

Part D – Judging in exhibitions of the WCF

D.1 – WCF has three types of judging in its exhibitions

D.1.1 – Traditional judging

Is permitted and mandatory in all countries, except in these countries, where tradition is different.

D.1.2 – WCF-Ring

Is permitted in all exhibitions, aside with traditional judging.

Owners shall indicate on the entry form of their cats, if their cats will participate in a WCF-Ring.

D.1.3 – Ring

This type of judging is permitted in Australia and New Zealand, it is only permitted in countries, where only this type of judging exists by tradition.

D.2 –The traditional judging

D.2.1 – Judging is open and anonymous.

The judgement in exhibitions is open and anonymous. Only the catalogue-number of the cat, breed, colour, date of birth, show class and sex are known by the judge. Each judge has to give a reason for his judgement on the judge's report.

D.2.2 – Open judgement

In principal judging shall be „open judging“, i.e. each judge is obliged to announce his judgements to the present people and to give the reasons for his judgement, if necessary.

D.2.3 – Judgement according to the rules and the standard

The judgement of cats in exhibitions of the WCF is performed according to the official standard and the rules of the WCF.

D.2.4 – Judging is indisputable

Judgement in exhibitions of the WCF is indisputable and is not subject of any comments. Discussions between exhibitors and judges concerning the judge's opinion are not permitted.

D.2.5 – Number of cats per judge

The number of cats to be judged traditionally will be limited to max. 40 cats per day. Cats that are to be judged (for example in WCF Rings or Special shows) beyond this number are limited to 110 cats per day and to be charged additionally, only after consultation with the judge. Nevertheless, it is recommended not to present too many cats to a judge that Best in Show may start in time.

D.2.6 – Chronological judging according to the show classes

In each colour the cats are judged chronologically according to the show classes of the WCF (from the highest to the lowest class, or vice-versa). Catalogues are printed in the same order, if the club requests to do so.

D.2.7 – Four ranks per class

For all cats only one title may be awarded per breed, colour, class, sex and per day. 4 ranks may be awarded with Excellent or Very Good, for Good no ranks are awarded.

D.2.8 – Judge protocol, judge's report and exhibition certificate

D.2.8.1 – General

The organizing club is responsible that all judge-protocols and -reports are issued and are given to the judge in time. To be judged cats in the double judgement must be marked in the judge protocol.

The judge's report form includes the logo of the WCF, the names of the clubs, their logos, city and date of the exhibition and, if necessary, the note on the double judgement. The judge's form report is filled out by the organizing club that it includes the catalogue number, breed and colour, WCF EMS coded and written, show class, sex and date of birth. There may not be data mentioned concerning the names of breeder, owner or cat.

D.2.8.2 – Exhibition certificate

In addition to the judge's report, each club is obliged to hand over the show certificate and, if applicable, the ring certificate(s) to the owner of the cat on the day of the show, unless the results are shown on the show certificate.

The exhibition certificate must contain the following information:

The word "certificate", the WCF logo, the type of exhibition, the names of the organizing clubs, their logos, the location, the country and the date of the exhibition. Also all information of the cat analogous to the judge's report, the name of owner as well as the title won, Best in Variety, special prize, nomination and possibly placement in the Best in Show, Best of Best with date of the day.

The exhibition certificate may contain the following information:

Participation and/or placement in a WCF ring, one emblem / logo of an official sponsor of the exhibition, but not bigger than the WCF logo.

D.2.8.3 – WCF Ring certificate

Separate ring certificates can be issued for the maximum of the first 10 cats placed. The winners must be specially labelled. Certificates of participation must be issued for all ring participants, if it is not mentioned on the show certificate.

They contain the word 'certificate' or 'certificate of participation', the WCF logo, the type of exhibition, the names of the organizing clubs, their logos, the place, the country and the date of the exhibition day, the type of WCF ring with placement, number of cats present in the ring, all information about the cat analogous to the judge's report, as well as the name of the owner.

Note: If it is a split ring, it must be noted on the certificates.

