

Part B – Exhibitions

B.1 – Exhibition

B.1.1 – National, International exhibition

Each full member of WCF or member under patronage registered with the WCF is entitled to organize national exhibitions (titles not higher than CAC/CAP) or international exhibitions (all titles) in its own country or in a country, where member-clubs of WCF do not exist.

B.1.2 – Shows in a country, where a member of WCF already exists

If a WCF-club wants to organize an exhibition in another country, where at least one member-club of the WCF already exists, this member-club has to agree or shall organize the exhibition together with the latter club.

B.1.3 – Joint-exhibition (Combined exhibition)

B.1.3.1 - Definition

WCF exhibitions, which are held together with another Non-WCF organization, or exhibitions, which are held by Non-WCF organizations on the same day in the same exhibition grounds, with separate or shared catalogues, and separate or joint exhibition posters, with separate or joint judges, and with separate or joint BIS, are joint-exhibitions (Joint shows).

WCF exhibitions that take place in the same exhibition ground, the same day or the same weekend, but which do not have joint advertisement, joint posters, joint catalogues or joint inscription forms, are not considered to be a Joint show.

B.1.3.2 - Limit for joint shows with non-WCC organizations

Each club can only organize a joint show with non-WCC organizations once a year.

Exception: Major projects in Moscow according to the special Moscow rules.

B.1.3.3 - Permission

To organize a Joint-exhibition which do not belong to the World Cat Congress (WCC) or belong to one contract partner of the WCF, a WCF member must ask for permission from appointed (Extended) Board member at least 6 months prior to the date of exhibition. In case of positive permission, a WCF member can ask for a new license (or to ask to change the already issued license) for the Joint exhibition.

For the exhibition with any association belonging to World Cat Congress (WCC) a special permission is not needed.

The procedure for licensing is the same as for a usual WCF exhibition

Joint shows with associations, which do not belong to the World Cat Congress (WCC) or belong to one contract partner of the WCF and invite the judges, who are under suspension or whose license has been revoked by WCF, are not allowed. Already issued licenses for joint shows lose their validity if the above occurs.

B.1.4 – Special permissions

Each WCF club (full members, clubs under patronage) can request one special permission in a year. Joint shows do not belong to it. A special permission requires the double licensing fee. The club may not have disciplinary proceedings.

There are no special permissions for deviations from the rules.

B.1.5 – One-day exhibition

All WCF-exhibitions are one-day exhibitions. They can be held for up to three consecutive days. In three-one-days exhibitions the number of judges according to B.1.7.3 is required for each day.

B.1.6 - Only one certificate per day

In all WCF-exhibitions each cat may be judged traditionally only once per day (exception B.1.7).

Even the cat is absent on the first day, it may not be judged twice on the second or third day. Any violation of this rule will be dealt by the Disciplinary Commission.

B.1.7 – One day with two certificates (Double judgement)

B.1.7.1 – Double judgement

The double judgement can be issued for 1 or 2 days. The license fee for D-numbers must be paid additionally per day.

B.1.7.2 – Approval

The approval of a double judgement is only possible if no other WCF exhibition takes place within 4 weeks (note: 2 weeks before and 2 weeks after the exhibition) in the same WCF region or a country without existing regions. Exception: Exhibitions within the framework of a trade fair.

Double judging cannot be authorized for World Shows, Joint Shows, WCF Olimpia, WCC meetings and similar events.

B.1.7.3 – Judges

At least three judges must be invited. All categories need to be guarded triple redundant by the judges. (Example: 3-Allbreed judges or two judges Allbreed, 1 judge for the group LH / SLH and 1 judge for the group SH/SO/HL)

B.1.7.4 – Best in Show, Best Variety

Nominations for Best in Show are not allowed, “Best Variety” may not be awarded.

B.1.8 – National exhibition

At least 40 cats must be registered in the catalogue. It must have at least one all-breed judge. Only national titles (up to CAC and CAP) may be awarded. No rings or single breed shows may be performed with only one judge present.

