

Part E – Organization of the WCF-Ring

E.1 – WCF-Rings

In all exhibitions of the WCF traditional judging and WCF-Rings may be organized simultaneously:

E.1.1 – WCF-Ring for all breeds and colours recognized by the WCF, WCC and LOOF

A ring for adult cats, a ring for altered cats and a ring for kittens 3-6 months (excluded 6 months), juniors 6-10 months (excluded 10 months). All competing cats in the exhibition classes 1 to 16a and 21 can participate in this WCF ring, regardless their breed, colour, class and gender:

E.1.1.1 - Adult Ring

All adult cats older than 10 months (10 month included) are judged together in this ring, the judge awards maximum ranks from 1 to 10.

E.1.1.2 – Alter Ring

All altered cats are judged together in the ring, the judge awards maximum ranks from 1 to 10. After the decision of the organizing club neutered Kitten/Junior can take part in the Kitten resp. Junior Ring instead.

E.1.1.3 – Kitten Ring

All kittens from 3-6 months (excluded 6 months) are judged together in the ring, the judge awards maximum ranks from 1 to 10.

E.1.1.4 – Junior Ring

All kittens from 6-10 months (excluded 10 months) are judged together in the ring, the judge awards maximum ranks from 1 to 10.

E.1.1.5 - Merging of Kitten – and Junior Ring

If the minimum number of 4 kittens and/or 4 juniors is not reached for separate rings, the junior ring and the kitten ring will be merged.

E.1.2 – Variety Ring for other breeds/colours

A common ring for Novices (class 17), cats in colour determination (class 18), Household Pets (class 19), provisionally recognized breeds (class 22a), cats with provisionally recognized colours to recognized breeds (class 22b), breeds in the recognition process (class 23) and non-recognized breeds and colours (class 24). Regardless of age, race, colour and gender, they can participate in this WCF ring.

The ring cannot be divided into show classes or other characteristics. There must be at least four participants, the judge awards a maximum of 1-10 places.

The winners cannot participate neither in the Olimpia Ring nor in a Master Ring or higher.

E.1.3 - World Champion (WCH) / World Premior (WPR) Ring

All cats that hold the title of World Champion (WCH) or World Premior (WPR.) may participate in this WCF ring. The organizing club may freely decide whether to offer this ring at the show.

If the ring is offered, the organizing club may also freely decide on which day(s) it will be held.

At least three Allbreed judges must be present at the show.

All cats in this class are judged by one judge.

The best 10 cats are placed from 1st to 10th place.

The 1st and 2nd place cats are eligible to participate in the WCF Master Ring.

The ring can be divided into adults and neuters if at least 4 cats from each category participate.

If fewer than 4 neuters are registered, the ring may be combined.

This division is optional and decided by the organizing club.

- Proof of the World Champion / World Premior title must be presented according to WCF rules.
- Participation in this ring replaces participation in the regular adult or neuter ring.

E.1.4 - WCF Jubilee Ring

A WCF Jubilee Ring may be held once per day. All cats entered in show classes 1 to 16a and 21 may participate in this ring, regardless of breed, color, class, or sex.

1st and 2nd place in the Jubilee Ring count as qualification for participation in the Master Ring.

No official title is awarded in the Jubilee Rings.

The Jubilee Ring may be divided as follows if more than 39 cats participate in total, provided that at least 4 cats are present in each partial ring. When the Jubilee Ring is divided, only the 1st place is recognized as qualification. In case of division, there will therefore be 3 winners:

Adult cats

Neuters

Juniors 6–10 months / kittens 3–6 months

E.2 – Qualification of judges in a WCF-Ring

Only judges who are holding a judge's permission for the categories of the cats participating in the ring.

E.3 – Ranking and number of participants

E.3.1 – Ranking of the 10 best participants at maximum

At least 4 cats have to participate in a Ring.

Not more than the 10 best participants will be placed.

Number of participants	Number of cats placed (finalists)
4	2
5 or 6	3
7 or 8	4
9 or 10	5
11 or 12	6
13 or 14	7
15 or 16	8
17 or 18	9
19 and more	10

E.3.2 – Dividing of a WCF-Ring

There are two options for dividing the rings:

E.3.2.1

If the number of participants is less than 39 (inclusive), the Ring may not be split.

If the number of participants is more than 39, the Ring may be split into two part-rings, but not less than 4 participants must be present in the second part-ring.

In case of a split the best cats are ranked according to article E.3.1. Winners are only the first-placed cats from the respective division ring. The split of a ring is optional.

or:

E.3.2.2

Ring division with 100 or more cats

For WCF Rings with 100 or more Cats, the Ring may be divided into multiple categories*, each with at least 50 cats, judged by separate licensed judges (the maximum number of cats per judge is defined by D.2.5)

Each judge selects 5 to 10 cats from their categories, as directed by the show organizer, to ensure the final number of cats is manageable. All participating judges then rank the best 10 cats from the combined pool of selected cats in cooperation (see E.8)

This division is optional and at the discretion of the organizing club.