D.3 – Working place of the judge**D.3.1 – Equipment of the working place**

The judge is provided for his work with a working place free from visitors and exhibitors, with day light, which is equipped with a table and two chairs, disinfectant, paper towels, protocols and the judge's reports. Only the chief steward, a student judge and stewards or the owners bringing their cats are permitted to be present.

D.3.2 – Room

The rooms shall be selected in that way that exhibitors have free access to the judge's area without disturbing the judges in their work.

D.4 – Stewards

Stewards must be 16 years old and must be vaccinated against tetanus.

D.5 – Student judge**D.5.1 – Only one student per day**

Each judge may have a student judge, if he agrees, but only one student per day.

D.5.2 – Presence in the Best in Show

The student may ask questions, if the judge permits so.

He must be present during nomination for Best in Show and during the Best in Show.

D.6 – Hair categories**D.6.1 – Hair categories in traditional judging**

Traditional judging divides the cats in five hair categories (see breeds in standard):

- Longhair – cats with long hair coat
- Semi-Longhair – cats with semi-long coat.
- Shorthair – cats with short coat, except those cats listed as Siamese-ORI.
- Siamese/ORI – Siamese, Oriental SH, Mekong Bobtail, Thai, Tonkinese, Balinese, Oriental LH, Toybob.
- Hairless – cats without coat

D.6.2 – All breeds and classes must be judged completely in each hair category

In each hair category judges have to judge all breeds, colours and classes completely, including Best in Show and Best of Best.

D.6.3 – Cats are separated according to their breed, colour and sex

In each hair category cats are separated first by their breed, then by their colour, in each colour chronologically by the show class (top-down, or vice-versa), and in each class by their sex and by their age, starting with the adults.

D.7 – Show Classes of the WCF

D.7.1- Class structure and recognition of certificates

The WCF show classes are divided according to breed, colour, sex and age to ensure fair competition. Titles and certificates can be awarded on the basis of the points and results achieved. The next higher title may only be acquired after completion of the previous title.

Recognition of CACM and CAPM: CACM and CAPM certificates from shows that are not members of the WCF/no WCF shows are not recognised.

D.7.2 - Show Classes (numerical order)

Class 1: World Champion (WCH)

The cats are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex. They compete for the Prize of Honour (PH) and can also compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

Class 2: World Premior (WPR)

Neutered cats in this class are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex. They compete for the Prize of Honour (PH) and may also compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

Class 3: Grand European (Continental) Champion (GECH)

Cats compete for the title World Champion and may receive the CACM certificate, requiring a minimum of 98 points. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour sex and may compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

Class 4: Grand European (Continental) Premior (GEPR)

Neutered cats compete for the title World Premior and may receive the CAPM certificate, requiring a minimum of 98 points. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour, sex and may compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

Class 5: European (Continental) Champion (ECH)

Cats compete for the title Grand European (Continental) Champion and may receive the GCACE certificate, requiring a minimum of 97 points. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour, and sex and may compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

Class 6: European (Continental) Premior (EPR)

Neutered cats compete for the title Grand European (Continental) Premior and may receive the GCAPE certificate, requiring a minimum of 97 points. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

Class 7: Grand International Champion (GICH)

Cats compete for the title European (Continental) Champion and may receive the CACE certificate, requiring a minimum of 97 points. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

Class 8: Grand International Premior (GIPR)

Neutered cats compete for the title European (Continental) Premior and may receive the CAPE certificate, requiring a minimum of 97 points. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

Class 9: International Champion (ICH)

Cats compete for the title Grand International Champion and may receive the CAGCIB certificate, requiring a minimum of 95 points. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

Class 10: International Premior (IPR)

Neutered cats compete for the title Grand International Premior and may receive the CAGPIB certificate, requiring a minimum of 95 points. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

Class 11: Champion (CH)

Cats compete for the title International Champion and may receive the CACIB certificate, requiring a minimum of 95 points. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

Class 12: Premior (PR)

Neutered cats compete for the title International Premior and may receive the CAPIB certificate, requiring a minimum of 95 points. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

