat, the class may not be reopened. The Judge must mark his/her/their book "wrong class - not judged" (Show Rules, Article Sixteen).

Amend 54.2.5.1:

54.2.5.1 At the end of each class, the clerk must count the cats present and competing and write this information in the indicated place on the final's pages in the catalog. The clerk must also give the number of cats present and competing to the Judge. The Judge must place this number on his/her/their finals sheets. This information is essential in determining the number of final awards given.

Amend 54.2.6:

54.2.6 Judge's Book Sheets.
54.2.6.1 The Judge will give the clerk one copy of each completed sheet from his/her/their Judge's book. This sheet should have all absentees, transfers and awards correctly marked (Show Rules, Article Seventeen). The clerk should tear off any uneven edges from the Judge's posting sheets.
54.2.6.2 The Judge's sheets should be checked against the clerk's catalog markings as soon as possible so that any discrepancies can be discovered immediately, and any errors corrected right away. It is important that the clerk get all the Judge's sheets. If sheets are missing the clerk has not done his/her/their job properly.
54.2.6.3 The clerk must sign or initial each Judge's sheet when he/she is certain that there are no errors, thus certifying that it is accurate.
54.2.6.4 The clerk must never write anything except his/her/their own initials or name on the Judge's sheets. Any corrections must be made by the Judge. The Judge must initial all corrections or change (Show Rules, Article Seventeen).
54.2.6.5 The clerk must check to be certain that the Judge has signed each of his/her/their Judge's sheets. (Show Rules, Article Seventeen)
54.2.6.6 When agreement between the Judge's sheets and the clerk's catalog has been determined, the clerk should initial or sign the Judge's sheet(s), signifying that the Judge's sheets are ready to go to the Master Clerk, who will check and post the sheets. Awards as posted are final and may not be changed except to correct errors or in case of fraud (Show Rules).

Amend 54.2.7.4:

54.2.7.4 As the Judge makes his/her/their oral announcements and hangs the rosettes, the clerk marks what is hung on the finals sheet of the catalog. The clerk must never mark the catalog finals page from any list the Judge may have prepared or from the Judge's book finals sheet.
Amend 54.2.7.5:

54.2.7.5 When the finals are complete, the Judge gives the clerk his their finals sheet to check for accuracy. The clerk must immediately check these finals for errors compared to how the awards were hung, resolve any discrepancies with the judge, initial or sign the sheet and forward the sheet to the Master Clerk. If the Judge gives the clerk the finals sheet prior to awarding the rosettes, the clerk can compare the presentation of rosettes with the Judge's final sheet.

Amend 56.2.1:

56.2.1 Competition begins when the Judge compares cats of the same color within one of the competitive divisions within a given breed. The Judge will award a Best, 2nd Best, 3rd Best, 4th Best and 5th Best color award assuming there are that many cats of the same color within a breed competing. For example, if there are 5 Black Persian cats competing, the Judge will rank the 5 cats and hang the flats according to his their ranking. The Judge will then go on to other color classes within the solid color division of that Breed, i.e., Blue Persians, Cream Persians, etc.

Amend 56.2.3.4:

56.2.3.4 In some instances, the Judge might make his her their Best, Second-Best, Third-Best of Division, the Best, Second-Best and Third-Best of Breed even though there are several divisions of the breed competing.

Amend 56.2.4

56.2.4 In Breeds/Divisions with only one color in competition the Best, Second and Third Best of Color are also Best, Second and Third Best of Division/Breed. Although it is redundant, the Judge must completely fill in his their Judge’s book for color class, division and breed as outlined in 54.2.4 Class Awards.

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   None

2. Opinions on the merits (or otherwise) of the proposal (i.e. "to review proposals" as per Standing Rule 106.4.1.1)

   (A) Fine
   (B) OK by me
   (C) Good for me
(D) Happy with that

(E) Great, thanks for all your hard work
Amend Judging Program Article 8 (Instructors) – Judging Committee

Rationale:

The Judging Committee was created at the 2018 Winter Meeting to oversee, administer, and update the Judging Program. The Board’s intent is that the Judging Committee assumes administration of non-disciplinary matters related to the Judging Program. This includes, but is not limited to, acceptances into or advancements within the program, continuing education, and testing. The Committee may make recommendations to the Board of Directors for changes to the Judging Program.

The 2019 Spring Board Meeting initiated the process of setting the Board’s expectations for the Committee and defining the process with the transfer of administration of the new applicant program. The Preface was reviewed and updated to reflect the creation of the Judging Committee. A new Article ONE established the duties of the Judging Committee, revised the JA role, created the DJA role and set out the guidelines for meetings of the Committee. This Article also established a review process by the Board for appeals from decisions of the Committee. Old Article ONE, role of the ABS, became new Article TWO. Old Articles TWO and THREE, relating to applicants coming into the Judging Program, were combined into a new Article THREE, updating the requirements for both established and remote areas. The process continued during the 2020 Winter Board Meeting with the review of Article FOUR updating the trainee period.

At the 2020 Annual Meeting the Judging Committee Article FIVE was addressed by taking the responsibility of granting Specialty Judges licenses and clarifying under what circumstances a Remote Specialty Judge may apply for a full license. The process continued at the 2021 Spring Board Meeting by taking the responsibilities of granting Allbreed Judges licenses (Article SIX and SEVEN).

At this point, the Judging Committee is willing to address Article EIGHT which governs Ring & School Instructors:

- adding appropriate references to the Judging Committee,
- taking the responsibility of granting licenses,
- adding the requirement of conducting at least 5 training sessions, OR 3 three training sessions plus successful completion of an approved Training seminar.
- giving guidelines for writing an essay, preparing a judging school presentation and breed seminar presentation.

Amend JP Article 8:

48.1 Names of applicants must be published in two issues of the TREND. Notices must be sent to the Judging Committee Administrator and received by April 15th for application at the August Meeting, by August 15th for application at the December Winter Meeting and by December 15th for application at the April Spring Meeting. The Deputy Judging Administrator will then place the notices in the TREND. TICA members shall be invited to send

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comments, favorable and/or unfavorable, to the Judging Committee Administrator/Designee and to the applicant's Regional Director.

48.2 The applicant must have completed all of the following before applying for advancement:

48.2.1 Been a licensed An Approved Allbreed judge may apply for instructor after having been a licensed Approved Allbreed judge for no less than 2 years.

48.2.2 Judged no fewer than 50 TICA shows as an Approved Allbreed judge (50 LH and 50 SH or 50 AB or any combination thereof).

48.2.3 Conducted at least 5 training sessions, OR 3 three training sessions plus successful completion of an approved Training seminar.

