



The International Cat Association, Inc.

# Registration Rules & Related Standing Rules



## PREFACE

to By-Laws, Registration Rules, Show Rules, Standing Rules, Uniform Color Descriptions and Standards

The By-Laws take precedence over ALL other Rules, followed by the Registration Rules, Show Rules, Standing Rules, and Uniform Color Descriptions, in that order. The Registration Rules, Show Rules, Standing Rules, and Uniform Color Descriptions shall take precedence over any individual Breed Standard UNLESS that Standard is MORE restrictive than the general rules applying to ALL breeds, in which case the Standard shall take precedence.



**REGISTRATION RULES**  
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*Related Standing Rules are inserted and italicized.*



# ARTICLE ONE - *Definitions*

31.1 The word "cat" as used in these rules governing registration shall be understood as referring to any domestic feline (*Felis domesticus*) regardless of age or gender. Non-domestic felines will be specifically designated when appropriate.

31.2 The word "breed" shall be defined as a sub-population of cats which differ from other cats with respect to certain genetically determined characteristics which all members of the defined sub-population share in common. These characteristics are described in the written "standard" for the breed.

31.3 The "breeder" of a cat is the registered owner or lessee of the dam of said cat at the time of conception.

31.4 A "breed group" shall be defined as two or more breeds which share a common standard but differ from one another on the basis of a single defined genetic locus (polymorphism). When more than two breeds are within such a breed group, two such individual loci would be acceptable variations.

31.5 The words "the association" and the initials "TICA" as used in these rules shall be understood as referring to The International Cat Association.

31.6 Structural mutation: Appearance of the skeletal and/or cartilage expression different from the average domestic cat such as, but not limited to, folded ears, shortened legs, shortened or absent tail, etc. The difference in expression may or may not affect the physical abilities of the cat.

## **ARTICLE TWO - *Registration Records***

32.1 The association shall maintain a data base (Studbook and Foundation Registry) for purposes of registration of all cats which qualify for registration as defined within these rules.

32.2 Some breeds may be entered in both the Stud Book and Foundation Registries, for example those breeds which have been developed from hybridization with non-domestic felines.

32.3 The association shall maintain an Experimental Record for purposes of tracking of all cats which qualify for tracking as defined within these rules.

32.4 The registration certificates for cats registered in the Foundation Registry shall be distinguished from those registered in the Stud Book to avoid potential confusion regarding the status of a given cat or breed within the association.

32.5 The certificates for cats tracked in the Experimental Record shall be distinguished from those registered in the Stud Book to avoid potential confusion regarding the status of a given cat or breed within the association. Experimental Certificates of Record shall clearly state that the breed and breed name are not recognized or approved by TICA and are "Not Eligible for Competition".



## **ARTICLE THREE - Recognition of Breeds for Registration**

33.1 Registration of New Breeds. New Breeds shall be recognized as follows:

### *303.1 Quick Reference Chart for New Breeds.*

	Registra- tion	Preliminary New Breed	Advanced New Breed	New Trait	Championship
Registra- tions required for advance- ment		15 adults 10 litters Must have been recognized for registration for at least 2 years	100 adults: 50 must have a re- gistra- tion code eligi- ble for CH or can pro- duce off- spring eligible for CH  25 litters	10 cats if fewer than 100 registered OR 10% of cats registered not to exceed 50 cats	200 adults registered in any full WCC member association of which 50 must be registered in TICA and be potentially eligible for championship
Active Breeders		5 in 3 regions	15 in 5 regions	10 total	15 in 5 regions
Entries in TICA shows prior to advance- ment			25 unique cats shown in PNB	10 unique cats shown with New Trait	25 unique cats in at least 25 WCC shows and at least 10 TICA shows
Entry Class	Not Applicable (can be in hall with approval of show com)	Entry in PNB Class	Entry in ANB Class	Entry in New Trait Class	Championship Class
Judging Proce- dures	Not handled	Judged in PNB Class	Judged in ANB Class	Judged in NT Class	Judged for championship
Awards		Class awards and PNB Merit Final	Class awards and ANB Merit Final	Class awards and NT Merit Final	Color, division, breed and final awards
Annual Award Scoring	Not Scored	Not Scored	Not Scored	Not Scored	Scored for Annual Awards

33.1.1 Experimental New Breed - New breeds which are in development and which do not have an approved breed name. Experimental New Breeds are tracked in the Experimental Record. Formal approval of the Board of Directors is NOT REQUIRED.

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**303.1.1** *There will be no formal breed committee or breed section for cats in the Experimental Record.*

**303.1.1.1** *The Executive Office will maintain statistics from the Experimental Record: the number of litters tracked, the number of individual cats tracked, the names and addresses of owners and breeders of the experimental breed. Such statistics will be made available should a petition for advancement to Registration Only status be submitted.*

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33.1.2 Transfer New Breed - A breed accepted for championship competition in another cat association. Transfer New Breeds shall be registered in either the Stud Book Registry or the Foundation Registry (See 36.2, 36.3, 36.4, 36.5, 36.6). Formal approval of the Board of Directors is REQUIRED for Registration Only Breed status.

33.2 Classification of Registrations. A breed shall be classified for registration as one of the following:

33.2.1 Domestic Hybrid Breed - A breed developed from a deliberate cross between two existing domestic breeds, incorporating characteristics of both parental breeds into the new breed. Breeds that have a structural mutation as a breed characteristic must not be used as source breeds.

33.2.2 Domestic x Non-Domestic Source Species Hybrid Breed - A breed being developed by means of deliberate foundation crosses between domestic cats and a single non-domestic source species. The domestic cats used must not have a structural mutation.

33.2.3 Native Breed - A breed identified through selection of phenotypically similar individuals from a naturally occurring population indigenous to a particular geographic region.

33.2.4 Mutation Breed - A breed which has been defined by the introduction of new gene(s) not present in an established breed.

33.2.5 Household Pet - A household pet which has been altered shall be accepted for registration regardless of ancestry or phenotype (appearance). Board approval is not required to register a Household Pet.

33.3 Procedures for Acceptance for Registration. The Registration process begins as either an Experimental New Breed or as a Transfer New Breed.

**303.3** *The Registration Rules will automatically be emended to include the name of the new breed and its identifying breed code at the time of acceptance for registration. Notification of such emendation shall appear in the next available issue of the official newsletter.*

33.3.1 **Experimental New Breed.** The Experimental New Breed shall be tracked in the Experimental Record by making application to the TICA Executive Office. The following information must be included in the application for tracking:

33.3.1.1 A brief description of the proposed breed. (This is to enable the office to identify the breed. It could be a paragraph written by a breeder, a standard from another association, or another means for identifying the cats included in the breed.)

33.3.1.2 A proposed breed name that is unique.

33.3.1.2.1 The proposed breed name used for tracking in the Experimental-Record is not in any way to be considered an official breed name accepted or approved by TICA and may be changed, removed or revoked at any time.

33.3.1.3 A proposed breed contact person.

33.3.1.4 A processing fee as specified in the Standing Rules.

*303.3.1.4 A processing fee of \$100 will be required at the time of application to the Experimental Record.*

33.3.2 **Transfer New Breed.** A Transfer New Breed may apply for acceptance as a recognized breed for REGISTRATION ONLY by making application at least 90 days prior to the Board meeting at which acceptance is sought by submitting an electronic application to each member of the Genetics Committee and each member of the Rules Committee. Following approval of the application by the Genetics Committee and Rules Committee, the application will be submitted by the Chair of the Rules Committee to the TICA Executive Office at least 60 days prior to the Board Meeting for inclusion in the agenda. Any comments of the Genetics Committee or Rules Committee must be included. Application for Registration Only Breed status must include the following: (applications available from the TICA Executive Office or at tica.org.)

1. A brief description of the breed distinguishing it from other breeds recognized by the association.
2. A standard of the breed from another established cat association.
3. A proposed designation of Breed Classification (See 33.2).
4. A proposed breed name that is unique.
5. A proposed two-letter registration code.
6. A proposed breeding program.
7. A proposed provisional Working Group Chair.
8. A processing fee as specified in the Standing Rules.

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**303.3.2** *A processing fee of \$50 will be required at the time of application.*

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33.3.2.1 It is understood that acceptance for Registration Only implies only that TICA agrees to provide registration facilities for development of the breed in question. There is no explicit or implied guarantee that TICA will accept the breed for championship either simultaneously or at any time in the future.

33.3.3 Advancement from Experimental New Breed to Registration Only New Breed. An Experimental New Breed may apply for approval of the Board of Directors as a Registration Only Breed upon completion of the following:

33.3.3.1 At least 1 year has passed since the initial tracking of the breed in the Experimental Record.

33.3.3.2 At least 10 cats of the breed have been tracked in the Experimental Record.

33.3.3.3 At least 5 litters of the breed have been tracked.

33.3.3.4 At least 3 TICA members in good standing from 2 different Regions are on record.

33.3.3.5 Submission of an electronic Application for Advancement to Registration Only Breed 90 days prior to the Board meeting at which recognition is sought to each member of the Genetics Committee and each member of the Rules Committee. Following approval of the application by the Genetics Committee and Rules Committee, the application will be submitted by the Chair of the Rules Committee to the TICA Executive Office at least 60 days prior to the Board Meeting for inclusion in the agenda. Any comments of the Genetics Committee or Rules Committee must be included. (Applications available from the TICA Executive Office or at [tica.org](http://tica.org).)