Class 13: Open Class (starting at 10 months) - CAC

Cats compete for the title Champion and may receive the CAC certificate, requiring a minimum of 93 points. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

Class 14: Neuter Class (starting at 10 months) - CAP

Neutered cats compete for the title Premior and may receive the CAP certificate, requiring a minimum of 93 points. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour, and sex and may compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

Class 15: Junior Class (6-10 months) - CACJ

Cats compete for the title Junior Champion (JCH) and may receive the CACJ certificate, requiring a minimum of 90 points. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

Class 15a: Neutered Junior Class (6-10 months) - CAPJ

Neutered cats compete for the title Junior Premior (JPR) and may receive the CAPJ certificate, requiring a minimum of 90 points. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show.

Class 16: Kitten Class (3-6 months) - CACP

Cats compete for the title Kitten Champion (KCH) and may receive the CACP certificate, requiring a minimum of 90 points. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour, patterns and sex and may compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

Class 16a: Neutered Kitten Class (3-6 months) - CAPP

Neutered cats compete for the title Kitten Premior (KPR) and may receive the CAPP certificate, requiring a minimum of 90 points. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

Class 17: Novice Class

Cats without a registered pedigree may be exhibited once in the Novice Class starting at 6 months of age. The exhibition must take place within the cat's own organization, under the supervision of the club's breeding committee. The club must provide the judge with a written explanation detailing the reason for the cat's exhibition in this class. To be registered, the cat must receive an "Excellent" qualification, requiring a minimum of 88 points, with signatures from two judges. They are not ranked and no title certificate is awarded. They may compete in the Variety Ring.

Class 18: Colour Determination Class

Kittens from 3 months old may be exhibited to determine their colour. They may receive a qualification, but not a title certificate. They may compete in the Variety Ring.

Class 19: Household Pets

Household pets are neutered cats that do not correspond to a recognized breed according to their phenotype. They are ranked and may receive the qualification "Excellent", requiring a minimum of 88 points. They are separated by hair length (HPL/HPS), colour, and sex and may compete for Best in Show. Household pets receive an exhibition certificate with the respective judgement result. They can participate in the Variety Ring but not higher. After winning the third BiS, they can receive a title certificate from their WCF member club upon request of the owner.

Class 20: Litter Class (3-6 months)

A litter must consist of at least 3 kittens of the same breed. They are judged as a group based on their development, with a focus on excellent traits. They are separated and ranked by the breed and may receive the qualification "Excellent", requiring a minimum of 88 points for each kitten in the litter, but do not receive a title certificate. Litters may compete for Best in Show.

Class 21: Veteran Class

This class is for pedigreed cats older than 8 years. They are separated and ranked by breed, colour, and sex and may receive the qualification "Excellent" (with at least 95 points) and may compete for Best in Variety and Best in Show. The judgement is based on the general rules of the competition (D.2.7)

Class 22a: Provisionally recognized breeds

Provisionally recognized breeds are exhibited in this class in all colours. Cats are separated and ranked by breed, colour, and sex and may receive the qualification "Excellent", requiring a minimum of 88 points, but do not receive a title certificate. They compete for Best in Variety, but not for Best in Show. They can only participate in the Variety Ring.

Class 22b: Provisionally recognized colours to recognized breeds

Cats with provisionally recognized colours for recognized breeds are exhibited in this class. Cats are separated and ranked by breed, colour, and sex and may receive the qualification "Excellent", requiring a minimum of 88 points, but do not receive a title certificate. They compete in –Best in Variety, but not for Best in Show. They can only participate in the Variety Ring, not higher.

Class 23: Breeds in the recognition process

Breeds and colour variations in the recognition process are exhibited here. Cats are separated and ranked by breed, colour and sex and may receive the qualification "Excellent", requiring a minimum of 88 points, but do not receive a title certificate. They compete neither for Best in Variety nor for Best in Show, they can only participate in the Variety Ring.