48.3 An Approved Allbreed judge may apply for ring instructor, and/or school instructor or both.

48.3.1 Duties of a ring instructor: teach trainees, complete and return Trainee Evaluation Forms to the Trainee Coordinator Judging Administrator / Designee and the Allbreed Sponsor within 48 hours of close of show.

48.3.2 Duties of a school instructor: teach trainees, complete and return Trainee Evaluation Forms to the Trainee Coordinator Judging Administrator / Designee and the Allbreed Sponsor within 48 hours of close of show; conduct judging schools, breed seminars and judge's conferences, sending attendance list and subject matter covered to the Judging Committee Administrator/Designee within 30 days following any session conducted.

48.4 The applicant shall send the completed Application for Instructor to the Judging Committee Administrator to be received no later than May 15th for application at the August Meeting Annual, October 15th for application at the December Winter Meeting or January 15th for application at the April Spring Meeting. This applies to all applicants, including those outside of North America.

48.4.1 Applications for ring instructor only must be accompanied by an essay addressing how narrative stating how the instructor proposes to work with a trainee, including, but not limited to, what the trainee can expect of the Instructor and what the Instructor will expect of the trainee. The essay should be between 1,500 and 2,000 words. However, it is the quality of the narrative writing that is important, not the length.

48.4.2 Applications for school instructor must include an outline and a lesson plan for a judging school presentation and for a breed seminar presentation. The presentations should be a slide show or similar format. The Judging School presentation must be delivered to an audience at a show/seminar/conference/webinar and will be assessed on the planning and delivery of the subject.
48.5 All other requirements must be passed completed by June 15th for application at the August Meeting Annual, November 15th for application at the December Winter Meeting or February 15th for application at the April Spring Meeting. If all requirements have not been met by the deadline date, the applicant must reapply for instructor at a following scheduled Board Judging Committee meeting.

48.6 The Judging Committee Board shall consider the applicant's knowledge, ability, training, experience, show and club activity, personal appearance, deportment, attitude and any other factors it deems appropriate and may grant instructor status, deny the applicant or require additional work.

48.7 If an applicant for advancement is denied, the applicant may not apply for reconsideration for 1 year. If the candidate decides to file an appeal with the Board of Directors for review, the appeal will normally be heard at the next scheduled Board meeting. The final decision on acceptance or denial is solely at the Board’s discretion.

48.7.1 Upon reapplication, the applicant need only furnish proof to the Judging Committee Administrator / Designee that any requirements set by the Board have been met. The Judging Committee Administrator has all the documentation and fee-paid information and will advise the TREND editor to continue the listings in the TREND.

Rules Committee Comments:

1. On "other rules affected by the proposed change and to ensure that the proper terms are used to convey the meaning intended and to ensure uniformity of terminology throughout"

   None

2. Opinions on the merits (or otherwise) of the proposal (i.e. "to review proposals" as per Standing Rule 106.4.1.1)

   (A) It all looks fine to me.
   (B) Me too
   (C) Looks good to me
   (D) "Approved Training seminar" in 48.2.3 isn’t defined - what is it? Is this something a judge will request from the JC? Is it a group seminar which occurs periodically or a self-taught program? Might be good to have a couple quick sub paragraphs???

Contd/…
(D – Contd)

In my mind, 48.4.2 needs some explanation. We defined the essay in length; how about the slide shows? If they are intended for other judges, do they have to meet the qualifications for CEU's? If at a show, not sure a club and/or exhibitors will carve out an hour?? Does this, like Ring Training, require approvals??

(E)

I do agree with (D)'s remarks also.

I do have one other opinion to add: What is the benefit to becoming a ring or school instructor? Opportunity to earn CEU credits is all I can find. 1 for training for a ring instructor and 1.5 for a school instructor to give a school or workshop. (Maximum 3 credits per show season).

(F)

One proposal was that Ring/School instructors be paid more per cat - that is on hold right now though

(G)

In response to (D)'s remarks:

- The JC has developed a Training Seminar for the applications for instructors in case they don’t have the experience of having conducted 5 training sessions. This seminar will be presented in Alburquerque this coming weekend.
- The presentation's length is part of the requirements that will be evaluated. The JC normally provide the opportunity to do the presentation online during a webinar. We grant CEUs for the attenders.

(D)

Now I know [what is meant by 48.4.2]. The point is that no one else does. Should there be more guidance?

(H)

One other point - in the previous round of comments, several people questioned why 48.2.1 was only 2 years and not 3. 3 years would be consistent with 42.2 ("The Sponsor must have been an Approved Allbreed Judge for at least 3 years").

(G)

Being a sponsor is not really related with being an instructor. I think these two roles have different challenges. So, no need for consistency IMO.
Amend Show Rule 22.1.1 (Joint Shows) – Brown

Rationale:

As TICA has evolved over the past several decades, becoming a well-respected member of the World Cat Congress, it is time to work only with groups that are equally respected. This proposed rule change would solidify TICA’s reputation on the world stage.

The current rule also requires re-drafting since, as currently written, it can be interpreted as only permitting shows in conjunction with the American Kennel Club.

Amend Show Rule 22.1.1 and re-number existing 21.1.2

22.1 Any chartered TICA club in good standing may sponsor a show.

22.1.1 A show shall be limited to the exhibition and/or judging of felines. A TICA show may be held in conjunction with a sanctioned licensed show, governed by an established, nationally known species or breed organization (i.e., for example The American Kennel Club). The sanctioning organization must cooperate by licensing the prospective show, approving of the format in conjunction with TICA and providing licensed judges.

22.1.2 A TICA show may be held in conjunction with one or more shows for the exhibition and/or judging of felines that are licensed by feline registries that are full members of the World Cat Congress (WCC) or by an organization with which TICA has a formal agreement for mutual acceptance of pedigrees.

22.1.2.1 A TICA club wishing to hold a show in conjunction with organizations that do not meet the criteria of 22.1.2 must apply for (and be granted) permission from the TICA Board of Directors prior to the publication of any information regarding the show.

22.1.3 TICA shows may be held in conjunction with larger events that are not organized by the TICA club itself (for example, pet expos or similar type events) where the TICA club does not have control over the other organizations that are invited to participate.

22.1.4.4 A TICA club may elect to hold a TICA cat show in conjunction with another such organization (or organizations) under the above conditions, provided this information is included in all publicity and flyers pertaining to the show.

Re-number existing 22.1.2 (and associated sub-rules) as 22.1.5 etc (including all cross-references)

Rules Committee Comments:

1. On "other rules affected by the proposed change and to ensure that the proper terms are used to convey the meaning intended and to ensure uniformity of terminology throughout"

(Amend Show Rule 22.1.1 Page 1 of 2)
NB: After internal discussions, Rules re-drafted the original proposal to ensure clarity and to ensure that organizations such as LOOF could continue to hold joint shows (using language already used elsewhere in TICA’s rules). The proposer was appreciative of Rules’ work on this and agreed with the revised proposal.

