

**SHOW RULES**  
**Extract from CCI Regulations**

1. The receipt of a Show Application does not constitute an invitation to enter this show and the Show Committee or Committee reserves the right to return or refuse any Application. Such decision will be notified in writing at least 14 days prior to the Show date.
2. Fees must be paid with the Application and are not refundable
3. Cheques must be made payable to Birman Cat Club of Canberra Inc..
4. Cheques returned unpaid by the bank must be replaced by a Postal Order, Cash or Bank Cheque for the original amount of the entry fees plus an additional amount of \$30.00, to cover fees incurred by BCC of C Inc, within seven days or all applications covered by that cheque will be cancelled.
5. Applications cannot be accepted over the telephone.
6. The Entry Clerk reserves the right to transfer entries not correctly entered.
7. Each exhibit must be entered under the registered owner's name. Cattery Prefixes will not be accepted.
8. **All exhibits (local or otherwise) must comply with full register regulations as applicable to Capital Cats Inc. Applications for entry must be accompanied by a copy of the exhibits registration certificate and if not included on the registration certificate a 4-generation certified correct pedigree. Tabby exhibits, other than pointed and Rex coated, must have the coat pattern clearly shown on the entry. In the case of kittens the stated coat pattern may be changed at any time prior to the first judging of that exhibit at the Show. A cat shall not be exhibited at a Recognised show in a class for Experimental Breeding unless it has been registered with CCI Inc in the Experimental Breeding Register or is registered by another recognised Governing Body in an Experimental Breeding Program which is acceptable to CC Inc. No challenges will be awarded in classes for Experimental Breeds, one Best in Section will be awarded to each breed and sex and these exhibits shall not be eligible for Best in Show awards.**
9. Any interstate or overseas exhibit must be individually registered with a Governing Body recognised by CCCA or ACF in the registered owner's area of residence. Litter registration for exhibits over 6 months of age and registration pending and will not be accepted.
10. A copy of each exhibit's registration must accompany the application to enter. Exhibits under 9 months of age must have Veterinary evidence of vaccination no more than 12 months old and in the case of a kittens first and only inoculation must be between 3 and 6 weeks before the date of the show and signed by a veterinarian.
11. **APPLICATION FOR ENTRY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR KITTENS UNDER 12 WEEKS OF AGE ON THE DAY OF THE SHOW.**
12. Animals may be entered on exhibition provided they meet all the criteria as set down by Committee.
13. No cat showing signs of pregnancy may be exhibited
14. No lactating cat is to be exhibited without her litter or part thereof which must also be entered in the Show (ref. Rule 12)
15. Exhibits must be brought into the Show Hall securely contained in adequate carrying receptacles and must pass veterinary inspection, at the discretion of CCI., before being judged. **THE DECISION OF THE VETERINARY OFFICER IS FINAL.**
  - (i) Any exhibit which is considered to show symptoms of contagious disease, is lice or flea infested and/or dirty, must be removed from the hall immediately and all other exhibits of the owner and all other exhibits travelling to the Show Hall or resident with the rejected exhibit must be removed from the hall immediately.
  - (ii) Any exhibit which is considered to not be in show condition or which in the opinion of the Veterinary officer may require further inspection must be removed from its judging cage and placed in the quarantine area.
16. No exhibit shall enter the hall if it has at any time in the period.
  - A. 21 days immediately preceding the date of the Show been in contact with, or suffered from, any infectious disease (other than fungal infection) or been in contact, with or resident on the same premises as, a cat with an infectious disease.
  - B. 42 days immediately preceding the Show suffered from fungal infection, or been in contact with, or resident on the same premises as, a person or animal with fungal infection.
  - C. is from a cattery which has not been cleared from a quarantine period
18. Exhibitors must provide coloured or white curtains and a towel, blanket or other like material covered foam for each cage occupied by their exhibits. **Donuts and cat beds are not allowed in cages during judging.** These must be in place prior to the commencement of judging. Curtains are to not to have any attachments which could affect the health of the cat.
19. **Litter trays may be left in cages during judging, no other litter is allowed to be used other than our sponsor litter.**
20. Any exhibit not in its cage at the commencement of judging in that bay will not be judged in that ring.
21. Distinguishing objects are not allowed in or on cages during judging.
22. All persons, other than show officials, must vacate the immediate vicinity of the cages during judging.
23. Foodstuffs are not allowed in cages prior to judging (*note: not applicable at open shows*)
24. Methylated spirits or atomiser sprays are not allowed to be used in the hall. Talcum powder or other like substance is not allowed to be applied to or brushed from an exhibit whilst in the hall.
25. **Any exhibit which has not had the claws on both front and hind paws clipped will be disqualified.**