Class 24: Non-recognized breeds and colours

In this class, all non-recognized breeds and non-recognized colours are exhibited. Cats are ranked regardless of breed, age, hair category, sex and colour but do not receive a title certificate or compete for Best in Show. They can only participate in the Variety Ring.

Class 25: Out of competition

Cats exhibited in this class do not compete for any titles or certificates.

D.8 – Regions, continental areas**D.8.1 – Each region counts as a different country**

Some large countries, as Brazil, China, Kazakhstan, Russia, Ukraine, Australia, Republic of South Africa, Canada and the USA, are divided into several WCF regions due to the size of their area, where each region counts as a different country for the award of titles of the WCF.

D.8.2 – Starting with European Champion (Continental Champion) a region does not count as another country

Starting with the title European Champion (Continental Champion) and higher the normal rules and show classes of the WCF apply, and another country is absolutely required. For the titles CACM, CAPM another continental area is required.

D.8.3 – Continental areas or territories of WCF

For the title CACM, CAPM the world is divided into equal continental areas, as follows:

1. Continental area Europe
2. Continental area Asia
3. Continental area Africa with Canary Islands
4. Continental area Australia with Oceania and Polynesian Islands
5. Continental area North America
6. Continental area Central America with Caribbean Islands
7. Continental area South America
8. Continental area Middle East

Remark:

Please refer to Annex-1, and also to the tables of the homepage of the WCF including all countries belonging to continental area concerning the titles.

D.9 – Best Variety

D.9.1 – Best in Variety (BIV)

Best in Variety (BIV) may be awarded if at least 3 non-neutered cats of the same breed and color are present, regardless of age (kittens 3-6 months, kittens 6-10 months, or adults).

At least 95 points are required for a cat to receive the BIV title, which is awarded to the best cat in the group. Neutered cats are excluded from this category; they have their own separate BIV award.

D.9.2 – Awarding Best in Variety in non-neutered cats

If there are at least 3 non-neutered cats of the same breed and color present, BIV may be awarded.

If there are at least 3 adult cats and at least 3 kittens (from both Kittens 3-6 and Kittens 6-10 groups), two separate BIV titles may be awarded: one for adults and one for kittens.

If there are at least 3 kittens 3-6 months, at least 3 kittens 6-10 months, and at least 3 adult cats, then 3 separate BIV titles may be awarded: one for each group (kittens 3-6 months, kittens 6-10 months, and adults).

If there are fewer than 3 cats in any group (kittens 3-6, kittens 6-10, or adults), the groups are combined, and a single BIV is awarded for the combined group.

In all cases, BIV cannot be refused if at least one cat in the group meets the 95-point qualification. The BIV title is awarded to the best cat in each group.

D.9.3 – Best in Variety for neutered cats

Best in Variety is awarded to neutered cats if at least 3 neutered cats of the same breed and color are present, regardless of their age.

Neutered kittens (3-6 months and 6-10 months) and neutered adults are considered together as one group, and only one BIV is awarded.

The BIV cannot be refused if at least one cat in this group has met the 95-point qualification.

D.10 – Best in Show

D.10.1 – Best in Show

Best in Show is conducted in the follows way, with the order of presentations determined by the show organizer:

D.10.2 – For each hair category its own Best in Show

Five Best in Shows are performed in an exhibition, on each day or once for two days. For each hair category of the WCF, Longhair, Semi-Longhair, Shorthair, Siamese-ORI and Hairless a separate BIS is performed, if at least 10 cats are present in each hair category in the exhibition.

D.10.3 – Merging of categories in case of less than 10 cats

If there are less than 10 cats present in a hair category, these cats are merged with another hair category, as follows: Longhair with Semi-Longhair, Shorthair with Siamese/ORI or/and Hairless.

If the number of 10 cats is not reached in one of the main categories, when joining hair categories, the Best in Show is made for all hair categories joined together.

LH/SLH: Longhair with Semi-Longhair

SIA/ORI: Siamese/Oriental SH with Shorthair

SIA/ORI: Balinese/Oriental LH with Semi Longhair

HL: Don Sphynx/Canadian Sphynx with Shorthair

Following the decision of the organizing club, Hairless may also be assigned to the BIS SIA/ORI, if both groups together reach the number of at least 10 cats.