2. Opinions on the merits (or otherwise) of the proposal (i.e. "to review proposals" as per Standing Rule 106.4.1.1)

(A) I totally agree with the wording and the logic of said rule.
(B) It looks good to me
(C) This looks pretty clean and clear.
(D) Looks good
(E) I agree
(F) OK
Amend Show Rule 24.3, 24.4, Standing Rules 1026 (Bad Debts) – Armel/Brown

Rationale:

The Bad Debt process still contains references to US-centric postal services and, since the majority of correspondence is now by e-mail, these rules need updating.

In addition, the current Bad Debt process does not cover debts to exhibitors with a timeframe for such payments and, as this is one-sided, it needs correcting.

This will allow TICA to take care of both our clubs and exhibitors.

Amend Show Rule 24.3:

24.3 Each entry shall be accompanied by the published fee. No entry fee or related charges will be returned except for failure on the part of the sponsoring club to hold a "Vetted" show as advertised, or there is a change in the advertised judges, date, location and/or format of the show as set forth in Show Rule 24.3.1. In such cases, the club shall refund the total amount if requested by the Exhibitor within 10 calendar days.

24.3.1 A sponsoring club must, at least 10 days prior to the advertised closing date of a show, announce and make known to any exhibitor who inquires, who the contracted and confirmed judges are. Any exhibitor who has previously entered the show shall be notified of any change in judges and may withdraw his entries and have entry and related fees returned, within 10 calendar days, if requested before the advertised closing date of the show.

Amend Show Rule 24.4:

24.4 If an exhibitor fails to pay any entry fee or other show related debt or if a check in payment of said fees or debts is returned, the club shall notify the exhibitor as set forth in the Standing Rules.

If a club fails to refund any entry fee or payment of said fees or debts is returned, the exhibitor shall notify both their Regional Director and the Executive Office as set forth in the Standing Rules.

24.4.1 A procedure shall be established, as set forth in the Standing Rules, whereby the exhibitor will be notified of any outstanding debt to a TICA club, or a club notified of any outstanding debt to the exhibitor, and may provide for disciplinary action, with or without a hearing, including, but not limited to, withholding of wins, titles and points accrued from the date of the show for which the debt is incurred, or such other date as may be established, and/or temporary suspension of TICA services until the debt has been paid.

If these changes pass the ballot, then amend Standing Rules 1026 as follows:

1026 Bad Debts.
1026.1 Bad Debts. A “Bad Debt” for the purposes of this section may be either a debt to TICA, a debt to a TICA affiliated organization or club, a debt to an exhibitor, or a debt to a TICA judge and/or official.

1026.4 Responsible Party.

1026.4.1 In the event that the Debtor is a TICA sanctioned club or affiliated organization, and the debt is based on a check that has been returned unpaid, the Responsible Party is the signatory of the check. In the event that the Debtor is a TICA club or affiliated organization, and the debt is based on a payment that has not been refunded or has been returned, the Responsible Party includes all club officers as listed on the current club charter or all officers of the affiliated organization. For the purposes of identifying the Responsible Party, the Counselor is an advisor to the club and not considered as an officer of the club.

1026.5 Debts to TICA.

1026.5.2 The Executive Office shall notify the Debtor or Responsible Party by certified electronic mail, return receipt requested, with a copy sent by post via regular United States Mail, First Class, Postage Prepaid, and shall inform the Debtor or Responsible Party of the entire sum due.

1026.6 Debts to TICA Clubs or to Exhibitors

1026.6.1 In the event that an individual is indebted to a TICA club or organization for show entry fees, or other fees associated with entry or participation in a show, or a TICA club is indebted to an exhibitor for show entry fees, or other fees associated with entry or participation in a show, documentation supporting such debt may be forwarded to the Executive Office for further action. The documentation shall include correspondence sent to the individual or club, within 14 days after the completion of the show, but not later than May 5 of the subsequent show year, whichever is earlier, with a precise amount owing and an address to which the payment should be sent, and shall be in substantially similar format to the following:

Dear Exhibitor or Club,
You still owe [Name of Club or Exhibitor] the sum of $[exact sum of money owed to Club] for the show held on [dates of show]. You must immediately pay the amount due. If you do not pay the amount due,[Name of Club or Exhibitor] may forward information regarding your failure to pay that sum to TICA, and you will be subject to the consequences set forth in the TICA Show Rules and Standing Rules, including, but not limited to:

(For exhibitor as debtor)
- Loss of all points from the date of the show until the date the debt is paid
- Suspension from TICA services

(OR – for Club as debtor)

(Amend Show Rule 24.3, Standing Rules 1026 Page 2 of 5)
• Suspension from TICA services of all officers listed on the club charter.
• Refusal of show licenses for future shows.

You may pay the debt by mailing funds to [Specific name and address to which funds should be mailed] or by PayPal to [PayPal Address – Note that Club is not required to accept] or by [any other method acceptable to both parties by which the Club will accept]. Payment must be received by [date at least 14 days after correspondence is sent or May 10, whichever date is sooner]. If you dispute that this payment is due, you must send your reasons for the dispute to [name and address of the person to send dispute to], with a copy to your Regional Director by [date at least 14 days after correspondence is sent or May 10th, whichever date is sooner].

1026.6.2 Upon giving notice the Executive Office may place the Debtor or Responsible Party on Temporary Suspension. If the Debtor is a club, the club shall be considered to be not in good standing for any purpose of TICA.

1026.6.2.1 The Temporary Suspension period for debts which are related to a TICA show shall begin on the first day of the related show.

1026.6.2.1.1 The Debtor or Responsible Party shall be automatically ineligible to receive any TICA services until the debt is paid in full including registration of cats and/or litters and any other service or product provided by TICA.

1026.6.2.1.2 There will be no accumulation of wins, titles or points or other scoring of cats for the show from which the debt has arisen and/or any subsequent show until the debt is paid in full, or the debt is found invalid by the Board of Directors.

1026.6.2.2 If the debt remains unpaid after 30 days from the mailing of notice, and the Debtor does not dispute that the debt is not disputed owing, the Debtor or Responsible Party's name(s) shall be included in the “Temporary Suspension” list published in the TICA TREND automatically. In the event the Debtor or Responsible Party does dispute that the debt is owing, the matter shall be heard by the Board of Directors, who shall then determine the validity of the debt.

1026.6.3 If the club or exhibitor does not provide the information required by 1026.6.1 to the Executive office within 45 days after the show, or May 11, whichever date is sooner, the club or exhibitor shall waive any involvement of the Executive Office. The procedure set forth in these Standing Rules may not be used if the club or exhibitor fails to provide information in accordance with the above timeline.

