



FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE FELINE
FIFe



Decision minutes - proposals carried for distribution or publication

**General Assembly
29-30.05.2014**

**Radisson Blue Daugava Hotel
Riga – Latvia**

1. Welcome speech of the President

The President, Mrs. Annette Sjödin, opened the Meeting at 09.00 am and welcomed those present. She thanked the Latvian member, CFCa for their support and expressed the wish that this Assembly, as always, would be a meeting where participants showed mutual respect, were able to compromise and make decisions for the benefit of the cat. She then announced that it was her sad duty to inform the Assembly that the International judge Mr. Morten Olsen had died and she asked all those present to observe 1 minute of silence. She then declared the GA 2014 officially opened.

The President said that if anyone wanted matters to be taken to the minutes, this should be explicitly requested and all changes or rewording of proposals (including the page number) should be handed in writing to the General Secretary, in English, German and French. She stated that Lux Cat Club-FFL (LU) submitted a written request to vote by secret ballot for the duration of the entire General Assembly; this request was attached to these Minutes as **Annex 1**. The President confirmed that the Vice-President, Mr. Dietmar Sagurski and the General-Secretary Mr. Eric Reijers would assist her in chairing the meeting and she referred to article 4.6 of the Statutes. She then said that the Disciplinary Commission (DC) would be represented by Mr. Hans Lindberg, the Judges & Standards Commission (JSC) by Mr. Dieter Filler, the Show Commission (SC) by Mr. Charles Spijker, the Breeding & Registration Commission (BRC) by Mr. Ole Amstrup, the Health & Welfare Commission (HWC) by Mrs. Vanja Knez, the Breed Councils by Mrs. Sarah Johnson (BCA) and the cattery name secretary Mrs. Eva Wieland-Schilla. Finally, she indicated the times for the coffee, tea and lunch breaks. This year, there would be a lunch buffet and it would be free of charge for everyone. She then gave the floor to Mr. Eric Reijers, who called the Roll of the Delegates.

2. Roll call of the Delegates

The General Secretary called the roll of the delegates and announced that there were **33** (thirty-three) Members present, with **3** (three) carrying a proxy, which gave **36** (thirty-six) votes. The absolute majority was established at **19** (nineteen) and the qualified majority ($\frac{3}{4}$) at **27** (twenty-seven).

3. Election of two Scrutineers and three Supervisors for the Minutes of the GA 2014

Mr. José Carlos Gomes and Mr. Boris Lupan were elected as Scrutineers. Mrs. Paula van de Wijngaart, Mr. Herbert Steinhauser and Mr. Robert Lubrano were elected as Supervisors for respectively the English, German and French versions of the 2014 Minutes.

4. Drafting of the Minutes

It was decided that the Vice-Secretary, Mrs. Dorte Kaae, would draft the Minutes.

5. Approval of the Agenda

There were several requests to change the order of the Agenda, which were accepted and the Agenda was approved.

6. Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly 2013 in Madrid (ES)

These Minutes were approved.

7. The President, Mrs. Sjödin, referred to her report.

8. The General Secretary, Mr. Reijers, read out his report.

9. The Treasurer, Mr. Van de Haterd, referred to his report.

10. The Controller, Mr. Michael Wirth Färdigh referred to their report.

11. Discussion on the reports of the Treasurer and the two Controllers

There were no speakers.

12. Discharge of responsibility

- a) The Executive Board was discharged of responsibility.
- b) The Treasurer was discharged of responsibility.

13. Reports of the Commissions

- a) The Chairman of the BRC, Mr. Amstrup, referred to their report.
- b) The Chairman of the DC, Mr. Lindberg, referred to their report.
- c) The Chairman of the HWC, Mrs. Knez, read their report.
- d) The Chairman of the JSC, Mr. Filler, gave a summary of their report.
- e) The Chairman of the SC, Mr. Spijker, referred to their report.