26. Any exhibit which is considered to be manifesting symptoms of being under sedation will be disqualified.

27. Definitions of UTJ and UTH as determined by CCCA are as follows:

*Any cat that is unable to be safely taken from the cage to the table and handled sufficiently to be judged is to be declared **UNABLE TO BE JUDGED (UTJ)** by the judge and no award is to be made. This is effective in that ring only, with no cumulative effect towards disqualification.*

*Any cat that shows aggression towards people, especially any cat that bites or deliberately scratches someone, is automatically declared **UNABLE TO BE HANDLED (UTH)**. There is to be no further judging on the day and a readable sign should be displayed on the cage and the owner notified. Any cat declared UTH is disqualified from showing.*

The CCI regulations pertaining to these definitions are:

**An exhibit that bites any Show Official at any time at a Show shall be marked as fractious and shall be ineligible for any further judging at that Show and all paperwork shall be marked UTH. An exhibit so reported shall be disqualified ipso facto from exhibition at any subsequent Show.**

28. Cards and ribbons won at other shows may NOT be displayed at this show.

29. Exhibits may not be removed from the vicinity of their cages without permission of the Show Co-ordinator and may not be caged together unless part of the same litter and under 4 months of age.

30. If, during the course of the show, an exhibit is found to be ailing or distressed through any cause, the Show Co-ordinator may at his /her discretion, direct that the exhibit be removed from the hall or that a Veterinary Surgeon attend the exhibit. All costs of such Veterinary treatment shall be the responsibility of the exhibitor.

31. An exhibit which has fur missing (except where a small area has been shaved for blood testing), lacerations, contusions, puncture wounds, is obese, scarred or malnourished or has other like irregularities, may, at the discretion of the Judge, be marked as NSC (not in show condition). Identification tattoos on any cat and small healed tatters in stud cat's ears are excepted from this rule.

32. Any complaint must be in writing and lodged with Capital Cats Inc. together with a \$20.00 fee within seven days of

the Show. The fee is refundable if the objection, complaint or appeal is upheld or is found by Capital Cats Inc not to have been frivolous.

33. The onus is on the Exhibitor or their Agent to ensure that the exhibit is correctly entered in the catalogue prior to the commencement of judging.

34. Sterilised adult exhibits may not compete against entire exhibits except for Supreme Exhibit in Show awards.

**35. THE DECISION OF THE JUDGE IS FINAL. EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN A COURTEOUS MANNER AND UNSEEMLY OR DISRUPTIVE CONDUCT OR COMMENTS MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.**

36. No responsibility is taken for any injury, loss or damage to exhibitors or exhibits resulting from or arising out of any accident, incident or happening whilst the exhibits or exhibitors are in the Show Hall or are travelling to or returning from the Show Hall.

37. Officiating judges may enter exhibits in this show but the exhibit(s) will be automatically withdrawn from any section which that judge is assessing. A judge shall not judge an exhibit which is perceived to be connected with that judge by the way of being registered, bred by or resided with the judge until a period of 3 months for a kitten or 6 months in the case of a cat has elapsed since the sale, transfer or relocation of the exhibit. Such exhibits may be entered in other rings of a multi-ring.

38. If, due to unforeseen circumstances, sponsorship is not forthcoming for classes where trophies are sponsored, these will not be given by Birman Cat Club of Canberra Inc.

39. Cancellation of the Show for any reason: It is agreed between the parties that, if in the sole discretion of the Show Committee or BCC of C Inc. or some other authorised officer the Show is to be partially or fully cancelled for any reason whatsoever, the exhibitor shall not pursue BCC of C Inc. for the recovery of lost income or damages. This complete bar to an action applies to all headings of Law, whether it be Common Law, in Contract or Tort or pursuant to any State, Territory or Commonwealth Statute Law. It is acknowledged by the exhibitor that Capital Cats Inc. has no duty to have a Show in any particular year and that this clause operates as a complete defence for Capital Cats Inc. to any such action.