1026.6.4 Within 10 days of receipt of the documentation supporting the debt, or by May 12, whichever date is sooner, the Executive Office shall notify the Debtor or Responsible Party by certified electronic mail, return receipt requested, with a copy sent by post via regular United States Mail, First Class, Postage Prepaid, and shall inform the Debtor of the entire sum due.
1026.6.5 If the debt remains unpaid after 30 days from the mailing of notice, or by May 25, whichever date is sooner, and the Debtor or Responsible Party does not dispute that the debt is owing, the Debtor or Responsible Party shall be suspended from TICA services, until the debt is paid, and proof of payment furnished to the Executive Office.

1026.6.6 Upon giving notice the Executive Office shall place TICA services provided to the Debtor or Responsible Party on hold until the expiration of the 30 days or until May 25, whichever date is sooner. After that date, if the debt has been paid, the Executive Office shall process the work on hold; if the debt has not been paid the Executive Office shall:
1. Return the held work to the Debtor or Responsible Party, unprocessed;
2. Suspend TICA services to the Debtor or Responsible Party until the debt is paid in full; and
3. Retroactively revoke any points accrued by any cats owned by the Debtor or Responsible Party from the first day of the show to which the debt relates until the debt is paid in full.
4. If the Debtor is also a TICA Club, the club will remain not in good standing for any purpose of TICA.

1026.6.7 In the event the Debtor disputes the debt is disputed, the Debtor or Responsible Party may request the matter be determined by the Board of Directors. The Debtor must request this determination, in writing, using the official TICA complaint form. The filing fee for this matter, including up to ten (10) attached pages based on a single electronic file, shall be zero. The filing fee for any additional pages files is specified in rule 1022.2.1.3. There is no entitlement to a “live” hearing before the Board of Directors; the Board of Directors may determine the matter at a meeting or otherwise, as it may see fit.

1026.7 Debts to TICA Judges

1026.7.1 In the event that a debt is owed to a TICA judge for judging fees or travel expenses, documentation supporting such debt may be forwarded to the Executive Office. The Executive Office shall notify the Debtor or Responsible Party by certified electronic mail, return receipt requested, with a copy sent by post via regular United States Mail, First Class, Postage Prepaid, and shall inform the Debtor or Responsible Party of the entire sum due.

1026.7.2 Upon giving notice the Executive Office may place the Debtor or Responsible Party on Temporary Suspension as of the first day of the related show.

1026.7.3 If the debt remains unpaid after 30 days from the mailing of notice, and the Debtor or Responsible Party does not dispute that the debt is owing, the Debtor or Responsible Party’s name(s) shall be included in the “Temporary Suspension” list published in the TICA Trend automatically. In the event the Debtor or Responsible Party does dispute that the debt is owing the matter shall be heard by the Board of Directors, who shall then determine the validity of the debt.
Rules Committee Comments:

1. On "other rules affected by the proposed change and to ensure that the proper terms are used to convey the meaning intended and to ensure uniformity of terminology throughout"

Following internal discussions, Rules have made some changes to the original proposal, focussing on more concise and appropriate wording, including the consistent use of “Responsible Party” where appropriate and clarification of the Responsible Party for a debt owed by a club.

It was noted that a Club Counselor is often a judge who graciously accepted to be the Counselor and frequently has little input on club operations except in emergencies.

These changes have been agreed with the originators of the proposal.

2. Opinions on the merits (or otherwise) of the proposal (i.e. "to review proposals" as per Standing Rule 106.4.1.1)

(A) I agree that this is needed, but IMO there also needs to be some provision for 'in kind' reimbursement, only if the exhibitor agrees in writing.

(B) Does 26.6.6 #4 need an 'or Responsible Party' added?

Otherwise Looks good to me

(C) I don't think so. The Club is still the Debtor in this case. Responsible Party just clarifies which individuals are to be held responsible for the Debt.

(D) Agree, (C). This section applies only to the Club.

(E) Returning the fee to the exhibitor within 10 days of the request rather than within 10 days after completion of the show could be a hardship to the club since entries come in and are paid for so late.

(F) I'm good with this proposal.
Amend various Show Rules (Gender Neutrality) – Stadter/Wood

Rationale:

Most of our rules are already gender-neutral. The following rules need amending to comply with this:

25.4
29.5.1.2
213.4
216.2
216.7
216.8.1
216.10

Amend Show Rules 25.4:

25.4 All Shows. These Show Rules must be presented to the veterinarian prior to his/her their inspection of the entries.

Amend Show Rules 29.5.1.2:

29.5.1.2 Statements of qualifications, platforms or similar matters by candidates for a TICA recognized office provided that the candidate has announced his/her their candidacy in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws.

Amend Show Rules 213.4:

213.4 A contracted judge must give notice to the club at least 14 days prior to the advertised entry closing date if he/she they, for whatever reason, is are unable to fulfill his/her their contract.

Amend Show Rules 216.2:

216.2 A judge shall judge all cats and place his/her their awards in accordance with the TICA Standards, not upon his/her their personal likes or dislikes.

Amend Show Rules 216.7:

Withholding Awards:
216.7 When an otherwise eligible entry has faults of such nature that it fails to conform to the standard of its breed, and, therefore, lacks merit, or when the entry is in such poor condition that it should not be shown, the judge may:

216.7.1 Withhold All Awards in which case the judge shall mark “WW” in the space provided for awards in his/her their judge’s book. No further notation is required; or

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216.7.2 Award less than Best of Color, in which case no higher division award may be made than that made in the color class. The judge shall indicate that award place (i.e. second, third, fourth, fifth) in the space provided for awards in his/her their judge’s book. No further notation is required.

**Amend Show Rules 216.8.1:**

216.8.1 When an entry is disqualified, the judge shall mark "DQ" in the space provided for awards in his/her their judge’s books. The judge shall state the reason for "DQ" on the Executive Office copy.

**Amend Show Rules 216.10:**

216.10 A judge shall disqualify any cat showing evidence of intent to deceive the judge by artificial means. Should a judge suspect fraud in any classes previously judged, he/she they may reopen and re-judge such classes.

**Rules Committee Comments:**

1. On "other rules affected by the proposed change and to ensure that the proper terms are used to convey the meaning intended and to ensure uniformity of terminology throughout"

   None

2. Opinions on the merits (or otherwise) of the proposal (i.e. "to review proposals" as per Standing Rule 106.4.1.1)

   (A) Looks good
   (B) Looks good to me
Amend Reg Rule 33.10.3.5 (Move Transfer New Breed fee to Standing Rules) - Wood

Rationale:

Some time ago, the Board decided that all fees should be specified within the Standing Rules. This particular fee (for a Transfer New Breed to advance to ANB) was overlooked at the time and now needs correcting.