B.1.9 – International exhibition

At least 80 cats must be entered in the catalogue for an international exhibition.

An International exhibition must be held in the official or one of the working languages of the WCF.

B.1.10 – Exhibitions in remote regions

Shows held in remote regions (Israel, the Far East, the Island states and regions, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand) can be held 2 exhibitions in one day. The application for the license must be sent at least 2 months prior to the show, two C numbers must be used. The shows must be visibly interrupted. At least three WCF judges must judge.

B.1.11 – Exhibitions on islands**– Conditions**

In a period of 2 weeks before the island exhibition, no exhibition can take place in the country to which the island belongs. For countries that are divided into regions, this regulation applies analogously in the region designated by the WCF to which the island belongs.

If the entire country is geographically an island, it will be considered an island for the purposes of this rule only if the population does not exceed 1 million inhabitants.

Each club is only permitted to hold a maximum of two island shows per year (= four one-day shows).

The island must be completely separated from the mainland (no bridge, tunnel, or similar).

Certificates and titles for island shows are to be observed analogously under D.13

B.1.12 – Special exhibition rules for Moscow

All requests for licenses in Moscow and at a distance of at least 100 km bee-line from Moscow must be sent for approval to the Chairperson of the Show Commission (licenses for shows at a distance of 200 km and more will be treated as any other license). After approval, the requests are forwarded to the license manager for issuance of the license.

B.1.12.1 - Exhibition zones in Moscow

Division of Moscow into 6 exhibition zones - North, West, Centre, South, East 1, East 2.

B.1.12.2 - Time limit between two international exhibitions in the same exhibition zone

The minimum interval between two exhibitions in the same exhibition zone is 3 weeks.

B.1.12.3 – Minimum distance between exhibitions

The minimum distance between exhibitions in Moscow and exhibitions outside Moscow at the same time shall be 100 km bee-line.

Each WCF club and each WCF contract partner is entitled to organize exhibitions in other cities with a distance of at least 100 km bee-line from Moscow (Tver, Vladimir, Tula, Ryazan etc.) on the same day as exhibitions in Moscow.

B.1.12.4 – Show licenses

Licenses for zones in Moscow and in cities at least 100 km bee-line from Moscow are marked in the license as follows:

“Moscow (central area)” or “(outside Moscow with permission)” and are published in the same way in the show calendar

B.1.12.5 - Show licenses for major projects in Moscow

Dates for licenses due to large projects may be given priority.

An official confirmation of the sponsors must be sent to the Chairwoman of the Show Commission together with the application for the show license.

The license for a large project must be applied for at least 6 months before issuance.

If a show by another club already exists at the same time in the same zone, it may be held. If this club wishes to transfer the show to another date or zone, the additional license fees must be paid by the organizing club of the show with the large project.

In the event that the amended issue date of the license is carried forward to another year, it shall be given priority.

Each club may hold an exhibition of this kind only once a year.

B.1.13 – Only one exhibition per member/weekend

Each WCF member may hold only one show on the same weekend.

B.1.14 - Time limit between two International exhibitions in the same city

Minimum time limit between 2 shows in the same city is 3 weeks.

B.1.15 – International exhibitions of new clubs

New clubs must invite on their first five exhibitions (five licenses) a member of the (Extended) Board or a member of the Show or Judges commission or a WCF authorized person as an official representative of the (Extended) Board or the commissions.

This person has the name "Supervisor".

If the supervisor repeatedly documents the club's inadequate readiness to obey the WCF rules, the Show commission must decide, if necessary, to extended supervisor.

The supervisor is not allowed to judge at the exhibition or participate as student judge or steward, but only supervise the exhibition secretariat and to check the compliance with the rules. He can perform WCF Fun Shows with a maximum of 25 cats per day.

The costs of the supervisor (travel expenses, accommodation, meals) are to be borne by the organizer.

B.2 – Licensing**B.2.1 – Licensing by the Show Licensing Manager**

All exhibitions must be licensed by the Show Licensing Manager or the Show commission that titles and awards are encountered to be valid.