33.3.3.6 Application must include the following: (Applications available from the TICA Executive Office or at [tica.org](http://tica.org).)

- ▶ A brief description of the breed distinguishing it from other breeds recognized by the association.
- ▶ A proposed breed name that is unique.
- ▶ A proposed two-letter registration code.
- ▶ A proposed breeding program.
- ▶ A proposed designation of Breed Classification (See 33.2).
- ▶ A proposed provisional Working Group Chair.
- ▶ Documentation of 33.3.4.1 through 33.3.4.4.
- ▶ A processing fee as specified in the Standing Rules.

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**303.3.3.6** *A processing fee of \$50 will be required at the time of application.*

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33.3.4 A Notice of Intent to Apply for Advancement to REGISTRATION ONLY Breed status must be published in the TICA TREND at least 120 days prior to the meeting at which the application for advancement will be heard, and which invites comments about the breed to be forwarded to the Executive Office.

33.3.5 Upon official acceptance by the Board of Directors as a Registration Only Breed, cats will be registered in the Stud Book or Foundation Registry. (See 36.2, 36.3, 36.4, 36.5, 36.6.) The approved two-letter registration prefix will be used (without EX).

33.3.6 It is understood that acceptance for advancement to Registration Only implies only that TICA agrees to provide registration facilities for development of the breed in question. There is no explicit or implied guarantee that TICA will accept the breed for championship either simultaneously or at any time in the future.

#### 33.4 Breed Names.

33.4.1 A new breed may not use a name the same as or substantially similar to that of a recognized breed.

33.4.2 A breed name shall not be derogatory, nor shall it make unsubstantiated claims regarding the merits of or geographic or genetic origins of the breed.

33.4.3 TICA may change a breed name at any time it is felt to be in the best interest of the association to do so. In such instances selection of a new name shall be by majority vote of the breed section with approval of the Board. If no clear majority of the breed section agrees on a new breed name, the Board may designate a breed name.

33.4.4 Experimental breeding programs which do not have an approved breed name shall be designated by the code EX.

33.4.4.1 Cats tracked in the Experimental Record shall be designated with EX preceding the proposed two-digit breed prefix.

33.5 Championship Advancement Class Program. The TICA Board of Directors, in consultation with the Genetics Committee, reserves the right to impose additional requirements at their discretion or to deny any application.

***303.5 Advancements from Advanced New Breed to Championship or from New Traits to Championship shall take effect on May 1 of the ensuing year.***

33.5.1 Part One consists of two levels outlining the requirements for developing new breeds.

33.5.1.1 The beginning level shall be known as Preliminary New Breed.

33.5.1.2 The second level shall be known as Advanced New Breed.

33.5.2 Part Two outlines the requirements for introduction of a new trait in existing breeds currently recognized for Championship. This class shall be known as New Traits Class. The trait in question may or may not have been recognized in other breeds.

33.5.3 Part Three outlines the requirements for advancement of breeds recognized by at least two other World Cat Congress members at Championship level.

33.5.4 Any breed accepted in the Foundation Registry as Category VI must declare intent for registration status in Category I, II, III, IV or V prior to acceptance for recognition in Preliminary New Breed Class. See 36.6.2.

### 33.6 Preliminary New Breed Status.

33.6.1 Requirements for Application. A breed recognized for Registration Only Status may apply for Preliminary New Breed Status no sooner than 2 years after acceptance for Registration Only Status and upon completion of the following:

33.6.1.1 At least 15 cats which have attained the age of 8 months are registered with TICA;

33.6.1.2 At least 10 litters have been registered with TICA;

33.6.1.3 At least five TICA members in good standing, in at least three different regions are actively breeding the breed ("actively breeding" means breeding at least one litter within the previous 2 years);

33.6.1.4 Submission of an electronic Application for Acceptance as a Preliminary New Breed to each member of the Genetics Committee and each member of the Rules Committee at least 90 days prior to the board meeting at which approval is sought. Following approval of the proposal by the Genetics Committee and Rules Committee, the application must be submitted by the proposed Working Group Chair to the TICA Executive Office at least 60 days prior to the Board Meeting for inclusion in the agenda. Any comments of the Genetics Committee or Rules Committee must be included.\ The application must include the following: (applications available from the TICA Executive Office or at [tica.org](http://tica.org)).

33.6.1.4.1 A Letter of Intent to apply for approval as a Preliminary New Breed, including a list of suggested people eligible to serve as Preliminary New Breed Working Group Chairperson and a list of the proposed Preliminary New Breed breed section members to be confirmed by the Board.

33.6.1.4.2 A proposed breed standard with permissible outcrosses, if any.

33.6.1.4.3 A proposed breeding program which includes proposed category.

33.6.1.4.4 A processing fee as specified in the Standing Rules.

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***303.6.1.4.4 A processing fee of \$50 will be required at the time of application.***

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33.6.1.5 A Notice of Intent to Apply for Advancement to Preliminary New Breed status must be published in the TICA TREND at least 120 days prior to the meeting at which the application for advancement will be heard, and which invites comments about the breed to be forwarded to the Executive Office.

33.6.1.5.1 Any advancement to Preliminary New Breed status is entirely within the discretion of the Board of Directors. If accepted for Preliminary New Breed status, the Board shall appoint a liaison (or mentor) to work with the breed committee through the new breed process.

33.6.1.5.2 The Preliminary New Breed Working Group Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board of Directors, and may be replaced at any time.

33.6.2 Competition and Exhibition.

33.6.2.1 A member of a breed designated as a Preliminary New Breed may be entered in any TICA show in the Preliminary New Breed category provided the cat has a TICA Registration number. (203.1.1)

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***303.6.2.1 Having met the requirements for and upon advancement to Preliminary New Breed (PNB) status, a cat in PNB may be shown immediately upon advancement by the Board.***

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33.6.2.2 Cats which have non-domestic ancestry may be entered in accordance with Show Rule 23.19 and Standing Rule 203. Preliminary New Breed Class cats appear in the catalog, and judge's books and judges shall include these cats in judging fees.

33.6.3 Preliminary New Breed Class Breed Committee.

33.6.3.1 During the period of time a breed is designated Preliminary New Breed, the Preliminary New Breed Class Breed Committee will include all of the active TICA breeders of the breed.



33.6.3.2 The Executive Office shall furnish the Preliminary New Breed Working Group Chair and the Board appointed liaison with a list of the Preliminary New Breed Class Breed section members.

33.6.3.3 The Preliminary New Breed Class Working Group Chair shall provide an electronic report on the status of the breed development and other issues relevant to the breed to the Genetics Committee, the Rules Committee, and the Executive Office for inclusion in the Agenda at least 60 days prior to each Annual Meeting. Any member of the Genetics Committee or Rules Committee may submit comments on that report, or on any aspect of the breed, to the Board of Directors.

33.6.3.3.1 If the report is not received at least 60 days in advance of the meeting, or if the report reflects lack of interest in the breed, the breed may be returned to Registration ONLY status until any requirements imposed by the Board of Directors have been met.

33.6.3.4 The Executive Office shall forward a report on litter registrations and individual cat registrations for the breed to the Preliminary New Breed Working Group Chair each year after the Winter Meeting. This information shall be used in preparing the required breed report for the Annual Meeting.

### 33.7 Advanced New Breed Class Status.

33.7.1 Requirements. A Preliminary New Breed Class Breed may apply for Advanced New Breed status upon completion of the following:

33.7.1.1 At least 1 year has passed since the breed was eligible to compete in the Preliminary New Breed class.

33.7.1.2 At least 100 cats, which have attained the age of 8 months, are registered with TICA; of these at least fifty (50) must either correspond to requirements for the assigned registration category for Championship or have a registration code such that the offspring could be eligible for Championship.

33.7.1.3 At least 25 litters have been registered with TICA.

33.7.1.4 At least 15 TICA members in good standing, in at least five different regions are actively breeding the breed.

33.7.1.5 At least 25 unique individual cats of the breed have been shown in TICA shows. (**NOTE:** Kittens and alters may be included in this total but each cat only counts once toward the total, regardless of how many times the cat may have been shown.)

33.7.1.6 Submission of an electronic Application for Acceptance as a Advanced New Breed to each member of the Genetics Committee and each member of the Rules Committee at least 90 days prior to the board meeting at which approval is sought. Any proposed modifications to a previously approved standard must be submitted with the application. Following approval of proposal by the Genetics Committee and Rules Committee, the application

must be submitted by the Working Group Chair to the TICA Executive Office at least 60 days prior to the Board Meeting for inclusion in the agenda. Any comments of the Genetics Committee or Rules Committee must be included. The application must include the following: (applications available from the TICA Executive Office or at tica.org).

33.7.1.6.1 A Letter of intent to apply for approval as an Advanced New Breed Class Breed, signed by at least ten TICA members in good standing:

33.7.1.6.2 A copy of the breed standard with any proposed changes.

33.7.1.6.3 A copy of the breeding program with any proposed changes.

33.7.1.6.4 A processing fee as specified in the Standing Rules.

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*303.7.1.6.4 A processing fee of \$50 will be required at the time of application.*

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33.7.1.7 A Notice of Intent to Apply for Advancement to Advanced New Breed Class Status must be published in the TICA TREND at least 120 days prior to the meeting at which the application for advancement will be heard, and which invites comments about the breed to be forwarded to the Executive Office.