If the number of 10 cats is not reached when merging the hair categories in one of the two main categories, the Best in Show will be held jointly for all hair categories.

D.10.4 – Minimum requirement for nomination

To be nominated for Best in Show (BIS), a cat must receive at least 95 points according to the standard.

If a cat wins Best in Variety, it must be nominated for Best in Show, provided there is no competition within its age and sex class in the hair category. However, if there is competition, another cat from a different colour may be nominated. Instead, provided that it also meets the 95-point requirement.

Cats that do not win Best in Variety may still be nominated if they are in a different age or sex class from the Best in Variety winner (for example, if a kitten wins BIV over an adult cat, the adult cat may be nominated), provided they meet the 95-point requirement.

Household pets may also be nominated for Best in Show if they receive at least 95 points.

D.10.5 - Nomination

In each hair category, nomination cannot be refused if there is at least one cat in any of the following classes that has obtained the minimum points required for nomination. The judge should nominate the best of the following cats in each hair category, provided they have met the minimum point requirements, to participate in the Best in Show (BIS):

- Adult male
- Adult female
- Adult male Honour class
- Adult female Honour class
- Neutered adult male
- Neutered adult female
- Neutered male Honour class
- Neutered female Honour class
- Veteran male
- Veteran female
- Junior (6–10 months) male
- Junior (6–10 months) female
- Neutered junior (6–10 months) male
- Neutered junior (6–10 months) female
- Kitten (3–6 months) male
- Kitten (3–6 months) female
- Neutered Kitten (3–6 months) male
- Neutered Kitten (3–6 months) female
- Household pet male
- Household pet female
- Litter – if all the kittens in the litter (at least 3) received at least 95 points according to the breed standard.

Important clarification:

If there is no competition in a certain class (e.g. if there is only one neutered male cat) and the cat receives the minimum points, the nomination cannot be refused.

Remark:

According to the decision of the organizing club, judges may nominate:

- only one kitten (3–6 months) and one junior (6–10 months).
- only one household pet longhair and one household pet shorthair.
- up to three cats in each listed class may be nominated in each hair category, provided they are of different colours or breeds
- World Shows and Cat Olimpia are excluded from this decision

D.10.6 – Exotic Shorthair may also participate in the BIS in the hair category Longhair

Exotic Shorthair may participate in the BIS in the hair category Longhair upon decision of the organizing club.

D.10.7 - Identification of nominated cats

Nominated cats must have an identification note indicating their breed and colour besides their catalogue number.

D.10.8 – The judge must be licensed for the corresponding hair category.

Each judge may participate in voting of the BIS only in these hair categories, for which he is licensed.

D.10.9 – Voting

Judges vote openly on the stage for the Best in Show cat amongst all cats nominated according to article D.9.5.

If a judge requires secret voting, voting will be secret.

D.10.10 – In case of equal voting the judge is drawn by lottery

If voting is equal, the names of the judges are written on little papers and a visitor's child will draw one paper. The judge drawn will decide upon the best cat.

D.10.11 – Best in Show

Best in Show is conducted in the follows way, with the order of presentations determined by the show organizer:

D.10.11.1 - Best in Show Adult

First the best male and the best female adult cat are selected. Then both compete against each other. The winner receives the title 'Best in Show Adult' and the other cat receives the title 'Best in Show opposite Sex Adult'. The winner remains on stage for Best of Best Adult.

D.10.11.2 - Best in Show Adult Honour Class

First the best male and the best female adult cat are selected. Then both compete against each other. The winner receives the title 'Best in Show Adult Honour Class' and the other cat receives the title 'Best in Show opposite Sex Adult Honour Class'. The winner remains on stage for the Best of Best Adult Honour Class.