14. The Breed Council Administrator (BCA), Mrs. Johnson, read her report.

15. **Elections: Members who supported candidates, appear behind or below their names**
- a) **Election of a Vice-Secretary for a period of three (3) years**
Mrs. Dorte Kaae (DK) was duly elected as Vice-Secretary for a period of three years.
- b) **Election of a Vice-Treasurer for a period of three (3) years**
Mr. Karl Preiss (NO) was duly elected as Vice-Treasurer for a period of three years.
- c) **Election of 3 Members of the Health & Welfare Commission for a period of three (3) years**
Mr. Marek Chadaj (PL), Mrs. Jurgita Gustaitiene (LT) and Mrs. Carin Sahlberg (FI) were duly elected as Members of the Health & Welfare Commission for a period of three years.
16. **Financial matters – Financial Report**
- a) No changes were proposed and the determination of the fees for 01.01.2015 - 31.12.2015 was carried
- b) The determination of the monthly allowance for the GS 01.01.2015 - 31.12.2015 was carried.
17. **Presentation of the budget for the year 2015 discussion and vote**
The budget for 2015 was carried.
18. **Information on members under patronage Turkey (TR) – SKID, Mentor FPL (PL)**
Mrs. Anna Rosiak explained why Felis Polonia had withdrawn their mentorship. The reason was a permanent lack of contact with SKID during the last year. SKID had also neglected their financial commitments to FIFe and Felis Polonia. Felis Polonia was not satisfied with the development of SKID. Mrs. Annette Sjödin explained that for more than 1 year there had been no contact with SKID, so because of this and the absence of a mentor, SKID was no longer a probational Member of FIFe.
19. **Reports on members under patronage (no voting)**
- a) Israel (IL) - Sabra-Cat - Mentor ČSCH-SCHK (CZ) - Mr. Martin Urban read out the report.
- b) Moldova (MD) - Felis Moldova - Mentor FFH (CH) - Mr. Alfred Wittich read out the report.
20. **Application for full membership (qualified - ¾ majority)**
The application of Sabra-Cat, Israel, as full FIFe Member was carried.
21. **Proposals**
- a) Proposals regarding the Statutes (qualified - ¾ majority)page 3
- b) Proposals regarding the General Rulespage 3
- c) Proposals regarding the Standards & EMS List.....page 4
- d) Proposals regarding the Breeding & Registration Rules.....page 4
- e) Proposals regarding the Judges Rulespage 14
- f) Proposals regarding the Show Rules.....page 16
22. **Information on the World Cat Congress (WCC)**
23. **Miscellaneous**
24. **Close of the General Assembly**
The President declared the General Assembly of 2014 in Latvia officially closed, at 20.00 hours.

Proposals

Abbreviations used	
BC	Breed Council
BRC	Breeding & Registration Commission
DC	Disciplinary Commission
HWC	Health & Welfare Commission
JSC	Judges & Standards Commission
SC	Show Commission

Legend	
Additions	in bold and <i>italics</i>
Deletions	strikethrough
Moved text	in <i>italics</i> only
Unchanged text	in normal print
Additions decided at the General Assembly	in bold and <i>italics</i> and <u>double underlined</u>
Deletions decided at the General Assembly	double-strikethrough

Proposals regarding the Statutes (qualified - 3/4 majority)

FIFe Board	Proposal 1	Statutes	Article 4.7
Adaptation of sending of proposals			

The Members of the FIFe are convened ~~by e-mail sent~~ ninety (90) days before the date set for the General Assembly. ~~and receipt of confirmation will be sent.~~ They are also allowed to send their proposals ~~by e-mail, the receipt of which shall be acknowledged,~~ to the General Secretary sixty (60) days before the General Assembly.

The procedure to send proposals to modify the Statutes is listed in article 11.1. They shall receive ~~by e-mail~~ the Agenda in which the proposals of Members are set out, thirty-five (35) days before the date set for the Meeting. ~~Members wishing to receive such documents by regular mail must send a written request to the Secretariat which will be respected until it is formally revoked.~~ The Members shall be informed of the decisions of the General Assembly by minutes containing all such decisions which shall be sent within a defined time scale.

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	33	1	2

Proposals regarding the General Rules

FIFe Board	Proposal 2	General Rules	Article 4.9
Adaptation of sending of proposals			

This text, taken from article 4.7 of the Statutes to be inserted at the beginning of article 4.9 of the General Rules

FIFe members are convened by e-mail to attend the General Assembly and receipt of confirmation will be sent. They are also allowed to send their proposals by e-mail, the receipt of which shall be acknowledged.

The proposals shall be sent in an editable electronic format to the General Secretary where these will be compiled to an Agenda.