33.7.1.8 Make a formal presentation at the meeting of the Board of Directors, including photographs, illustrations, statistics, health and breeding reports, representatives of the breed and any other relevant material.

33.7.2 The Board of Directors may approve, disapprove or impose additional requirements on the Advanced New Breed Class Breed, including, but not limited to, appointing a different Working Group Chair and requiring changes to the standard and/or breed name, or any other modification which the Board of Directors, entirely in their discretion, may require.

33.7.2.1 Any advancement to Advanced New Breed Class status is entirely within the discretion of the Board of Directors.

33.7.2.2 The Advanced New Breed Class Breed Chairperson serves at the pleasure of the Board of Directors, and may be replaced at any time.

### 33.7.3 Competition and Exhibition.

33.7.3.1 A member of a breed designated as an Advanced New Breed may be entered in any TICA show in the Advanced New Breed class provided the cat has a TICA registration number (203.1.1) and provided that the cat meets the pedigree requirements for championship in the proposed registration category or has a registration status code such that its offspring could be eligible for Championship competition. Cats which have non-domestic ancestry may be entered in accordance with Registration Rules 37.6.4, Show Rule 23.19 and Standing Rules 203.

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**303.7.3.1** *Having met the requirements for and upon advancement to Advanced New Breed (ANB) status, a cat in ANB may be shown immediately upon advancement by the Board.*

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33.7.3.1.1 Advanced New Breed cats appear in the catalog and judges' books and judges shall include these cats in judging fees.

33.7.4 Advanced New Breed Committee.

33.7.4.1 During the period of time a breed is designated an Advanced New Breed, the Advanced New Breed Class Breed Committee will include all of the active TICA breeders of the breed.

33.7.4.1.1 The Advanced New Breed Class Breed Working Group Chair shall be appointed by the Board.

33.7.4.2 The Executive Office shall furnish the Advanced New Breed Working Group Chair and Board appointed liaison with a list of the New Breed Committee members.

33.7.4.3 The Advanced New Breed Working Group Chair shall provide an electronic report on the status of the breed development and other issues relevant to the breed to the Genetics Committee, the Rules Committee, and the Executive Office for inclusion in the Agenda at least 60 days prior to each Annual Meeting. Any member of the Genetics Committee or Rules Committee may submit comments on that report, or on any aspect of the breed, to the Board of Directors.

33.7.4.4 If the report is not received at least 60 days in advance of the meeting, or if the report reflects a lack of interest in the breed, the breed may be returned to Preliminary New Breed or Registration ONLY status until any requirements imposed by the Board of Directors have been met.

33.7.4.5 The Executive Office shall forward a report on litter registrations and individual cat registrations for the breed to the Advanced New Breed Working Group Chair each year after the Winter Meeting. This information shall be used in preparing the required breed report for the Annual Meeting.

33.8 Championship Status. Requirements. An Advanced New Breed may apply for Championship Status upon completion of the following:

33.8.1 At least 1 year has passed since the breed was eligible to compete in the Advanced New Breed class. The Board of Directors at its discretion may reduce the time required of a Transfer New Breed.

33.8.2 A minimum of 200 adults registered in any full member association of the World Cat Congress (WCC) of which a minimum of 50 are registered in TICA at a level potentially eligible for championship competition.

33.8.3 List of at least 35 shows licensed by WCC organizations of which at least 10 must be TICA shows where cats have been exhibited while the breed has been at ANB status, including regions/countries and judges. A show shall be defined as a “show catalog” for this purpose.

33.8.4 List of 25 unique individual cats that have been shown, including registration numbers and regions/countries shown. (See 33.6.5.)

33.8.5 List of judges who have judged the breed.

33.8.6 A minimum of 5 regions are represented by a minimum of 15 breeders who are TICA members in good standing actively breeding the breed.

33.8.7 At least 25 unique cats shown in the Advanced New Breed Class including entries shown in at least five regions during the year preceding the application.

33.8.8 Submission of an electronic Application for Advancement to Championship to each member of the Genetics Committee and each member of the Rules Committee at least 90 days prior to the board meeting at which approval is sought. Any proposed modifications to a previously approved standard must be submitted with the application. Following approval of the proposal by the Genetics Committee and Rules Committee, the application must be submitted by the ANB Working Group Chair to the TICA Executive Office at least 60 days prior to the Board Meeting for inclusion in the agenda. Any comments of the Genetics Committee or Rules Committee must be included. The application must include the following: (applications available from the TICA Executive Office or at tica.org)

33.8.8.1 A Letter of Intent to apply for approval as a Championship Breed, signed by at least ten TICA members in good standing;

33.8.8.2 A proposed breed standard.

33.8.8.3 A proposed breeding program.

33.8.8.4 A processing fee as specified in the Standing Rules.

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**303.8.8.4** *A processing fee of \$50 will be required at the time of application.*

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33.8.9 A Notice of Intent to Apply for Advancement to Championship Status must be published in the TICA TREND at least 120 days prior to the meeting at which the application for advancement will be heard, and which invites comments about the breed to be forwarded to the Executive Office.

33.8.10 Make a formal presentation at the meeting of the Board of Directors, including photographs, illustrations, statistics, health and breeding reports, examples of the breed and any other relevant material.

33.8.10.1 Breeders must submit evidence of sufficient activity and interest in the breed to ensure viability of the breed in Championship in TICA.

33.8.11 The Board of Directors may approve, disapprove or impose additional requirements on the breed which the Board of Directors, entirely in their discretion, may require.

33.8.12 No breed may recognize for championship cats which are phenotypically indistinguishable from an already established breed; that is, each breed recognized for championship must be unique. However, this restriction does not apply to registration. Such cats are acceptable for registration and breeding purposes.

33.8.13 If the breed is approved for Championship, a Breed Committee shall be elected in the next regular election.

33.8.14 Meeting the requirements set forth in these rules does not guarantee advancement. The Board of Directors shall judge each request for advancement on a case by case basis.

33.8.15 Every NEW breed must meet the following requirements in each of the next 3 show years following acceptance in order to retain championship status:

33.8.15.1 Register a minimum of 25 additional cats of the breed.

33.8.15.2 Exhibit a minimum of 10 individual cats of the breed in at least 15 rings in at least 3 regions.

33.8.15.3 Have at least 5 TICA members in a minimum of 3 regions who are actively breeding the breed.

33.8.16 It is the responsibility of the Breed Committee to document that all requirements have been met by providing a report to the Genetics Committee, the Rules Committee and the Executive Office. Failure to meet the requirements of **33.8.15** will result in the breed being returned to Advanced New Breed status.

### 33.9 New Traits of a Championship Breed.

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**303.9** *Trait: A visible distinguishing characteristic.*

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33.9.1 Any new trait or traits of a Championship Breed, not recognized for competition in the kitten, cat or alter class of that breed, that is not a structural mutation (such as, but not limited to, folded ears, short legs etc.) may be exhibited in the New Traits Class. New Traits Class cats appear in the catalog and judges' books and judges include these cats in judging fees.

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**303.9.1** *At the option of the judge, any New Traits Class cat(s) may be called to the ring with cats of the parental breed.*

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33.9.2 Requirements for Championship Status. A new trait or traits may apply for Championship Status upon completion of the following:

33.9.2.1 At least ten individual examples of the new trait or traits have been shown.

33.9.2.2 At least ten TICA members in good standing actively breeding and/or exhibiting the new trait or traits in the New Traits Class.

33.9.2.3 A minimum number of cats expressing the new trait or traits have been registered in the 3 years prior to application as follows:

33.9.2.3.1 Ten cats in breeds registering fewer than 100 cats OR

33.9.2.3.2 Ten percent of the cats registered, not to exceed 50 cats, for those breeds registering 100 or more cats.

33.9.2.3.3 When registering a cat with a new trait other than color, the "non-standard" box on the blue slip must be checked and the trait(s) indicated on the blue slip in order to facilitate tracking.

33.9.2.4 Submission of an electronic Application for Advancement to Championship to each member of the Breed Committee, (and if part of a Breed Group, to each member of each Breed Committee in the Breed Group), each member of the Genetics Committee, and each member of the Rules Committee, at least 120 days before the applicable Board meeting. The application must be signed by at least ten TICA members in good standing (applications available from the TICA Executive Office or at [tica.org](http://tica.org)).

33.9.2.4.1 Any required standard changes must be included in the application.

33.9.2.4.2 A processing fee as specified in the Standing Rules.

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**303.9.2.4.2** *A processing fee of \$50 will be required at the time of application.*

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33.9.2.5 Following approval of the Genetics Committee and the Rules Committee, and at least 90 days prior to the applicable Board meeting, the approved application shall be submitted by the Breed Committee Chair to the Executive Office for polling of the Breed Sections. The application shall include comments of the Genetics Committee on the genetic validity of the new trait or traits and any comments of the Rules Committee.