D.10.11.3 - Best in Show Neutered Adult

First, the best male and the best female neuter are selected. Then both compete against each other. The winner receives the title 'Best in Show Neuter' and the other cat receives the title 'Best in Show opposite Sex Neuter'. The winner remains on stage for the Best of Best Neutered Adult

D.10.11.4 - Best in Show Neutered Adult Honour Class

First the best neutered male and the best neutered female in the honour class are selected. Both then compete against each other. The winner will receive the title Best in Show Neutered Adult Honour Class, and the other cat will receive the title Best in Show Opposite Sex Neutered Adult Honour Class. The winner remains on stage for the Best of Best Neutered Adult Honour Class.

D.10.11.5 - Best in Show Veteran

First the best male cats and the best female veterans are selected. Then both compete against each other. The winner receives the title 'Best in Show Veteran' and the other cat receives the title 'Best in Show opposite Sex Veteran'. All veterans leave the stage after the voting.

D.10.11.6 - Best in Show Junior (6-10 months)

First the best male and the best female 6-10 months kitten are selected. Then both compete against each other. The winner receives the title 'Best in Show Junior 6-10 months' and the other cat receives the title 'Best in Show opposite Sex Junior 6-10 months'. The winner remains on stage for the Best of Best Junior

D.10.11.7 - Best in Show Neutered Junior (6-10 months)

First the best neutered male and the best neutered female junior (6–10 months) are selected. Then both compete against each other. The winner receives the title 'Best in Show Neutered Junior 6-10 months' and the other cat receives the title 'Best Opposite Sex Neutered Junior 6-10 months'. All neutered juniors leave the stage after the voting.

D.10.11.8 - Best in Show Kitten (3-6 months)

First the best male and the best female kitten (3–6 months) are selected. Then both compete against each other. The winner receives the title 'Best in Show Neutered Kitten 3-6 months' and the other cat receives the title 'Best in Show opposite Sex Neutered Kitten 3-6 months'. The winner remains on stage for the Best of Best Kitten.

D.10.11.9 - Best in Show Neutered Kitten (3-6 months)

First the best neutered male and the best neutered female kitten (3–6 months) are selected. Then both compete against each other. The winner receives the title 'Best in Show Neutered Kitten 3-6 months' and the other cat receives the title 'Best in Show opposite Sex Neutered Kitten 3-6 month'. All neutered kittens leave the stage after the voting.

D.10.11.10- Best in Show Litter

The judges select the Best in Show Litter amongst all nominated litters regardless of the hair category

D.10.11.11 – Best in Show Household Pet Longhair

First, the best male Household Pet Longhair and the best female Household Pet Longhair are chosen. Then both compete against each other. The winner receives the title 'Best in Show Household Pet LH' and the other cat receives the title 'Best in Show Opposite Sex Household Pet LH'. Household Pets do not take part in the Best of Best

D.10.11.12 – Best in Show Household Pet Shorthair

First, the best male Household Pet Shorthair and the best female Household Pet Shorthair are chosen. Then both compete against each other. The winner receives the title 'Best in Show Household Pet SH' and the other cat receives the title 'Best in Show opposite Sex Household Pet SH'. Household Pets do not take part in the Best of Best.

D.10.12– Special Breed Shows

Special Breed Shows may be organized for single breeds or breed groups. The procedure for nomination and Best in Show are as in the other groups. The winner may according to the rules participate in the Best of Best.

D.11 – Best of Best

D 11.1 - Requirements and preliminaries

Best of Best may only be held if at least one all-breed judge is present among the judges. The competition will be held on stage after the Best in Show. Only all-breed judges are authorised to vote for Best of Best from all hair categories and from special breed shows.

The participants for Best of Best are the winners of the Best in Show from all hair categories and winners of the special breed shows for the following groups:

- Adults
- Adult Honour Class
- Neutered adults
- Neutered Adult Honour Class
- Juniors (6-10 months)
- Kittens (3-6 months)

D 11.2 – Voting

Voting is conducted secretly. Judges rank the cats in each Best of Best group by assigning them a rank, marking the best cat with the number 1, the second best with the number 2, and so on. The cat with the lowest total score after all points are added by the show secretary or the show manager is declared the winner of Best of Best 1. The remaining cats are similarly ranked and announced in order as Best of Best 2, Best of Best 3, and so on.