Amend Reg Rule 33.10.3.5:

33.10.3.5 A processing fee of $50 as specified in the Standing Rules.

Add Standing Rule 303.10.3.5:

303.10.3.5 A processing fee of $50

Rules Committee Comments:

1. On "other rules affected by the proposed change and to ensure that the proper terms are used to convey the meaning intended and to ensure uniformity of terminology throughout"

None

2. Opinions on the merits (or otherwise) of the proposal (i.e. "to review proposals" as per Standing Rule 106.4.1.1)

(A) No objections from me
(B) Sounds good
(C) All good
(D) Looks fine for me
(E) A good clarification IMO
(F) I agree with everybody.
(G) Good catch!
(H) Obviously needed, thanks for taking care of this
Add Reg Rule 34.3.1 (Clarify status of new colors) – Wood

Rationale:

It is understood that the proposals sent back to the originators at the Spring 2022 Meeting will not be revised in time for the Annual Meeting.

The current Reg Rule 34.3 explicitly excludes new colors from being eligible for Championship competition but it is only implicit (but not explicit) that the New Traits process should be used in current Championship breeds to progress that color.

Because of this ambiguity, the Board recognised that an incorrect decision had been made at the Winter 2022 Meeting, and so this change will prevent any further misunderstandings until a more comprehensive New Color process has been created.

Also, it is not clear that the term “color” in the present rules should also apply to an Agouti Shift Modifier or a Pattern Effect.

Add Rule 34.3.1:

34.3 Limitations.

Acceptance of a cat of a color and breed for registration purposes does not imply eligibility for championship competition. Colors which are recognized for registration are not necessarily recognized for championship exhibition by the breed in question. (For a list of colors recognized for championship one is referred to the appropriate sections of the TICA Show Rules, Registration Rules, Standards and the Uniform Color Descriptions.)

34.3.1 Any new color added to the UCD (including Agouti Shift Modifiers and Pattern Effects) must go through the New Traits process before being recognized as a Championship color by any breed.

Rules Committee Comments:

1. On "other rules affected by the proposed change and to ensure that the proper terms are used to convey the meaning intended and to ensure uniformity of terminology throughout"

   None

2. Opinions on the merits (or otherwise) of the proposal (i.e. "to review proposals" as per Standing Rule 106.4.1.1)

   (A)    Fine by me.
   (B)    That does spell it out!

(Amend Reg Rule 34.3 Page 1 of 2)
I think this covers it properly

This looks good.
Amend various Standing Rules (Gender Neutrality) – Stadter/Wood

Rationale:

Most of our rules are already gender-neutral. The following rules need amending to comply with this:

103.3.1.1
2017.1
601.2.16
903.2.1.4
905.3.2

Amend Standing Rules 103.3.1.1:

103.3.1.1 No matter when in a membership year (i.e. May 1 - April 30) a person joins TICA, **they** must renew that membership on May 1st in accordance with By-Laws 113.1, 113.1.1 and 113.1.2.

Amend Standing Rules 2017.1:

2017.1 Judges Books. Judges must forward the Cover and the Original (white copy) of all pages of the judge’s book to the Executive Office of TICA within 48 hours after the close of the show. Alternately, judges may forward a scanned document containing the cover and all white pages to the Executive Office within 72 hours after the close of the show. The scanned book must be legible, and all pages must be included, otherwise the judge’s book will not be considered complete and timely, and the penalties for a late judge’s book assessed. If a scanned book is used in lieu of the original, the judge must retain the original judge’s book until one year after the close of the show season to which that judge’s book relates, and must provide the original judge’s book to the Executive Office within 48 hours if requested to do so. A copy of all pages of the judge’s book is to be turned in to the master clerk at the proper time during the show. The judge retains a copy of all pages of the judge’s book for **his/her** personal records. At the completion of the show, the Master Clerk will submit the marked catalog and a copy of the judges’ books to the Club/Show Committee. Clubs must notify all judges if they plan to use 2-part judges’ books and accommodate any judge who desires a 3-part book.

Amend Standing Rules 601.2.16:

601.2.14 Scores are calculated and entered into the database in the Executive Office. At the end of the show year, the scores are compiled, checked against registration information, and furnished to each Regional Director, who coordinates the awards presentation for **his/her** region.

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Amend Standing Rules 903.2.1.4

903.2.1.4 A sound system that will accommodate a central announcer with each clerk having his/her/their own connection to the announcer OR a sound system such that each ring clerk may do their own announcements without benefit of an announcer.

Amend Standing Rules 905.3.2:

905.3.2 Notification to all parties:

905.3.2.1 The defendant is notified by certified mail, return receipt requested, that a hearing date and time has been set and the defendant and/or his/her/their representative is asked to appear. The Defendant is furnished with all the evidence against him or her/them. Failure to respond is considered an admission of guilt.

905.3.2.2 When return receipt of certified letter from defendant is returned to FW Chair, petitioner is notified that a hearing has been set. As all evidence should at this time be documented, there is no need for petitioner to appear, although he/she/they may appear at the hearing if desired.

Rules Committee Comments:

1. On "other rules affected by the proposed change and to ensure that the proper terms are used to convey the meaning intended and to ensure uniformity of terminology throughout"

   None

2. Opinions on the merits (or otherwise) of the proposal (i.e. "to review proposals" as per Standing Rule 106.4.1.1)

   (A) Fine.
   (B) OK by me.
   (C) Thanks for taking care of these.
   (D) No further comments - thanks
Amend Standing Rule 901.4.3.2 (Shown in Region) - Wood

Rationale:

As currently written, the rule does not make clear that the entry must be shown in the region during the show year that the award is made.

Amend Standing Rule 901.4.3.2:

901.4.3.2 In order for a cat/kitten to be eligible for a regional award, it must be shown at least once in that region during the show year for which the regional award was earned. An exception will be made in the case of kittens and household pet kittens in that a show as an adult will fulfill the requirement that they be shown one time in the region. This rule is suspended for the 2020/2021, 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 show seasons.

Rules Committee Comments:

1. On "other rules affected by the proposed change and to ensure that the proper terms are used to convey the meaning intended and to ensure uniformity of terminology throughout"

   None

2. Opinions on the merits (or otherwise) of the proposal (i.e. "to review proposals" as per Standing Rule 106.4.1.1)

   (A) I'm happy with it.
   (B) Fine for me
   (C) Sounds good
   (D) Fine by me.
   (E) Looks good to me.

(Amend Standing Rule 901.4.3.2 Page 1 of 1)
Add Standing Rule 1021.3 (Chartering New Clubs) –Faccioli/Vlach

Rules Chair Note:

This proposal was originally put forward at the Winter 2022 meeting. It has been brought forward again to this meeting at the request of the above proposers.