33.9.2.6 Upon receipt of the application marked as approved, the Executive Office shall issue a poll to all members of the related Breed Section(s). Polls must be returned to the TICA Ballot Judge no later than 30 days from the date of issue. In cases of a Breed Group, a majority of the Breed Section Members voting in EACH of the Breed Groups, must vote to approve the new trait or traits in order to advance to championship status. The results of the poll shall be included in the meeting agenda with the application.

33.9.2.6.1 The expense of any poll shall be the financial responsibility of the individuals requesting the poll.

33.9.2.7 A Notice of Intent to Apply for Advancement to Championship Status must be published in the TICA TREND at least 120 days prior to the meeting at which the application for advancement will be heard, and which invites comments about the breed to be forwarded to the Executive Office.

33.9.3 Meeting the requirements set forth in these rules does not guarantee advancement. The Board of Directors shall judge each request for advancement on a case by case basis.

39.4 Structural mutations are “owned” by the first breed establishing championship status that displays that structural mutation (such as folded ears: Scottish Fold; short legs: Munchkin; curled ears: American Curls, etc.) New breeds may only use this structural mutation with permission (a majority vote of the breed section) of the breed/breed group owning it.

33.10 Advancement of Transfer New Breeds. Breeds that are Championship status in at least two full members of the World Cat Congress may apply to the TICA Board of Directors for acceptance in TICA at ANB level, or for a reduction in the time required to progress to the next level in the New Breed program. The Board of Directors will address applications on a case-by-case basis. The Board of Directors may approve, disapprove or impose additional requirements on the Breed, including, but not limited to, appointing a different Working Group Chair and requiring changes to the standard and/or breed name, or any other modification which the Board of Directors, entirely in their discretion, may require.

33.10.1 The breed must have been at Championship status for a minimum of 5 years in at least 2 full members of the World Cat Congress.

33.10.2 A minimum of 10 cats of the breed must have been registered in TICA during the 12 months preceding the application.

33.10.3 Submission of an electronic Application for Advancement to each member of the Genetics Committee and each member of the Rules Committee at least 90 days prior to the board meeting at which approval is sought. Any proposed modifications to a previously approved standard must be submitted with the application. Following approval of proposal by the Genetics Committee and Rules Committee, the application must be submitted by the proposed Working Group Chair to the TICA Executive Office at least 60 days prior to the Board Meeting for inclusion in the agenda. Any comments of the Genetics Committee or Rules Committee must be included. The application must include the following: (applications available from the TICA Executive Office or at [www.tica.org](http://www.tica.org)).

33.10.3.1 A letter of intent to apply for Advancement, signed by at least five TICA members in good standing;

33.10.3.2 A proposed breed standard, approved by the Genetics Rules Committees, including any permissible outcrosses.

33.10.3.3 An indication that the breed is to be categorized as an Established Breed, a Natural Breed, a Mutation Breed or a Hybrid Breed and the rationale for the proposed category. (See RR 37.1.2).

33.10.3.4 A proposed Working Group Chair for the breed

33.10.3.5 A processing fee of \$50.

33.10.3.6 Statistics from the other organizations showing number of cats registered and shown during the last 5 years. If official statistics are not available, then copies of pages from show catalogues may be provided to demonstrate that sufficient cats have been shown and bred in other organizations to ensure it is a viable breed within TICA.

33.10.4 A Notice of Intent to Apply for Advancement must be published in the TICA TREND at least 120 days prior to the meeting at which the application for advancement will be heard, and which invites comments about the breed to be forwarded to the Executive Office.

33.10.5 Make a formal presentation at the meeting of the Board of Directors.. Information presented should include photographs, illustrations, statistics, health and breeding reports, representatives of the breed and any other relevant material.



## **ARTICLE FOUR - *Names of Colors and Color Codes***

34.1 List of Colors Accepted for Registration. The list and definition of colors accepted by TICA may be found in the Uniform Color Description.

34.2 Rules Governing Registration of a Color. A cat is to be registered according to its genetically determined color and/or pattern.

34.2.1. When a discrepancy is present between the genotype (genetically determined color and/or pattern) and the phenotype (physical appearance of the cat), registration should be based upon genotype. For example, a black cat with a distinct smoky undercoat but no silver in the background should be registered as a black. A self (non-agouti) red with heavy ghost tabby patterning should be registered as a solid. However, regardless of the color designated in the registration, a cat may be shown in the color class that is best approximated by the phenotype. (See Show Rule 23.3.1.)

34.2.2 The color of the cat in question is one which is recognized for registration by the association but is not the anticipated product of the parents as listed on the application for registration. Such a cat shall be accepted for Registration ONLY with the approval of the Genetics Committee and a statement by the breeder of the cat indicating that there has been no known potential for parents other than those indicated on the registration application.

34.2.3 The color of the cat in question is not one which is recognized for registration by the association. In such instance the color shall be accepted as a new mutation following approval of the Genetics Committee and the TICA Board of Directors. Emendation of the Registration Rules (See 34.2, above) shall be made and a color name and code assigned, with notice of such emendation to be printed in the next available issue of the official newsletter.

34.3 Limitations. Acceptance of a cat of a particular 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.)

## **ARTICLE FIVE - *Assignment of Gender***

35.1 Gender Codes. Each cat registered by TICA will be assigned one of four gender codes, as follows:

M = fertile male

N = sterile male (neuter)

F = fertile female

S = sterile female (spay)

35.2 Rules Governing Gender Assignment. Gender codes will be assigned according to the gender indicated on the application for registration, with the following special provisions:

35.2.1 The designation M (male) and F (female) shall imply a cat which is assumed to be fertile.

35.2.2 A cat which is registered as M (male) or F (female) and is subsequently found to be sterile shall be automatically transferred to the appropriate N (neuter) or S (spay) classification regardless of the etiology of said sterility (e.g., surgical sterilization, congenital anomalies, infection, trauma, etc.).

35.2.3 A fertile cat which is sold with an alter agreement may be registered as an alter (N or S) at the time of sale at the discretion of the seller. (See 35.2.4 below.)

35.2.4 No offspring from a cat which bears an N or S gender code will be accepted for registration without petition to the Executive Office explaining the circumstances and subsequent approval to permit transfer of the cat to an M or F classification.

35.2.5 A cat which has been registered as a fertile cat and is subsequently altered or found to be sterile will be automatically changed to alter (N or S) in association records upon notification of the change to the recorder or exhibition of the cat in the alter classes. A new registration slip need not be issued and there will be no charge for this transfer. If a new registration certificate is subsequently issued, the change will be reflected thereon at an appropriate charge as reflected on the current price list.

## **ARTICLE SIX - *Registration Status***

36.1 **Determination of Status.** The registration of a cat shall be based upon ancestry as evidenced by a three generation pedigree. A cat shall be classified as eligible for the studbook, ancestry record, hybridization record, foundation registry or for tracking in the experimental record.

36.2 **Stud Book.** A cat shall be eligible for stud book status provided it is of a breed recognized for stud book registration (generally championship or Advanced/Preliminary New Breed recognition for exhibition purposes) and it meets one of the following criteria:

36.2.1 When both the sire and the dam are registered in the stud book of the association as members of the same breed or breed group as the cat being registered.

36.2.2 When the three generation pedigree of the cat reveals no cats of breed groups other than the breed of the cat being registered and there are no unknowns within three generations.

36.2.3 When either the sire or the dam is eligible for stud book registration status and the other parent is eligible for the ancestry record with a code no lower than 3 (third generation) and/or the hybridization record with a code no lower than C (third generation) and both parents are of the same breed or breed group as the cat being registered. (See 36.7 for a list of the registration status codes.)

36.2.4 When neither the sire nor the dam is eligible for stud book registration status but both are eligible for the ancestry and/or hybridization records of the association with codes no lower than 3 or C (see 36.7 for explanation of codes) and both parents are of the same breed or breed group as the cat being registered.

36.3 **Ancestry Record.** A cat shall be eligible for the ancestry record of the association provided it is of a breed recognized for stud book registration by the association and it meets the following criteria:

36.3.1 A cat of a recognized breed for whom one or both parents either are unknown or are not registered with TICA or an association which has a reciprocal registration agreement with TICA may be registered in the ancestry record of the association if the application for registration is accompanied by

a signed Certification Form ( R-1020) from three TICA Allbreed judges stating that they have evaluated the cat in question and find that it sufficiently meets the standard for its breed to be used in a breeding program.

36.3.1.1 This process may also be applied in the case of non-standard representatives of mutation breeds when the phenotype of a parent or sibling suggests that the designation as a non-standard member of the breed is appropriate. Under such circumstances judges should make an allowance for the cat not meeting the breed standard for the trait in question.

36.3.1.2 The certification requirement does not apply to cats being registered as domestic shorthairs or domestic longhairs for use in an established breeding program. It also does not apply when both parents are registered with TICA or a reciprocating association, although other rules may affect the registration status of such cats.

36.3.2 **Exception:** Cats from stud book recognized breeds which have non-domestic felines within a three generation pedigree are to be entered into the Foundation Registry ONLY.

36.4 Hybridization Record. A cat shall be eligible for the hybridization record of the association provided it is of a breed recognized for stud book registration by the association and it meets the following criteria:

36.4.1 When no cats which are unknown or unregistered occur within a three generation pedigree but one or more of the cats on the pedigree is/are of a breed or breed group other than that of the cat being registered.