*They shall receive the Agenda in which the proposals of Members are set out by e-mail. Members wishing to receive ~~such documents~~ **the Agenda** by regular mail must send a written request to the Secretariat which will be respected until it is formally revoked.*

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	35	1	

NL Mundikat	Reworded proposal 2	General Rules	Article 4.14 (new)
Scrutineers at the General Assembly			

4.14. Scrutineers can be chosen from all members of FIFe Members present at the GA.

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	32	4	

FIFe Board	Reworded proposal 3	General Rules	Article 13.5 (new)
EMS codes			

The FIFe board may grant other organisations the use of the FIFe EMS Master Code (~~breed identification code~~) and is allowed to modify the EMS Master code.

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	31	2	3

FIFe Board	Proposal 4	General Rules	Annex 1
Annual judges fee			

The annual judge's fee is set at 100€

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Judges & Standards Commission	6		
Carried with	19	16	1

Proposals regarding the Standards & the EMS List

FIFe BRC	Proposal 1	General Part	Page 39
EMS code 21 – unspecified tabby pattern			



If the pattern cannot be clearly defined either as shell, shaded or as tabby blotched, mackerel, spotted or ticked, for this pattern the EMS-code 21 will be used.

Code 21 is only valid in combination with white spots, hairless ~~eats~~ breeds or pointed pattern:

- Tabby van (01) / Tabby harlequin (02)
- Tabby SPH, DSP or PEB, except DSP/PEB * 81/82/83
- Tabby pointed (31/32/33), except BEN, BML
- Tabby SBI, RAG, NEM, SNO, SIA/BAL/SYS/SYL
- ~~Tabby RAG mitted (04)~~
- ~~Tabby SNO (05)~~

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Judges & Standards Commission	6		
Carried with	30	4	2

FIFe HWC	Reworded proposal 1	General Part	Table of faults
Fault 2.2: Depressions, protrusions or fissures in the skull			

NR.	FAULT	DISQ	NO EX	NO CERT	REMARK
2.2	Any abnormal depressions, protrusions or fissures in the skull (open fontanelles)				

In accordance, this will also be implemented in the table of disqualifying faults in the **Show Rules**.

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Judges & Standards Commission	6		
Show Commission	1	4	
Carried with	29	6	1

Proposals regarding the Breeding & Registration Rules

CZ ČSCH-SCHK	Proposal 2	Breeding & Registration Rules	Article 4.5, 5 th par.
Information on pedigree			

Change:

Information about ~~further-ancestors~~ **grandparents and great-grandparents** must include at least the following:

- names and titles
- complete original registration numbers including the identity of the registration body
- breed/colour/pattern as EMS-code.

Addition:

Information about great-great-grandparents must include at least the following:

- names and titles
- breed/colour/pattern as EMS-code.

If possible, the complete original registration numbers including the identity of the registration body may be included.

Rest of the article remains unchanged.

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Breeding & Registration Commission		3	
Carried with	23	11	2

CZ	ČSCH-SCHK	Proposal 1	Breeding & Registration Rules	Article 6.4 (BRI)
Registration of longhair offspring in British Shorthair				

~~The FIFe shall not recognise any other coat length than shorthair in the British shorthair (BRI).~~

Longhair cats must be registered as ~~XLH * <BRI>~~ **BLH non ***

Rest of the article remains unchanged.

BRC asked to have the following minuted: BLH non * will be a sister breed to BRI.

There must be some guidelines how to breed with these cats in the Breeding & Registration Rules

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Breeding & Registration Commission	3		
Breed Council BRI	1		
Carried with	26	8	2

DK	FD	Proposal 3	Breeding & Registration Rules	Article 4.6.1
Deletion of transfer declaration				

Delete the last 2 sentences in article 4.6.1:

~~A confirmed transfer declaration must be issued by the exporting FIFe Member.~~

~~A transfer is solely a means of transferring a cat from the pedigree book of the exporting FIFe Member to the pedigree book of the importing FIFe Member.~~

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Breeding & Registration Commission	3		
Carried with	19	13	4

IT	ANFI	Reworded proposal 2	Breeding & Registration Rules	Article 10.2.3
Preliminary recognition of the Thai (THA non)				

ANFI proposes the preliminary recognition of the Thai as the necessary requirements have been fulfilled.