Rules comments are those made for that Winter Meeting, and are considered to still stand, as the proposal is unaltered.

Rationale:

Our By-Laws are not specific about the process of chartering clubs. Each club is tied to a Region however this relationship is not defined anywhere in our rules. Consequently, to charter a new club is a quite simple process that does not require any input from the Regional Director.

This has been a positive strategy for many years, so long as the unwritten principle that a club is tied to a Region is not challenged. The negative aspect is that a club whose intentions are known within its Region and potentially detrimental to the Association’s interests is chartered without restriction.

On the other hand, the current TICA Application for Charter includes in Article VI: “The club is intended primarily to serve the interest of owners, fanciers, and breeders of cats residing in the following countries, states, or TICA region:”, which means that a club is not only expected to promote shows but to have a broader scope of action within a given area, especially if the club is located in a Region outside of North America.

The Regional Director is the right person to evaluate if the chartering of a new club is in the best interests of the Association.

Add Standing Rule 1021.3:

(By Law 121.3 provided for context)

121.3 Guidelines. The Board of Directors shall establish charter and renewal fees and guidelines for chartering clubs, club by-laws and annual club reports.

1021.3 The formal approval of the relevant Regional Director or Associate Director is required before chartering a club. If the proposed club is not approved, the Regional Director or Associate Director must provide in writing their reasons to the Board of Directors within 10 days. The proposed club may also submit supporting reasons for their application to the Board within 10 days. The Board will then make the final decision on the application within 30 days.

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(Add Standing Rule 1021.3 Page 1 of 3)
Rules Committee Comments:

1. On "other rules affected by the proposed change and to ensure that the proper terms are used to convey the meaning intended and to ensure uniformity of terminology throughout"

Rules Chair Note:

The rule as originally submitted did not take account of the International (non-voting) Regional Area, provide any timings for action nor any input from the affected club. Having considered this, the wording has been changed by Rules to address all of those points.

2. Opinions on the merits (or otherwise) of the proposal (i.e. "to review proposals" as per Standing Rule 106.4.1.1)

(A) Right off the top of my head, I can see HUGE problems with this. It gives the RD a lot of power and I can see some situations where denial might be given for personal reasons, cloaked in "the good of the region".

In addition, there are clubs that might change regions if the "leader" moves. This rule would seem to disallow that.

(B) While (A)’s points are valid, I also think that this rule as submitted provides for a regional director to make a decision for the region based on regional interests. It also gives the board veto power. I think it is appropriate.

(C) I have no problem with this and I think the RD should have some power over what goes on in their own region. Ultimately the BOD will still make the decision if there is disagreement.

(D) I agree with (B) and (C).

The RD should be expected to know best what is in the interest of the region and this rule even includes a backstop, since the Board has the final say.

(E) I have no problem with this. RD’s should have some control over what happens in their regions with shows. I agree with (A).

(F) I am not sure about the terms "control" or "power". I see this as more of an oversight issue.
As long as the Board can review (on appeal) for fundamental fairness, I am ok with this

(G) I agree with (F)

(H) I agree that there might be denial by an RD for "personal reasons" - but as there is an explicit appeal route to the Board, I see that risk as being minimized.

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(H – Contd)
As for (A)’s point about existing clubs, nothing I see here prevents them from updating their charter to move to another Region should the "leader" move there.

(I)
I agree with the proposal and (F)’s comments.

(J)
I am in agreement with (A) - this gives too much power to the RD and this rule is meant to discourage shows being conducted. It is against the interests of the cat fancy.

(K)
I don't understand the comment about clubs being tied to a Region not defined anywhere - nor the significance. Actually, Regions and areas are defined and clubs, by their geographic location fall into those areas.

The cited Article VI is merely to set the geographic area served by the club. This is included in the application so that any overlapping with an existing club can be determined - ByLaw 121.1 says in part “Reasonable restrictions may be imposed to avoid conflicts with existing clubs.”

ByLaw 121.1 states that the Association MAY charter clubs - that is the Board, not a single Director. The Board has set out the guidelines which currently do not include sign off by an RD. The Board has delegated enforcement of the guidelines to the EO.

(L)
I tend to agree with (A) and (J) as well.

(H)
I understand your last paragraph (K) but point out that this proposal is amending those guidelines by requiring an RD to sign off the initial charter request.
Amend Standing Rule 2011.6 (Electronic Catalogs) - Crockett

Rationale:

I think this amendment would be a good clarification, as without the change, exhibitors could have knowledge of other entries before entering at the last minute.

Also, it is worth reminding show management about the distribution of catalogs to judges who may be judging one day and then showing the next.

Amend Standing Rule 2011.6:

2011.6 When a club publishes an electronic catalog, the electronic catalog may be distributed up to two days before the show, but cannot be distributed until the show is closed for entries. Electronic catalogs must not be sent to judges until they have completed their judging assignment for the club.

Rules Chair Note: Note that, if accepted, this could come into immediate effect as it is a rule about the catalog and does not affect how the cats are shown.

Rules Committee Comments:

1. On "other rules affected by the proposed change and to ensure that the proper terms are used to convey the meaning intended and to ensure uniformity of terminology throughout"

   None

2. Opinions on the merits (or otherwise) of the proposal (i.e. "to review proposals" as per Standing Rule 106.4.1.1)

   (A) I like that!
   (B) Looks good to me.
   (C) Definitely a good addition.
   (D) Very necessary.
   (E) I think it is a good clarification.
   (F) Yes, this sounds good.
   (G) Looks fine.
   (H) I don’t like releasing the catalog to exhibitors until the actual show date.

   Why would anybody need it prior to the show opening?  

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From memory, I think the justification was that exhibitors might not have access to an electronic catalog and so not be able to print out relevant pages if they only got it on the day of the show.

I think the judging committee could also put out reminders to judges to delete if received accidentally.
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Burmese/Bombay Breed Group (BU/BO)

The Burmese (BU) is a cat of medium size with substantial bone structure, and good muscular development (think “a brick wrapped in silk”) with large golden eyes. The Bombay (BO) is a medium-sized cat well-balanced, friendly, alert and outgoing, with heavy muscle-tone and jet-black shiny coat with large bright copper eyes.

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Category
- (BU) Sepia.
- (BO) Solid.
Divisions
(BU) Solid and Tortoiseshell.
(BO) Solid.

Colors
(BU) All.
(BO) Black ONLY.

Permissible outcrosses
None.