36.4.2 **Exception:** Cats from stud book recognized breeds which have non-domestic felines within a three generation pedigree are to be entered in the Foundation Registry ONLY.

36.5 Combined Ancestry and Hybridization Record. A cat shall be eligible for the combined ancestry and hybridization records of the association provided it is of a breed recognized for stud book registration by the association or is the product of breeds which are recognized for stud book registration by the association and it meets the following criteria:

36.5.1 When one or more of the cat's parents, grandparents, or great grandparents are unknown or unregistered and one or more of the cats within the three generation pedigree is/are of a breed other than that of the cat being registered.

36.5.2. **Exception:** Cats from stud book recognized breeds which have non-domestic felines within a three generation pedigree are to be entered into the Foundation Registry ONLY.

### 36.6 Foundation Registration.

36.6.1 Purpose. The Foundation Registry is for new breeds which are in an early developmental stage and in which record keeping is vital to the history of the breed. The registration of these breeds will provide an accurate, precise chronicle of the breed's progress and development, and may prove or disprove its future acceptance as a viable, healthy breed as well as providing analysis of any genetic problems inherent in a particular breeding program. Use of both hybrid crosses and outcrosses to cats of unknown or unregistered parentage is permitted. There are no limitations or restrictions on the breeding programs for these breeds.

36.6.2 Requirements for Preliminary New Breed or Advanced New Breed Status. Any breed accepted in the Foundation Registry as Category VI must declare intent for registration status in Category I, II, III, IV or V prior to acceptance for recognition in Preliminary New Breed Class or Advanced New Breed Class. Acceptance for the Foundation Registry does not in any way imply or assure that the experimental breed will advance to one of the more restrictive categories or will be accepted into Preliminary New Breed or Advanced New Breed any time, now or in the future. See 33.4.3.

36.6.3 Requirements of Registration. The requirements for registration are as set forth in the general registration rules of ARTICLES SIX and SEVEN.

36.6.4 Foundation Registry Breeds. The following breeds are included in the Foundation Registry:

Bristol	Safari	York Chocolate
Chinese Harlequin	Tiffany	
Copper	Vienna Woods	

**NOTE:** None of these breeds may be shown in the Preliminary New Breed class prior to application for and Board approval of Preliminary New Breed status. Those breeds in registration Category VI must also declare Provisional Registration Category I, II, III, IV, or V prior to acceptance for Preliminary New Breed.

## 36.7 Experimental Record.

36.7.1 **Purpose.** The Experimental Record is for tracking the parentage of cats not yet recognized in TICA for the Stud Book or Foundation Registries. Tracking of these proposed breeds will provide a precise chronicle of the proposed breed's progress and development. Records will include analysis of any genetic problems inherent in a particular breeding program thus proving or disproving its future acceptance as a viable, healthy breed.

36.7.2 **Requirements for Preliminary New Breed or Advanced New Breed Status.** Any proposed breed tracked in the Experimental Record as Category VI must declare intent for registration status in Category I, II, III, IV or V prior to acceptance for recognition in Preliminary New Breed Class or Advanced New Breed Class. Tracking in the Experimental Record does not in any way imply or assure that the proposed experimental breed will advance to one of the more restrictive categories or will be accepted into Preliminary New Breed or Advanced New Breed any time, now or in the future.

36.8 Registration Status Codes. A registration status code (or codes, in the instance of combined ancestry and hybridization record cats) shall be assigned to each cat registered or tracked by the association and will be indicated on the registration or record certificate. The following codes are used:

36.8.1 **Stud Book Codes:** SB - The cat has no cats which are unknown, unregistered, or of another breed or breed group within a standard three generation pedigree.

36.8.2 **Codes:** The following codes apply to the third position of the pedigree status code:

36.8.2.1 T - (Traditional) - Only the breed in question within a three-generation pedigree.

36.8.2.2 V - (Variant) - Crosses outside the breed but within the group within a three-generation pedigree.

36.8.2.3 P - (Permissible) - Crosses outside the breed or breed group which are permitted by the breeding program which has been established for the breed.

36.8.2.4 N - (Non-Permissible) - Crosses outside the breed or breed group which are not among those which are specifically allowed by the breeding program which has been established for the breed.

36.8.2.5 S - (Species) - Outcrosses to species other than *Felis catus*/*Felis domesticus*. Such crosses may be used in foundation breeding programs but are by definition considered non-permissible.

**36.8.3. Ancestry Record Codes:**

- 36.8.3.1 01 - The cat has at least one unknown or unregistered parent.
- 36.8.3.2 02 - The cat has at least one unknown or unregistered grandparent.
- 36.8.3.3 03 - The cat has at least one unknown or unregistered great grandparent..

*306.8.3 The P designation will be used to indicate crosses between members of a breed group and a breed outside the breed group which have been granted a one-way exception by the Board of Directors.*

<b>Registration Prefixes and Breeds of Parent and the Prefixes of their THAI Kittens</b>									
	SBT TH	SBP TH	01T TH	02T TH	03T TH	SBT SI	01P TH	02P TH	03P TH
SBT TH	SBT	<i>SBP/ SBT</i>	02T	03T	SBT	SBP	02P	03P	SBT
SBP TH	<i>SBP/ SBT</i>	<i>SBP/ SBT</i>	02P	03P	<i>SBP/ SBT</i>	SBP	02P	03P	<i>SBP/ SBT</i>
01T TH	02T	02P	02T	02T/P	02T	02P	02P	02P	02P
02T TH	03T	03P	02T	03T/P	03T	03P	02P	03P	03P
03T TH	SBT	<i>SBP/ SBT</i>	03T	03T/P	SBT	SBP	02P	03P	SBT
SBT SI	SBP	SBP	02P	03P	SBP	SBP TH*	02P	03P	SBP
01P TH	02P	02P	02P	02P	02P	02P	02P	02P	02P
02P TH	03P	03P	02P	03P	03P	03P	02P	03P	03P
03P TH	SBT	<i>SBP/ SBT</i>	02P	03P	SBT	SBP	02P	03P	SBT

*\* The litter would be registered as SBT SI, but individual kittens could be registered as TH and would be SBP. It is filled out based on the "same breed" chart since any SI in the pedigrees are considered the same as TH. NOTE: The items that are in italics in the chart must have the pedigree checked to determine the prefix. If all cats are TH in a*

*three-generation pedigree, then the prefix will be SBT. If there are Siamese in the three-generations, then the prefix will be SBP.*

**36.8.4 Hybridization Record Codes:**

36.8.4.1 AO - The cat is the product of two cats of different breeds.

36.8.4.2 BO - The cat has at least one grandparent of a different breed.

36.8.4.3 CO - The cat has at least one great grandparent of a different breed.

**36.8.5 Experimental Record Codes:**

EB - The proposed experimental breed has no cats which are unknown, unregistered, or of another breed or breed group within three generations. (NOTE: Ancestry and Hybridization codes may be used as applicable.)



## **ARTICLE SEVEN - *Eligibility for Registration***

### **37.1 Registration Categories.**

37.1.1 The association shall provide categories for the registration of the various breeds. These categories shall determine specific requirements for registration and championship exhibition based on registration status (see ARTICLE SIX). The categories are designed to permit sufficient flexibility for continued improvement within a breed while maintaining the desired homogeneity which defines the breed and makes it distinct.

37.1.2 Six registration categories are provided as follows:

- 37.1.2.1 Category I: Established Breeds
- 37.1.2.2 Category II: Natural Breeds
- 37.1.2.3 Category III: Variant or Mutation Breeds
- 37.1.2.4 Category IV: Domestic Hybrid Breeds
- 37.1.2.5 Category V: Non-Domestic Source Breed Hybrids
- 37.1.2.6 Category VI: Experimental (Developing) Breeds

37.1.3 For a list of breeds recognized in each registration category, see Standing Rules 307.2, 307.3, 307.4, 307.5, 307.6, 307.7.

*307 Quick Reference Chart for Permissible Outcrosses and Registration Status Codes for Championship Exhibition.*

<b>CATEGORY I</b> <b>Established Breeds</b>	<b>CATEGORY II</b> <b>Natural Breeds</b>	<b>CATEGORY III</b> <b>Variant/Mutations</b>	<b>CATEGORY IV</b> <b>Domestic Hybrids</b>
<b>SBT(V)</b>	<b>SBT(V, P), 01T(V, P), 02T(V, P), 03T(V, P)</b>	<b>SBT(V)</b> <b>AOP, BOP, COP</b>	<b>SBT(V)</b> <b>AOP, BOP, COP</b>
<b>Permissible Outcross</b> Only within breed group No unknowns No outside breeds	<b>Permissible Outcross</b> Only within Breed Group Unknowns permitted	<b>Permissible Outcross</b> Accepted breeds only. No unknowns* Exceptions: *01T(V), 02T(V), 03T(V) * A1P, B1P, C1P * A2P, B2P, C2P * A3P, B3P, C3P Exceptions are allowed ONLY in the breeds shown be-low with an asterisk.	<b>Permissible Outcross</b> 1 Parent of Parental Breed 2 Parents of Parental Breeds No Unknowns
Abyssinian/Somali American SH/WH Australian Mist Balinese Bengal/Bengal LH Birman Bombay/Burmese British LH/SH Chausie Egyptian Mau Exotic Shorthair Havana Himalayan Maine Coon Maine Coon Poly Oriental LH/SH Persian Pixiebob LH/SH Ragdoll Russian Blue Savannah Siamese Toyger	Chartreux Cymric Jap Bobtail LH/SH Khao Manee Korat Kurilian Bobtail Kurilian Bobtail LH Manx Norwegian Forest Siberian Singapura Thai Turkish Angora Turkish Van	Am Bobtail LH/SH Am Curl LH/SH * Cornish Rex Devon Rex Donskoy La Perm LH/SH* Lykoi Munchkin LH/SH Nebelung* Scot Fold LH/SH* Selkirk Rex LH/SH* Sphynx*	Burmilla LH/SH Minuet LH/SH Ocicat Peterbald Snowshoe Tonkinese