D.11.3 – Neutered Kitten (3-6 months), neutered Juniors (6-10 months) and all Veterans

The show organizer is free to decide whether to hold a Best of Best competition for Neutered Juniors (6-10 months), Neutered Kittens (3-6 months), and Veterans.

Additionally, the organizing club may decide to combine Kittens and Neutered Kittens, Juniors and Neutered Juniors, or Kittens and Juniors regardless of whether they are neutered or non-neutered together, for the Best of Best competition. The voting and ranking procedure for these groups will be conducted in the same way as for others.

D.12 – Best General / Best Supreme

D.12.1 - Best General

At the decision of the organizing club, the winners of all Best of Best competitions on each day of the show may participate in the competition for Best General. Judges will vote for one cat, and the cat that receives the most votes will be declared as Best General for that day.

D.12.2 - Best Supreme

At the decision of the organizing club, the winners of the Best General competitions of the previous show days (including 3-day shows) can take part in the competition for Best Supreme on the last day of the show. The judges vote for one cat and the cat with the most votes is declared as Best Supreme of the show.

D.13 – Titles and Certificates

D.13.1 - Issue of certificates for titles

The certificates for the titles Kitten Champion, Junior Champion, Champion, International Champion, Grand International Champion, European (Continental) Champion, Grand European (Continental) Champion, and their equivalent Premior titles for neutered cats, are issued by the member clubs of the WCF.

The certificates for all Household Pet titles are also issued by the member clubs of the WCF.

The original certificates and judge's reports must be forwarded to the concerned member club immediately after a title is received and before exhibiting in the next higher class.

D.13.2 - Certificates for the titles World Champion/World Premior

The certificates for the titles World Champion and World Premior are issued by the WCF.

The application form for the World Champion / World Premior titles is available on the WCF website wcf.de/hof/Application_WCH_EN_2024.php. The form must be filled, stamped, and signed by the club requesting the World Champion or World Premior certificate and sent as a scan or PDF attached to the online form

D.13.3 - Participation of cats with the title WCH/WPR at WCF exhibitions

To participate in PH classes at WCF shows as a World Champion (WCH) or World Premior (WPR), the following conditions apply: Exhibitors must present the official WCH/WPR title certificate issued by the WCF.

This certificate can be uploaded to the Best-Cat system on the individual cat's profile or sent directly to the organizing club.

Until the official title certificate is issued, a cat may compete in the PH class under the following conditions for up to two months after obtaining the last CACM/CAPM title:

During the interim period (before receiving the certificate), a cat may compete in PH classes if the exhibitor provides:

- Proof of the Grand European Champion / Grand European Premior (GECH/GEPR) title
- The last three CACM/CAPM certificates.

D.13.4- Exhibition certificates & Title certificates

Each exhibitor receives an exhibition certificate (see D.2.8.2)

WCF members can apply for a title certificate at their member club or at the WCF (see 13.1 and 13.2)

D.13.5.1 – Titles for Non-neutered cats

1.Kitten Champion (KCH)

Awarded to Kittens 3-6 months who receive three CACP certificates from three different judges.

2.Junior Champion (JCH)

Awarded to Juniors 6-10 months who receive three CACJ certificates from three different judges.

3. Champion (CH)

Awarded to Adult Cats (starting at 10 months) who receive three CAC certificates from three different judges.

4. International Champion (ICH)

Awarded to cats who have achieved the Champion title and receive three CACIB certificates in two different countries from three different judges.

5. Grand International Champion (GICH)

Awarded to cats who have achieved the International Champion title and receive three CAGCIB certificates in two different countries from three different judges.

6. European (Continental) Champion (ECH)

Awarded to cats who have achieved the Grand International Champion title and receive three CACE certificates in three different countries from three different judges.

7. Grand European (Continental) Champion (GECH)

Awarded to cats who have achieved the European (Continental) Champion title and receive three GCACE certificates in three different countries from three different judges.