Head:
Shape: Medium in size. Rounded, without flat planes. Face to be full. with considerable width between the eyes.
Ears: Medium in size. Wide set, but not flared. Broad at the base with slightly rounded tips. Alert, tilting slightly forward. The placement of the ears contributes to the rounded look of the head.
Eyes: Large, round, wide set with considerable width between the eyes, in line with the base of the ear. Eye set, shape and size are more important for the expression than the color. Allowance shall be made for paler color in older cats.
Color
(BU) Gold – depth of color preferred.
(BO) Copper to gold – copper preferred.
Chin: Firm, wide, rounded with great depth, reflecting a perfect bite.
Muzzle: Rounded, short, broad, well-developed.
Profile: (BU) Visible break.
(BO) Visible stop.
In profile the head should show good depth between the top of the skull and the lower jaw. No flat planes above the nose.
Nose: The bridge of the nose may have a slight bump. The end of the nose shall be rounded down to complement the roundness of the head. Nose should be aligned with the muzzle.
Neck: Short, thick and well-developed.

Body:
Torso: Medium in size. Fairly compact. Well-balanced, rounded, ample chest.
(BO) Torso somewhat longer.
Legs: Sturdy, proportionate.
Feet: Rounded, compact and proportionate to the body.
Tail: Medium in length and in balance with the body. Tapering to rounded tip.
Boning: Sturdy, broad rib cage.
Musculature: Firmly muscled. Surprising weight for its size.

Coat/Color/Pattern
Length: Short.
Texture: Fine, satin-like, close-lying with little to no undercoat. The coat should have a pronounced glossy sheen. Allowance should be made for kittens and younger cats up to 2 years of age.
Color: (BU) Color should be rich and sound to the root, with slight lightening on the underparts. Although a sepia solid color is preferred, allowance should be made for the extremities to be slightly darker than the torso in colors other than sable.
(BO) Dark to the roots. Shimmering, patent leather sheen. Allowance should be made for kittens and younger cats up to 2 years of age.

Other
Balance: Well-balanced
Condition: Excellent
Temperament: Unchallenging

General description
The overall impression of the ideal Burmese would be a cat of medium size with substantial bone structure, good muscular development and a surprising weight for its size. This together with a rounded head, expressive eyes and a sweet open expression presents a totally distinctive cat which is comparable to no other breed. The Burmese is a cat of perfect physical condition with excellent muscle tone. There should be no evidence of obesity, paunchiness, weakness or apathy.
The Bombay originated as a hybrid between the Burmese and the American Shorthair. However, it has distinctive features which separate it from its parent breeds. Created to resemble a “mini-panther”, the Bombay is a medium-size cat, well-balanced, friendly, alert, and outgoing; muscular and deceptively heavy for its size. With its jet black “patent leather” coat, “new copper penny” eyes; solid body and sweet, open facial expression, the ideal Bombay has an unmistakable look of its own.
Both breeds are talkative, vocal and very happy to express their opinions. Judges should expect a mouthy cat that is completely relaxed and unthreatening.

Penalize
(BU) Ranginess; fine boning; long, whippy tail; flat plane to forehead; flared ears; pointed ears; tufts, almond-shaped eyes, Oriental slant to the eyes.
Ranginess; fine boning; long, whippy tail; flat plane to forehead; flared ears; pointed ears, tufts, almond-shaped eyes, Oriental slant to the eyes. Thick or open-lying coat.

Withhold all awards (WW)

Green eyes; extreme Exotic type of profile; extremely protruding eyes, and/or protruding chin; thick or open-lying coat; lockets.

Disqualify (DQ)

Improper bite.

Temperament must be unchallenging; any sign of definite challenge shall disqualify. The cat may exhibit fear, seek to flee, or generally complain out loud but may not threaten to harm. In accordance with Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN, the following shall be considered mandatory disqualifications: a cat that bites (216.9), a cat showing evidence of intent to deceive (216.10), adult whole males not having two descended testicles (216.11), cats with all or part of the tail missing, except as authorized by a board approved standard (216.12.1), cats with more than five toes on each front foot and four toes on each back foot, unless proved the result of an injury or as authorized by a board approved standard (216.12.2), visible or invisible tail faults if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.4), crossed eyes if Board approved standard requires disqualification (216.12.5), total blindness (216.12.6), markedly smaller size, not in keeping with the breed (216.12.9), and depression of the sternum or unusually small diameter of the rib cage itself (216.12.11.1). See Show Rules, ARTICLE SIXTEEN for more comprehensive rules governing penalties and disqualifications.
Rules Committee Comments on BU/BO Standard Change

Summary

The Rules Committee has reviewed this application to modify the BU/BO Breed Standard. In response to comments from Rules, the Breed Group has amended their original proposal and submitted a revised version.

The standard has also been reviewed by the Genetics Committee and the Board should also seek advice from them before making a decision.

From a Rules perspective, the proposed changes are acceptable, although there are some comments that still apply to this version.

Comments:

(A) For the judge, the standard goes from some precision to a generic description. Is the intent to moderate the profile to accommodate all styles of Burmese? Are we describing a Burmese or a European Burmese? Those are two separate breeds in CFA. Are we trying to accommodate both in this standard or are we moving the breed to the Burmese around the world?

(B) Quite the contrary. The current standard seems to comprise all variations of the Burmese all over the world, which can also be seen in many show reports. What the Breed Committee is trying is to emphasize one type as the desired type and we are not trying to moderate the description of the profile at all, only to say that no part of these four elements is more important than the other as they all contribute to the rounded look that we want.

(C) The BU/BO breed group is (for historical reasons) the only breed group that does not meet the definition in Reg Rule 31.4 (the two breeds differ by more than just a single locus).

That can lead to some confusion such as (for example) what action to take for a particular eye color, where the actions differ between the two breeds.

I would prefer that all breed groups meet the criteria of 31.4 but I am informed that the Breed Committee does not wish to have the breeds separated at this time. Their reasoning is as follows:

This is mainly due to other TICA rules and the fact that a standard isn't just for show purposes, it also has to take breeding rules into consideration.

According to Leslie Lyons' studies about 10 years ago, the Burmese is one of the breeds with the lowest genetic diversity of all. The Bombay was originally created from Burmese and American Shorthair. As the
Burmese Colour Restriction gene (genetically Cb) is recessive and the Bombay needs Burmese to improve their gene pool, there are regularly Burmese kittens born in Burmese/Bombay litters or even from Bombay/Bombay litters. If the breeds are in the same breed group, these kittens can be registered as Burmese, but if they are separated, these kittens will be household pets with great coat quality. Part of Leslie Lyons’ recommendations was to use these kittens for breeding.

Of course, a Burmese breeder may then take this kitten, which is genetically and phenotypically Burmese and go through the generations to make it a showable Burmese, but realistically, very few will. It’s already difficult to get breeders to do the easy outcrosses, where you may lose a bit of type for a generation or two, but in this case it will be difficult to explain the reasoning as these kittens are often very showable in the first generation. The highest-titled Burmese female in TICA is one of them.