## 37.2 Category I: Established Breeds.

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307.2 *Category I Breeds. The following breeds are included in Category I:*

<i>Abyssinian</i>	<i>Himalayan</i>
<i>American Shorthair</i>	<i>Maine Coon</i>
<i>American Wirehair</i>	<i>Maine Coon Poly</i>
<i>Australian Mist</i>	<i>Oriental Longhair</i>
<i>Balinese</i>	<i>Oriental Shorthair</i>
<i>Bengal/Bengal LH</i>	<i>Persian</i>
<i>Birman</i>	<i>Pixiebob/Pixiebob LH</i>
<i>Bombay</i>	<i>Ragdoll</i>
<i>British LH/SH</i>	<i>Russian Blue</i>
<i>Burmese</i>	<i>Savannah</i>
<i>Chausie</i>	<i>Siamese</i>
<i>Egyptian Mau</i>	<i>Somali</i>
<i>Exotic Shorthair</i>	<i>Toyger</i>
<i>Havana</i>	

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37.2.1 Purpose. This category is for established breeds which are approaching the present goals as set by their standards. These breeds have a sufficiently large available gene pool within the breed that outcrosses to other breeds (other than within a breed group) for improvement of type, increased stamina, addition of new colors, etc., are largely unnecessary. Likewise, the likelihood of finding cats of unregistered parentage which would significantly improve the breed is minimal.

37.2.2 Requirements for Championship Exhibition. There can be no outcross to other breeds except within a breed group within the three generation pedigree. No unknown or unregistered cats may appear within the three generation pedigree.

37.2.3 Requirements for Registration. The requirements for registration are as set forth in the general registration rules of ARTICLES SIX and SEVEN.

### 37.3 Category II: Natural Breeds.

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**307.3** *Category II Breeds.* The following breeds (together with acceptable origins are included in Category II:

<i>Aphrodite LH/SH (Cyprus)</i>	<i>Norwegian Forest (Norway)</i>
<i>Chartreux (France)</i>	<i>berian (Russia)</i>
<i>Japanese Bobtail LH/SH(Orient)</i>	<i>Singapura (Singapore)</i>
<i>Khao Manee (Thailand)</i>	<i>Sokoke (Africa)</i>
<i>Korat (Thailand)</i>	<i>Thai (Thailand)</i>
<i>Kurilian Bobtail LH/SH (Russia)</i>	<i>Turkish Angora (Ankara, Turkey)</i>
<i>Manx/Cymric) Isle of Man)</i>	<i>Turkish Van (Turkey)</i>

**307.3.2** *Category II breeds must have an SBT(V, P), 01T(V, P), 02T(V, P), or 03T(V, P) status code to be eligible for championship competition.*

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**37.3.1 Purpose.** This category is for natural breeds which may have need to augment their gene pool with additional cats of unregistered ancestry but which have little to gain (and perhaps much to lose) by outcrossing to other breeds. For the most part these breeds are ones which originated in specific geographic regions where good representatives of the breed are still to be found in their native state as pets, barn cats, feral cats, etc.

**37.3.2 Requirements for Championship Exhibition.** There can be no outcrosses to other breeds/breed groups within the three generation pedigree. Cats of unknown ancestry are permitted for exhibition provided they meet the specific requirements for registration. (See Requirements for Registration 37.3.3.)

**37.3.3 Requirements for Registration.** The cat must be the product of two registered representatives of the breed with the exception of cats of unknown or unregistered ancestry for which proof of origin is available and such origin is acceptable for the breed in question. Such cats may be registered as first generation purebreds providing the application is accompanied by a health certificate, customs declaration, air bill, or similar evidence of origin. For a domestic breed, a signed Certificate Form (Form R-1020) from three TICA Allbreed judges must be submitted stating that they have handled the cat in question and find that it sufficiently meets the standard for its breed for use in a breeding program.

### 37.4 Category III: Variant or Mutation Breeds.

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**307.4** *Category III Breeds.* The following breeds (together with a listing of their accepted outcrosses) are included in Category III:

- ▶ American Bobtail/American Bobtail Shorthair (domestic longhair/short-hair, not a member of a recognized breed)
- ▶ American Curl/American Curl Shorthair (domestic longhair/shorthair, not a member of a recognized breed)\*
- ▶ Cornish Rex (American Shorthair, British Shorthair, European Shorthair)
- ▶ Devon Rex (American Shorthair, British Shorthair, European Shorthair, Burmese, Bombay, Sphynx, Siamese)
- ▶ Donskoy (domestic shorthair, not a member of a recognized breed)
- ▶ La Perm/La Perm Shorthair (domestic longhair/shorthair, not a member of a recognized breed)\*
- ▶ Lykoi (Solid black domestic shorthair, not a member of a recognized breed)
- ▶ Munchkin/Munchkin Longhair (domestic longhair/shorthair, not a member of a recognized breed)
- ▶ Nebelung (Russian Blue)\*
- ▶ Ojos Azules/Ojos Azules Longhair (domestic longhair/shorthair, not a member of a recognized breed)\*
- ▶ Scottish Fold/Scottish Fold Longhair (American Shorthair, British Shorthair, British Longhair)\*
- ▶ Selkirk Rex/Selkirk Rex Longhair (American Shorthair, British Breed Group, Persian Breed Group)\*
- ▶ Sphynx ( American Shorthair, Devon Rex)\*
- ▶ **Tennessee Rex/Tennessee Rex Shorthair (domestic longhair/shorthair, not a member of a recognized breed)\***
- ▶ **Toybob/Toybob Longhair (Russian domestic longhair.shprthair,not a member of a recognized breed)\***

**307.4.2** *Category III breeds must have an SBT(V), AOP, BOP or COP status code to be eligible for championship competition. 01T(V), 02T(V), 03T(V), A1P, B1P, C1P, A2P, B2P, C2P, A3P, B3P, or C3P cats may be permitted for championship competition if specifically permitted by the breed and marked by an asterisk.*

**NOTE:** Breeds marked by an asterisk (\*) have an unusually limited gene pool and thus may still benefit from augmentation of the available gene pool by inclusion of cats conforming to the standard but which are of unknown or unregistered ancestry.

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37.4.1 Purpose. This category is for breeds which typically differ from one of the older established breeds or from the general feline population on the basis of a single gene locus. Many of these breeds have originated as spontaneous mutations within the domestic cat population. Others have appeared within established breeds and may be the result of earlier mutations or outcrosses. Regardless of origin, these breeds are still in active development and may need to cross back to a parental breed to improve type or augment a limited gene pool. With few exceptions these breeds generally have little to gain from use of cats of unknown backgrounds.

37.4.2 Requirements for Championship Exhibition. There can be no unknown or unregistered cats within the three generation pedigree unless a special exception is made for the breed due to an unusually limited gene pool. Hybridization is acceptable within the pedigree provided these outcrosses are to one of the listed accepted outcross breeds. (See Requirements for Registration, 37.4.4.)

37.4.3 Limitations on Championship Exhibition. A variant or mutation breed cannot accept for championship a cat which is indistinguishable on the basis of phenotype (physical characteristics such as color, coat length, body type, etc.) from the parental (outcross) breed. At least one readily identified distinguishing characteristic which defines the mutation as distinct must be maintained.

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**307.4.3** *A breed requesting an outcross that is part of a breed group must specify whether it wants to include only that breed, or the entire breed group.*

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37.4.4 Requirements for Registration. A cat which is the product of two members of this breed shall be considered a purebred of this breed. The hybrid between this breed and an accepted outcross breed shall be considered a first generation purebred if it conforms to the standard, otherwise a first generation "variant". A cat which is the product of two members of an accepted outcross breed which conforms to the standard of the variant or mutation breed shall also be considered a first generation purebred.

### 37.5 Category IV: Domestic Hybrid Breeds.

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307.5 Category IV Breeds. *The following breeds (together with a listing of their accepted source breeds) are included in Category IV:*

- ▶ *Burmilla/Burmilla LH (Burmese, Persian)*
- ▶ *Highlander/Highlander LH (Domestic longhair/shorthair not a member of a recognized breed)*
- ▶ *Minskin (Domestic shorthair not a member of a recognized breed)*
- ▶ *Minuet/Minuet LH (Munchkin Breed Group, Persian Breed Group)*
- ▶ *Ocicat (Abyssinian, Siamese)*
- ▶ *Peterbald (Siamese Breed Group, Donskoy)*
- ▶ *Serengeti (Oriental Shorthair, Bengal)*
- ▶ *Snowshoe (American Shorthair, Siamese)*
- ▶ *Tonkinese (Burmese, Siamese, European Burmese)*

307.5.1 *A breed requesting an outcross that is part of a breed group must specify whether it wants to include only that breed, or the entire breed group.*

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37.5.1 Purpose. This category is for newer breeds which are being developed by means of deliberate crosses between two (or more) existing domestic breeds. Frequent backcrosses to the parental breeds may be desirable to maintain or improve type.