**Categories can be divided into groups e.g. longhair, semi-longhair, shorthair, hairless, Siamese/Oriental or mixed groups of all hair categories. A division by breed, e.g. only British Shorthair or only Maine Coon or all Forest cats, is not permitted.*

E.4 - WCF-Master-Ring

E.4.1 – Application for the organization of a Master-Ring

The permission for the Master-Ring is granted by the president of the WCF. The applying club must not have any disciplinary sanctions or ongoing disciplinary proceedings.

E.4.2 – Master-Ring only once per year per country

The Master-Ring of WCF may be organized in each country only once per year during a licensed international show or during the World Show.

If a country contains two continents, a World Show with its own Master Ring can take place on each continent.

The Master Ring is held separately for adults, neuters and kittens. The same rules apply as for the WCF Ring.

E.4.3 - Participation in the Master-Ring

Cats, which received the 1st and 2nd place in WCF-Rings, are entitled to participate in the Master-Ring of the WCF.

If a WCF-Ring was split according to E.3.2.1, only the winner (=1st place) of each part-ring may participate in the Master-Ring.

E.4.4 – Presentation of the confirmation for the participation required

If cats want to participate in the Master-Ring of WCF, the owners of the cats have to present the original documents or the copies certified by the member-club of the WCF, which confirm the win in a WCF-Ring.

E.4.5 – Qualification of judges in a WCF-Master-Ring

Only judges who are holding a judge's permission for the categories of the cats participating in the ring, have the authority to direct the Master-Ring.

E.4.6 – Title WCF-Master

The first and the second place of a non-split Master-Ring receive the title „WCF-Master“. If the master ring is divided into partial rings (according to E.3.2.1), the winner of each partial ring receives the title 'WCF-Master'. The title can be entered in the pedigree

E.4.7 – Number of prizes

The maximum number of prizes in the Master-Ring is 10, regardless the total number of participants. The cats are ranked according to the WCF-Ring. E.3.1 is applied accordingly.

E.4.8 – Merging of Master-Rings

If the minimum number (4) of adults, neuters or kittens is not reached, the Master-Ring can be merged. (e.g., adults / neuters, kittens or adults / neuters / kittens).

E.4.9 – Split of the Master-Ring in case of more than 39 cats possible

If the number of participants is more than 39 in a Master-Ring, the Master-Ring may be split similar to the WCF-Ring, but the number of participants in the second part-ring may not be less than 4. In that case the best cats are selected similar to the WCF-Ring. E.3.2 is applied accordingly.

E.5 - WCF-Double Master-Ring**E.5.1 – Participation in the Double Master-Ring**

Cats, which received the 1st and 2nd place in WCF-Master-Rings, are entitled to participate in the Double Master-Ring of the WCF. If a WCF Master-Ring was split according to E.3.2, only the winner (=1st place) of each part-ring may participate in the Double Master-Ring.

Remaining rules are the same like in the WCF-Master-Ring.

E.6 - WCF-Triple Master-Ring**E.6.1 – Participation in the Triple Master-Ring**

Cats, which received the 1st and 2nd place in WCF-Double Master-Rings, are entitled to participate in the Triple Master-Ring of the WCF. If a WCF Double Master-Ring was split according to E.3.2, only the winner (=1st place) of each part-ring may participate in the Triple Master-Ring.

Rules analogous to the existing Master Ring rules.

E.7 - WCF-Diamond Master-Ring**E.7.1 – Participation in the Diamond Master-Ring**

The Diamond Master Ring may only be held once a year in the world. It is usually performed at the Olimpia show. Only if the organizer of the WCF Cat Olimpia waives the option, can this ring be held at another show. Only cats that have achieved the title Triple Master and can provide proof of this may take part in this ring. At least 4 cats must be present for the ring. Only the first placed cat is given the title Diamond Master. The Diamond Master is the highest attainable Master title in the WCF. Description about Best Cat points for the Diamond Master-Ring are published on the website. Other rules analogue to the WCF-Master-Ring.

E.8 – Judging in cooperation**E.8.1 – Master-Rings, Jubilee-Rings or Olimpia-Ring, judging in cooperation**

Each club can decide to let the Master-Rings, Jubilee-Rings or the Olimpia-Ring be judged by more than one AB judge. The judges must evaluate the cats separately and are not allowed to talk to each other during and after the judgement before the counting and placement ended officially. The counting must be done in public and starts after all judges have submitted their results

E.8.2- The counting of points must be:

Place 1 = 10 points

Place 2 = 9 points

Place 3 = 8 points and so on up to

Place 10 = 1 point

Winner is the cat with the highest points altogether.

If two or more cats receive the same amount of points, all participating judges must decide together about the exact ranking of these cats.