8, World Champion (WCH)

Awarded to cats who have achieved the Grand European (Continental) Champion title and receive three CACM certificates in three different countries, one of which must be from a different continent, from three different judges

D.13.5.2– Titles for Neuters

1.Kitten Premior (KPR)

Awarded to neutered kittens 3-6 months who receive three CAPP certificates from three different judges.

2.Junior Premior (JPR)

Awarded to neutered Juniors 6-10 months who receive three CAPJ certificates from three different judges.

3.Premior (PR)

Awarded to neutered adult cats (starting at 10 months) who receive three CAP certificates from three different judges.

4.International Premior (IPR)

Awarded to neutered cats who have achieved the Premior title and receive three CAPIB certificates in two different countries from three different judges.

5.Grand International Premior (GIPR)

Awarded to neutered cats who have achieved the International Premior title and receive three CAGPIB certificates in two different countries from three different judges.

6.European (Continental) Premior (EPR)

Awarded to neutered cats who have achieved the Grand International Premior title and receive three CAPE certificates in three different countries from three different judges.

7. Grand European (Continental) Premior (GEPR)

Awarded to neutered cats who have achieved the European (Continental) Premior title and receive three GCAPE certificates in three different countries from three different judges.

8. World Premior (WPR)

Awarded to neutered cats who have achieved the Grand European (Continental) Premior title and receive three CAPM certificates in three different countries, one of which must be from a different continent, from three different judges.

D.13.5.3 - Titles for Household Pets

The following titles can be awarded to household pets, based on the number of Best in Show (BIS) wins in WCF shows. The titles are prefixed to the name of the household pet and only the highest acquired title is used.

Separate titles are awarded to male and female household pets, with "Lord" being used for the neutered males and "Lady" for the spayed females.

1st Lord/Lady

Judged by 3 different judges and awarded after three BIS wins (Best in Show).

2nd International Lord/Lady (Int. Lord/Int. Lady)

Judged by 3 different judges and awarded after three additional BIS wins in at least two different countries.

3rd European (continental) Lord / Lady (Eur. Lord / Eur. Lady)

Judged by 3 different judges and after three additional BIS wins in three different countries.

4. World Lord / Lady (W. Lord / W. Lady)

Judged by 3 different judges and after three additional BIS wins in three different countries, one of which must be from another continent.

D.13.6 - Display of Titles

The highest acquired title is used as the prefix to the cat's name.

If the cat has earned the Kitten Champion (KCH) or Junior Champion (JCH) title, the highest title is written first, followed by KCH or JCH before the cat's name. If both titles have been earned, only JCH is used.

The same rule applies to neutered cats with the titles Kitten Premior (KPR) and Junior Premior (JPR).

The highest title is also used as a prefix for Household Pets, e.g. Lord / Lady, Int. Lord / Int Lady, Eur. Lord / Eur. Lady, or W. Lord / W. Lady.

D.13.7 - Use of titles after neutering

If a cat is neutered after having been awarded titles as a non-neutered cat, the most recently acquired Premior title is used alongside the highest non-neutered title.

For example, if a cat was World Champion (WCH) and later became International Premior (IPR), the title is displayed as IPR WCH in front of the cat's name.

D.14 - Certificates for international titles, special requirements**D.14.1 - Titles issued on islands**

Titles awarded on islands are considered international titles not only for foreign exhibitors but also for exhibitors travelling from the mainland of the country to which the island belongs.

For exhibitors resident on islands, titles acquired on the mainland to which the island belongs are counted as international points.

D.14.2 - Awarding of titles for members of clubs on islands and in Israel, South Africa,

Australia, New Zealand, USA

Members of clubs located on islands and in Israel, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and the USA are permitted to acquire the international titles CACIB/CAPIB and CAGCIB/CAGPIB there without leaving the island/country. Required number of respective title points: 6 x CACIB/CAPIB, 9 x CAGCIB/CAGPIB. All higher titles must be obtained according to the general rules.