B.2.2 – Content of the application for a license

The application for the license must contain the following information: status of the exhibition, license numbers, if applicable double judgement, name of the main club, clubcode of the main club, the date of the exhibition (day, month, year), name of co-organizing club(s)/contract partner(s), place of exhibition (country and city), WCF region (see appendix-1), continental area, Special Breed Shows, WCF Fun Shows. Judges with country, organization and qualifications as well as participating student judges and examination candidates.

B.2.3 – Term of application for the license

Applications for show licenses are not permitted to be forwarded less than 6 weeks prior to the show after having transferred the license fee to the account of the WCF, and they must include all required information. If a club organizes an exhibition without any license it will be punished to pay a fine, which has to be paid within 30 days. In case of repetition an expulsion is impending. Titles / certificates do not have any validity.

B.2.3.1 – Belated applications

39th-30th day before the 1st day of the exhibition – double license fee

29th-20th day before the 1st day of the exhibition – triple license fee

19th day and less before the 1st exhibition day – quadruple license fee and special permission of the board

B.2.4 – Other deadlines

Change of date or place of exhibition - up to the 7th day before the 1st day of the exhibition.

Change exhibition status, change/addition double judgement, changes/additions student judge, examinee, supervisor, WCF rings, Breed shows, WCF Fun shows - up to the 5th day before the 1st day of the exhibition.

Addition or change of judges - up to the last day before the 1st day of the exhibition.

Cancellation of the exhibition - MANDATORY no later than 3 days before the 1st day of the exhibition.

B.2.5 – Information about the license

The licenses will be forwarded within 14 days to the club, the board of the WCF, the coordinator of the judges, to all judges concerned having an email-address, and to the chairman of the show commission if having an email-address.

B.2.6 – Fee

A fee for the license has to be paid according to the regulations for fees.

B.2.7 – Fees already paid are to expire in case of change of the location or date

Any change of the location or the date results in the deletion of the show. Already paid fees will expire. It may be applied for a new license for which a new fee has to be paid.

B.2.8 – Publication in the show calendar

The publication of the exhibition on the WCF website can only be guaranteed if the application with all the necessary data is received in time (6 weeks).

B.2.9 – Judges listed in the license

Only these judges listed in the license are permitted to judge in this show.

B.2.10 - Special Breed Shows and WCF Fun Shows listed in the license

Only Special Breed Shows (additional Best in Show) and WCF Fun Shows listed in the license may be held at the show.

B.2.11 – License must be printed in the catalogue.

Show licenses must be printed on the first pages of the catalogue.

If a license is not published, the titles and certificates of that show will not be valid.

B.2.12 – Invitation of judges before the application for a license

Clubs must invite the judges, before they apply for a show license, and then may forward their application including all required data.

B.2.13 - License invalid

The license will become invalid with suspension or expulsion of the requesting club, likewise with non-prolongation of patronage.

B.3 – Distance between international exhibitions**B.3.1 – Minimum distance between two international exhibitions: 200 km**

An international exhibition to be licensed may not be organized too close to another already licensed exhibition in the same or neighbour region.

The required distance is 200 km bee-line, or the agreement of the first licensee will be required.

B.3.2 – One exhibition per month in the same city

There cannot be licensed more than one exhibition for each club in the same city per month.

B.4 – Judges**B.4.1.1 – Invitation of judges with judge's permission issued by the WCF**

Each member of the WCF may invite only judges or guest-judges with a valid judge's permission issued by the WCF to its exhibitions and who are listed in the official judges' list of the WCF. It is recommended to make a written contract or to write by email. WCC and LOOF judges/guest judges are counted as WCF judges.

B.4.1.2 – Invitation of guest-judges without judge's permission issued by the WCC

Each member of the WCF may invite guest-judges without judge's permission issued by the WCF to its exhibitions in the proportion of two WCF judges/guest-judges (definition s. B.4.1.1) to one guest-judge without judge's permission issued by the WCC and LOOF.

The Judges commission must receive copies of the evidence of the exams of the judge for verification and authorization before the filing of the license application.