37.5.2 Requirements for Championship Exhibition. There can be no unknown or unregistered cats within the three generation pedigree. The cat must be the product of two registered members of the breed, the product of a cat of the breed and one of the parental breeds, or the product of two of the parental breeds. The domestic hybrid cat is considered a first generation purebred for exhibition purposes. (See Requirements for Registration, 37.5.4.)

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**307.5.2** *Category IV breeds must have an SBT(V), AOP, BOP, or COP status code to be eligible for championship competition.*

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37.5.3 Limitations on Championship Exhibition. A domestic hybrid breed cannot accept for championship a cat which is indistinguishable on the basis of phenotype (physical characteristics such as color, coat length, body type, etc.,) from the parental breeds. At least one characteristic which distinguishes the breed from the parental breeds must be maintained in the standard.

37.5.4 Requirements for Registration. A cat which is the product of two members of this breed shall be considered a purebred of this breed. The hybrid between two parental breeds or between a cat of this breed and one of the parental breeds shall be considered a first generation purebred of this breed.

**37.6 Category V: Domestic x Non-Domestic Source Species Hybrids.**

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**307.6** *The following breeds are included in Category V: There are no breeds currently in this Category.*

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37.6.1 Purpose. This category is for breeds which are being developed by means of deliberate foundation crosses between domestic cats and a **single** non-domestic source species. A Non-Domestic Source Species is a species other than *Felis catus*/*Felis domesticus*.

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**307.6.1** *A breed requesting an outcross that is part of a breed group must specify whether it wants to include only that breed, or the entire breed group.*

**307.6.2** *Category V breeds advancing to championship as Category I must have the following registration status codes to be eligible to be shown in the Advanced New Breed Class: SB, CO, or C3.*

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37.6.2 Requirements for Championship Exhibition. There can be no non-permissible outcrosses within the three generation pedigree. No unknown or unregistered cats may appear within the three generation pedigree. These cats must have an SB registration code.

37.6.3 Limitations on Championship Exhibition. The breed must apply for championship as a Category I breed.

37.6.4 Requirements for Registration. Non-domestic source species hybrids may apply for Category V Registration status during the new breed process and may be registered according to the following rules:

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**307.6.4** *For registration as a non-domestic source species hybrid, a first generation hybrid must have one parent that is a non-domestic source species.).*

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37.6.4.1 A cat with a Non-Domestic Source Species parent, grandparent or great grandparent is a hybrid cross\* and is considered a domestic cat. It will be considered a P Foundation \*Breed Name\* if the cross is permissible within the breeding program. It will be considered an N Foundation \*Breed Name\* if the cross is not permissible within the breeding program. It will be designated by S (36.7.2.5) indicating the Non-Domestic Source Species is still on the pedigree.

**\*Hybrid cross:** An animal resulting from the crossbreeding between two different species or types of animals. Crosses between wild animal species, such as lions and tigers, are considered to be wild animals. Crosses between wild animal species and domestic animals, such as dogs and wolves or buffalo and domestic cattle, are considered to be domestic animals. (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA, SubChapter A: Animal Welfare, Part 1: Definition Of Terms).

37.6.4.2 A P Foundation bred to an N Foundation will result in an N designation. For a P designation, there can be no N designations in a three-generation pedigree.

37.6.4.3 Any cat with a parent, grandparent or great grandparent that is a non-permissible domestic outcross (i.e. a cat of any breed not specifically listed as a permissible outcross breed in the approved breeding program) will have the term N Foundation \*Breed Name\* in its description if the non-permissible outcross is within the three generation pedigree.

37.6.5 Requirements for Showing Category V cats in Championship Advancement Classes.

37.6.5.1 A cat with a Non-Domestic Source Species parent or grandparent may not be shown in any class. (See 23.9)

37.6.5.2 A cat with a Non-Domestic Source Species great grandparent may be shown in Preliminary or Advanced New Breed with permission of the Board of Directors. (See 23.9 and 203.9.1.1.)

37.6.5.2.1 Category V breeds must have the following registration status codes to be eligible to be shown in the Advanced New Breed Class: SB, CO or C3.

## 37.7 Category VI: Experimental (Developing) Breeds.

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**307.7**      Category VI Breeds. *The following breeds are included in Category VI:*

<i>Asian Group</i>	<i>European Shorthair</i>
<i>Asian LH (Tiffanie)</i>	<i>European Burmese</i>
<i>Asian Shorthair</i>	<i>German Rex</i>
<i>Bristol</i>	<i>Mandalay</i>
<i>California Spangled</i>	<i>Ragamuffin</i>
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<i>Chinese Harlequin</i>	<i>Tiffany</i>
<i>Copper</i>	<i>Vienna Woods</i>
	<i>York Chocolate</i>

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37.7.1      Purpose. This category is for new breeds which are still in active development. Use of both hybrid crosses and outcrosses to cats of unknown or unregistered parentage is permitted. There are no limitations or restrictions on the breeding programs for such breeds.

37.7.2      Requirements for Championship Exhibition. In general it is recommended that breeds move beyond this stage before applying for championship. Thus no requirements for championship have been defined.

37.7.3      **Requirements for Registration or Tracking.** The requirements for registration or tracking are as set forth in the general registration rules of ARTICLE SIX and SEVEN.

37.8      Assignment of Registration Categories. Each breed shall be assigned to one of the six registration categories as follows:

37.8.1      At the time of recognition for registration in either the Stud Book, the Foundation Registry, or for tracking in the Experimental Record, each breed or proposed breed shall be provisionally assigned to one of the six registration categories based upon size of the established gene pool within the breed or proposed breed and the necessity of outcrosses outside the breed. Initial assignment shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors and the Genetics Committee using the information in the proposed breeding program submitted by the breeders.

37.8.2 A proposed breed which is accepted for the Foundation Registry or Experimental Record may be assigned to any of the six categories, however a breed must be provisionally assigned to Categories I-V only prior to acceptance for Preliminary New Breed.

37.8.3 Upon application for recognition for championship status, the members of the breed section shall vote which of four categories (I, II, III, or IV) shall be used for determining eligibility for registration and championship competition.

37.9 Changes in Registration Category. Registration categories may be changed for a breed as follows:

37.9.1 A petition for change in the registration category of a breed recognized for championship shall be submitted in accordance with the by-laws; the procedures for proposal and voting on such changes shall follow the requirements established for standard changes.

37.9.2 A change to a more restrictive category shall apply only to cats born ten or more weeks subsequent to the date the change is approved and the membership is notified. (This allows for litters which are in utero at the time the change is approved.) Cats born prior to this date will still be accepted according to the earlier requirements.

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**307.9.2** *Cats registered which were eligible to be shown prior to a change in status codes shall continue to be eligible to be shown.*

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37.9.3 Any change to a less restrictive category shall be retroactive to all cats of the breed regardless of birth date.

37.9.4 No cat's registration shall be rescinded due to subsequent change in registration category for the breed.

37.9.5 The Board may vote to change the registration category for a breed at any time this is felt to be in the best interests of the association as a whole. No petition for change by the breed section will be accepted for a period of 1 year following such a change by the Board. After 1 year, the breed section again shall have the authority to change the registration category as provided for in 37.9.1, above.

## ARTICLE EIGHT - *Cattery Name*

38.1 Cattery names may be permanently registered with the association upon written application and payment of the required fees.

38.2 A cattery name, letters, characters combined, may not exceed fifteen letters. Cattery names must differ by two letters.

38.3 A cattery name may not duplicate the name of an accepted breed.

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**308.3** *A cattery name may not duplicate or be an acronym for an unaffiliated breed society.*

**308.3.1** *An unaffiliated breed society must notify the Executive Office in writing of their acronym.*

**308.3.2** *Protection of these names shall be at the discretion of the Executive Office.*

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38.4 Registered cattery names may not be used unless the registered owner of the cattery name signs the application for registration or consent of such owner is filed in writing with an established association for cat registration.

38.5 The use of a breeder's registered cattery name is restricted to a prefix.

38.6 A breeder who initially registers cats without a cattery prefix and subsequently registers a cattery name may subsequently add a cattery prefix by paying the required registration fee to correct such cats.

38.7 A new owner's registered cattery name may be added as a suffix (preceded by " of ") when this is possible without violating 38.9 or 38.10 of this article or violating ARTICLE TEN, 310.3.

38.8 A cat's name may include only one cattery name prefix and one cattery name suffix.

38.9 Once added, a cattery name suffix cannot be dropped or changed except upon payment of the required fee and surrender of the former registration certificate to the registrar.

38.10 Registered cattery names may be transferred upon surrender of the certificate of cattery name registration with written assignment of the transfer of ownership and payment of the required transfer fee.

## **ARTICLE NINE - *General Registration Rules***

39.1 Non-domestic felines (i.e., cats other than *Felis domesticus*) shall be permitted for registration purposes within the Foundation Registry ONLY. They shall not be accepted for Preliminary New Breed or Advanced New Breed exhibition, New Trait Class exhibition or championship competition.