The breed group was polled several years ago about a separation and we may do that again, but a separation would require quite a bit of work as we don’t want to lose anything by doing it - we would only want to do it if it meant an improvement for both breeds. Right now we feel that a change of the standards has priority.
Highlander Breed Report 2021-2022

Mary Hudec, Highlander Working Breed Chair

Highlander Statistics

In the CY 2022 there were 62 Highlander litters registered with 130 males, 123 females for a total of 253 kittens born. The litter data does not differentiate between Highlander (HG) or Highlander Shorthair (HGS). 28 Highlander Longhair cats were registered, and 39 Shorthairs were registered for a total of 66 cats. This gives the breed a 26.08 % registration rate.

25 Highlanders appeared in 5 different Regions over the last year: Great Lakes, Mid-Atlantic, Mid-Pacific, Northeast and South Central, representing 11 catteries with 3 new exhibitors joining the showing fandom. This was the first season where more Highlander Long Hair where shown than the short hair variety. Currently there are 31 Breed Section Members in 7 Regions: Great Lakes, Mid-Atlantic, Northeast, South East, South Central, Southern Europe, and South West, which span 3 countries: Canada, France and the United States.

To Introduce Highlander fans to the cat show world, I have developed Showing/Exhibiting 101 Facebook group and page promoting cat shows for standard and pet quality kittens/cats/alters. We try to keep it as an educational page to inform the public about showing and where to see the cats, but also focus on what to look for in our breed. We also encourage catteries to sponsor rings and help the clubs out. There is also a Highlander group now which also focuses on breed education and fun facts as well giving Highlander owners a chance to show off their cats. Here we hope to market the Highlander and dispel common misconceptions.
#TriviaTuesday In 2018 Rottins Sokka of Darkside Highlanders became the first Highlander to be genetically tested by Optimal Selection Wisdom testing.

BK Powell led the Highlander breed into modern cat breeding by encouraging the TICA Highlander breeders to test their cats. Today most breeders test their cats for genetic diseases before breeding to ensure the health of your kittens and the breed.

https://www.wisdompanel.com/app/s/1r5ftg
The basics of showing your cat part 1. Part 2 will cover scoring in TICA.

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Introduction to Showing Your Cat
Basics of showing your cat for both purebred and household pet.
In 2019, the TICA Board and Genetics Committee charged us with finding a new tail mutation because of concerns over the 3 known T-Box mutations. The Board at that time said that we could consider asking for championship when the total tested Highlanders had at least 40 percent with an unknown tail mutation. The Highlander Genome Project was created after the discovery of several DNA tests showing cats with naturally short tails that did not possess any known T-Box or short tail variant. There proved to be several bloodlines without a known variant, including those that originated from feral cat colonies. Bobbi Temple worked with other Highlander breeders to submit samples to the University of Missouri for testing with Dr Leslie Lyons. 3 bloodlines were proven by Dr. Lyons to have novel tail variants. This Highlander Genome Project has genome sequenced 3 Highlanders and currently has 27 submitted with a novel tail variant(s). Several litters have been produced following Dr Lyon’s instructions to keep the novel variants isolated from any other short tail variants. The total number of Highlanders with a novel variant(s) far exceeds the number in the study. This correlates with the study released in June that tabulated the genetic results from Optimal Selection which has tested over 11,000 purebred and domestic cats.

“The tested Manx shorttail variants were also remarkably common in the Highlander breed, in which there is believed to be a different cause for the short tail phenotype. In this study, 40.6% (94/231) of the Highlanders had one of the tested short tail variants (discovered in the Manx) The photographic evidence in the American Bobtail and Highlander breeds confirmed several short tail cats that were not carrying any known bobtail variant.” (Anderson, et al 2022) The Highlanders were also shown in the study to be one of the 3 most genetically diverse cat breeds. (Anderson, et al 2022)
References:


[Genetic epidemiology of blood type, disease and trait variants, and genome-wide genetic diversity in over 11,000 domestic cats | PLOS Genetics](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pgen.1009804)
August 1, 2022

TO: TICA BOARD

FROM: SERENGETI BREED CHAIR

SUBJECT: ANNUAL SERENGETI BREED REPORT FOR TICA YEAR 2021/22

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to provide this report.

During the years 21-22 there were 17 litters registered totaling 37 males and 30 females. Since inception we have had 402 litters with 1,523 live kittens.

During 21-22 11 individual Serengetis were registered - 4 males and 6 females and 1 neuter.

During 2021-22 there were 3 individual Serengeti cats shown. I will continue to encourage individuals around the world to show them as, from the photos I have been watching over the last few years, breeders are making some lovely and correct kittens and cats.

I still receive 1-2 requests for Serengeti kittens/cats each month, but I am now retired and no longer breeding. Instead I am actively mentoring several individuals in Canada and the UK.

I do stay in touch with breeders around the world through several active Facebook pages where we discuss breed development and share information about current kittens. There is a breeder near Toronto, Canada, Jo-Ann Lapointe, who started a program about 2 years ago that I am mentoring. She has joined TICA and is producing quality kittens and did attend TICA shows. She has also got the breed approved for showing in the Canadian association.

Serengeti cats still struggle to find interested new breeders in the US. They are actively bred in Canada, UK, Germany and Russia. Unfortunately many of the breeders in those countries apparently do not choose to register them with TICA despite my many years of encouraging them to do so. They also do not show them in TICA. I am aware they have been shown some in other associations.

I fully intend to stay involved with the breed that I helped to create and thank you for your continued support.

Karen Sausman
Serengeti Breed Chair
Breed report

The Tennessee Rex breed group has its sights focused on attaining Championship status. We fully realize what is expected to advance. Where we haven’t changed our goals for creating a diverse gene pool through outcrossing we also have lines of advanced registration number cats that are conforming to standard well. Several breeders were able to meet at the Winter meeting and really fine tune our best look from live cat examples of the breed. We have been able to make breed pairs using best of breed to best of breed to begin locking in conformity. We continue to attempt to breed away from molting, but are considering addressing molted backs of ears to standard. We are continuing to work on stronger chins, and have an eye on structure, particularly cow hocking.

The litters born this Spring are very promising. We can share a consistent litter to other breeders with the same look to really gain some consistency. Those progeny can be paired with newer outcrosses lines to maintain high diversity numbers. It’s been relatively easy to attain diversity numbers better than random bred cats so we should be able make some diverse full mutation, advanced registration number consistent look cats pairs to lock in conformity. The consistent cats will help with the inconsistencies introduced from outcrossing.

The breed plan is to begin pairing best example to best examples through breeder swaps. We are focused on producing consistency, and then sharing good examples to best matched cats by phenotype and best coi. We also are continuing to add genetically tested domestics.
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