This verification must be carried out again in each individual case and is a fee-based service of the WCF.

B.4.2 – At least one judge from another region or country

At international exhibitions minimum one judge must be from another country or region of WCF than the country / region, in which the exhibition is organized.

B.4.3 – At least two Allbreed judges must judge on international exhibitions without Special shows

On these international exhibitions minimum two Allbreed judges must judge

B.4.3.1 – If there are only two judges, only judges with WCF-judge's permission are permitted

In an exhibition with only two judges all judges must be permitted by the WCF

B.4.3.2 – Minimum three judges must judge on international exhibitions with Special shows

On these international exhibitions minimum three judges must judge, of which must be at least two Allbreed judges.

B.4.4 – Reimbursement of expenses, catering for judges

The inviting club has to reimburse the invited judges their travel expenses: tickets, costs for fuel in case of travelling by car, lodging (standard single room, not less than 3-stars), if necessary costs for the taxi to and from the airport (to and from the rail station) in the judge's hometown and the city of the exhibition, unless the club will pick up and transfer the judge. The club has to pay for the food of the judge on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, if necessary, including the breakfast for Monday.

B.4.5 – Reimbursement must be before the Best in Show

The organizing club must reimburse the judge before the Best in Show on the first day, at latest before the Best in Show on the second day. There are no exceptions. Judges are entitled not to appear to the Best in Show in case the club did not reimburse them in time.

B.4.6 – Currency of reimbursement

All expenses are paid in Euros or in the currency of the judge's home country.

B.5 – Accepted breeds**B.5.1 – Entering accepted breeds**

It is permitted to enter these cat breeds into WCF- exhibitions, which are recognized or accepted by WCF.

B.5.2 – Entering of non-accepted breeds

Other breeds may also be exhibited: non-recognized breeds, provisionally accepted breeds, non-accepted breeds. They will not receive any titles.

B.6 – Veterinary**B.6.1 – Compliance with country specific regulations**

Each organizing club is responsible to comply with the veterinary regulations and regulations valid in the concerned country.

B.6.2 – Veterinary inspection at the entrance

According to regulations of veterinary authorities the entry of cats may be controlled by one or more licensed veterinaries. Furthermore, the organizing club may decide upon additional regulations.

B.7 – Use of the logo of the WCF**B.7.1 – The WCF-emblem is required in the show hall**

In the show hall on the stage the emblem of the WCF must be present, the size not less than 120 x 120 cm. Each colour is permitted, but green is recommended.

B.7.2 – Use of the logo of the WCF in documents

Each organizing club must clearly show his membership in the WCF by using the logo of the WCF in his documents, on the posters, in the application forms, judge's reports, at the information counter and on stage.

B.8 – Show catalogues and protocols**B.8.1 – One page of the catalogue must be used for the WCF**

All show catalogues must have one page used for the WCF, including the name and contact address of the board members.

B.8.2 - The catalogue must be created in one of the official or working WCF languages

The catalogue must be created in one of the official or working WCF languages.

The club is allowed to create an additional catalogue or to include additional information in the main catalogue in the national language.

B.8.3 – Catalogues and show documents must be forwarded to the WCF

To control the compliance with the rules, the responsible clubs must forward the show catalogue and copies of all protocols including the respective results to a person delegated by the WCF Board within 20 days after the exhibition by email to show.results@wcf.de. The documents should be sent by e-mail or in exceptional cases by letter, in the case of letters the date of the postmark applies.

B.8.4 – All protocols must be confirmed

All protocols must be confirmed by the responsible judges by name, stamp or signature.

B.8.5 – Fine in case of not forwarding the documents

Further exhibitions of the club will not be licensed, unless the show documents are received. If a club refuses to forward the show documents, that is encountered as violation of the rules and will be punished with a fine. Further exhibitions of the club will not be licensed, unless the fine is paid.

B.9 – Smoking prohibited**B.9.1 – Smoking prohibited in show rooms**

Smoking is strictly prohibited in all show rooms, in rooms used for seminars, etc. (everywhere where are cats).