39.2 Progeny of hybrid crosses between domestic and non-domestic felines shall be accepted for registration purposes within the Foundation Registry ONLY unless the non-domestic ancestor is no longer present within a three generation pedigree. Such cats may be considered for championship only with approval of the Genetics Committee, which will decide minimal requirements for recognition. The following may be considered minimal guidelines for recognition: the non-domestic feline may no longer appear within a three generation pedigree, both sexes of such cats are normally fertile when bred with domestic cats, and a stable karyotype indistinguishable from that of the domestic cat can be demonstrated. These guidelines may be modified at the discretion of the Genetics Committee.

39.3 Acceptance of a breed for Preliminary New Breed or Advanced New Breed exhibition does not imply that all cats which have been registered as non-domestic hybrids are eligible for exhibition in this class. No non-domestic feline can appear as a parent or grandparent of a cat entered in Preliminary New Breed or Advanced New Breed exhibition. For some breeds the O3 or CO cat may be permitted in the Preliminary New Breed or Advanced New Breed class at the discretion of the Board but such cats cannot be exhibited in the championship classes (see 39.2, above).

39.4 The names of cats may not be changed in any manner after they have been registered, except:

39.4.1 The correction of clerical errors in the recorder's office.

39.4.2 The addition of a cattery name as provided in ARTICLE EIGHT, 38.7, 38.8, and 38.10.

39.4.3 To re-register as Household Pets, TICA registered championship class cats may be registered pursuant to Show Rule 23.7.2.

39.4.4 A name change may be requested provided the Executive Office receives the request for a name change within 45 days (60 days in remote areas) from the date of issue of the initial Registration Certificate and the request is accompanied by the original Registration Certificate and the designated fee, which fee shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The name change will be approved only if there has been no previous transaction recorded for the cat by the Executive Office (i.e., show wins, lease agreement, or any transaction processed in the original name of the cat).

39.5 Names of cats and catteries may not be duplicated.

39.6 Second and third choice of names may be given on the application for registration form. Otherwise it may be necessary to return the application if the name chosen is not acceptable.

39.7 A cat's name, including cattery names and the word " of " may not exceed 35 letters, characters and spaces combined.

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**309.7.1** *The owner's name, address and city are not allowed in the name of the cat unless it is a TICA registered cattery.*

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39.8 Cats may not be named after an ancestor without written permission of the owner of the ancestor; a letter attesting to such permission is to be filed with the registrar.

39.9 Application for Registration. Each application for registration must fulfill one of the following:

39.9.1 Be made by submitting an individual application for registration of a cat of a registered litter issued by TICA (TICA blue slip).

39.9.2 Be accompanied by a minimum of 3-generation Certified pedigree (from another registry) of the cat for which application is being made and a photocopy of a registration certificate from that registry showing proof that this cat is owned by the person making the application and asking to be named the owner of this cat.

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**309.9.2** *In the event that a registry does not issue registration certificates, the Executive Office may request additional documentation to prove ownership and authenticity.*

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39.9.3 Be accompanied by a minimum three-generation pedigree, stating the color and pattern and the registry's assigned registration number for each ancestor listed, except, if either the sire or dam is registered in the stud book (SB registration status code) of TICA, the ancestors of such sire and/or dam need not be shown on the pedigree. This pedigree must be signed by the breeder of the cat for which application is being made and include a statement that this pedigree is true and correct to the best of the breeder's knowledge, and a statement as to whether the cat may or may not breed. In addition, a photocopy of a registration certificate from the other registry is required, showing proof that this cat is owned by the person making the application and asking to be named the owner of this cat.

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**309.9.3** *The name of a cat previously registered in another association may not be changed under any circumstances except for the addition of a cattery suffix in accordance with 38.7 and, if required, the use of a registry code in accordance with 309.9.3.1.*

**309.9.3.1** *If the cattery name of a cat previously registered in another registry is not a TICA cattery name that is registered to the cat's owner, then a registry code shall be added at the end of, and form part of, the cat's name. Registry codes shall be comprised of a slash followed by a two-letter code identifying the registry.*

**309.9.3.2** *The registry codes currently in use are: /CF - CFA, /FI - FIFe, /GC - GCCF, /ID - Independent, /WC - WCF. Additional unique codes may be assigned by the Executive Office as required.*

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39.9.4 Where extenuating circumstances (i.e., death, repossession, etc.) are involved, application with applicable documentation will be considered on an individual basis by TICA's Executive Office.

39.10 If either the sire or dam is registered in the stud book (SB registration status code) of the association, the ancestors of such sire and/or dam need not be shown on the application blank; otherwise a full three-generation pedigree of ancestors of the cat being registered must be shown. Registration numbers from other associations must be shown for all ancestors not registered with TICA.

39.11 Cats erroneously listed on the application for registration as to sex, color, or otherwise must be corrected at the owner's expense and the former registration certificate must be returned to the registrar's office for cancellation.

39.12 A cat registered in the ancestry or hybridization record and subsequently found qualified for stud book registration may be transferred upon receipt of a new application, surrender of the original certificate, and payment of the transfer fee.

39.13 A certificate will be issued by the association evidencing the registration of the cat. Such certificate shall show the date registered, name and registration number of the cat, date of birth, breed, and color, names and registration numbers of the sire and dam, and name of owner and name of breeder.

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**309.9.13** *If the registration certificate from the other registry does not indicate that breeding is allowed or disallowed, then the TICA registration will not restrict the use of the cat in a breeding program.*

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39.14. Each cat shall be assigned a unique registration number and a breed/gender/color description code and a registration status code.

39.14.1 The unique registration number consists of the cat's birthday (six digits) followed by a sequence number (three or more digits) to ensure uniqueness among cats with identical birth dates.

Example: 092178-004 is the fourth cat registered which was born on September 21, 1978.

39.14.2 The registration status code as provided in ARTICLE SIX, 36.7 of these rules will be prefixed to the registration number to indicate eligibility for championship exhibition, etc.

39.14.3 The description code is composed of three parts. The first part is the cat's breed, as provided in 701.4 of the TICA Standing Rules. The second part is the gender code, as provided in ARTICLE FIVE, 35.1. The third part is the color class as provided in the Uniform Color Descriptions.

39.15 The registered ownership of a cat may be transferred to another owner upon filing with the registrar a written assignment of ownership, surrender of the certificate of registration, and payment of the transfer fee.

39.16 Record of lease on cats registered in this association should be filed with the registrar.

39.17 A certified three- or five-generation pedigree, of any cat registered in the stud book, ancestry record, or hybridization record, as and to the extent the pedigree is shown therein, will be furnished by the registrar upon a request signed by or consented to by the registered owner of the cat and accompanied by the required fees.



## **ARTICLE TEN - *Litter Registrations***

310.1 A litter of kittens must be registered with TICA provided the dam of the litter is registered with TICA. If the sire of the litter is not registered with TICA but is registered with another association, a copy of his certified pedigree from a recognized registering body showing three generations of pedigree or pedigree to the extent of his registration in the other association must accompany the application for litter registration. The copy shall then be attached to the application for a record in the association files.

310.2 The application to register a litter shall show the names and registration numbers of the sire and dam, the date of birth, the number of male kittens and the color of each, the number of female kittens and the color of each, the name of the breeder, and the name of the owner of the sire.

310.3 The secretary shall issue a certificate of litter registration, which shall show the registration number of the litter and the serial number of each kitten. No kitten from such litter shall thereafter be individually registered unless the individual application for registration of a cat of a registered litter issued by the association is presented.

310.4 If the applicant for the litter registration is not the owner of the sire of the litter, then the owner of the sire must sign the litter application or a breeding certificate signed by the owner of the sire must accompany the application for TICA files.

310.5 In the instance of a litter with more than one sire, a separate application should be submitted for each sire, following the procedures outlined in 310.1-310.4 of this Article. A note from the breeder stating that the kittens were the product of a mixed litter should accompany such application for TICA's files.

## **ARTICLE ELEVEN - *Non-domestic Felines***

311.1 Non-domestic felines (i.e., cats other than *Felis domesticus*) shall be permitted for registration purposes under Category V (see ARTICLE SEVEN, 37.7) of these Registration Rules. They shall not be accepted for championship, however.

311.2 Progeny of hybrid crosses between domestic and non-domestic felines shall be accepted for registration purposes under Category VI (see ARTICLE SEVEN, 37.7) of these registration rules. Such cats may be considered for championship only with approval of the Genetics Committee, which will decide minimal requirements for recognition. The following criteria may be considered minimal guidelines for recognition: the non-domestic feline may no longer appear within a three generation pedigree, both sexes of such cats are normally fertile when bred with domestic cats, and a stable karyotype indistinguishable from that of a domestic cat can be demonstrated. These guidelines may be modified at the discretion of the Genetics Committee.

## **ARTICLE TWELVE - Amendments to Registration Rules**

312.1 These registration rules may be amended only by a mail vote of the members of the association as provided in the By-Laws of the association with the exception of the provisions for assignment of breed and color codes for registration purposes as provided in 701.2, 701.3 and 701.4 of the TICA Standing Rules and ARTICLE FOUR, 34.2.

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