The official presentation show was held at Cernobbio on the 8th February 2014.

The preliminary recognition is to take effect on 01/01/2015.

We propose that the Thai be judged in category IV.

Proposal to include breeding restrictions as a separate article of the B&R rules:

Breeding restrictions and registration rules as a clarification on the breeding procedures.

- Cross-breeding is not allowed.
- Only recognized colours shall be used.
Cinnamon, fawn, silver, golden and white are not permitted.
Offspring in these colours must be registered as XSH * <THA>
- Only Thai imported from Thailand may be entered in the novice class for recognition.
Their origin must be officially proven by documentation.
- Registration from other Cat organizations needs the class "13c – Determination Class: to establish its correct EMS-code, a cat can be checked in the determination class for its coat colour or any other trait". According with 5.1.1 rules, "... also the phenotype must be registered in the LO or RIEX register..." In this case, and according with the rules 9.1.3, the Re-Registration must be marked in the LO or RIEX register and on the pedigree by adding "(RR)" after the registration number.

Standard of the THA: see Annex 15

Report of the BRC: see Annex 16

Report of the HWC: see Annex 17

Report of the JSC: see Annex 18

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Breeding & Registration Commission		3	
Health & Welfare Commission		3	
Judges & Standards Commission	6		
Breed Council for Cat IV has split opinions			
Carried with	25	11	

The Board recommends ANFI to take part in the Registrars Seminar.

NO	NRR	Reworded proposal 1	Breeding & Registration Rules	Article 10.2.3
Preliminary recognition of the Selkirk Rex Longhair / Shorthair (SRL non / SRS non)				

NRR propose the preliminary recognition of Selkirk Rex as the necessary requirements have been fulfilled.

Our wish is that the Selkirk Rex breed is approved both as a short and longhair variety.

Both SRS and SRL have been presented at the presentations show.

This preliminary recognition is to take effect on 01/01/2015.

We propose that the Selkirk Rex is judged in ~~category I. The Selkirk Rex will be judged by colour, colour varieties to be recognised are given in the breed standard proposal.~~ category II and in the same 9 groups like the other Rex breeds.

We also suggest that the straight haired Selkirk Rexes that are born may be used for breeding, but not for showing.

The preliminary recognition will require the following additions to the FIFe Breeding and Registration Rules.

New Article 7.4 Selkirk Rex (SRL/SRS)

SRS and SRL are sister breeds.

SRS/SRL can only be used for breeding SRS/SRL.

Permitted outcrosses for SRS and SRL are BRI and PER/EXO.

All outcross breeding and registration of kittens must follow article 9.1.

*Registration of straight coat variety: SRS x * 84/ SRL x * 84. The gene that causes the SRS/SRL curls is a dominant gene, i.e. kittens with normal fur / straight coat can be born out of two pure bred SRS/SRL. Straight-coated cats are an integrated part of the breeds SRS/SRL.*

SRS/SRL with straight long/short coat must be registered as a non-recognised variety ("x") and by using the code (84) for straight coat.

Addition to Appendix 1 - Genetic Tests

Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD1/AD-PKD)	EXO, PER, BRI, SRL, SRS	
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Standard of the SRL/SRS: see Annex 19

Report of the BRC: see Annex 20

Report of the HWC: see Annex 21

Report of the JSC: see Annex 22

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Breeding & Registration Commission	3		
Health & Welfare Commission	3		
Judges & Standards Commission	6		
Show Commission	5, if they are judged in cat. III and in groups		
Breed Council SRL non/SRS non	1		
Carried with	33	3	

RO	FAF-FR	Proposal 1	Breeding & Registration Rules	Article 10.3
Full recognition of the Singapura (SIN)				

Felis Romania proposes full recognition of the Singapura – SIN.

Report of FAF-FR on the Singapura: see Annex 23

Voting result for full recognition	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Breeding & Registration Commission	3		
Health & Welfare Commission	3		
Judges & Standards Commission	6		
Show Commission	5		
Breed Council SIN	1		
Carried with	36		

Comments from Mr. Charles Spijker: He offered his congratulations to all hardworking breeders and people involved in the recognition process of the Singapura. This is the way it should be done – respecting the rules and respecting officials working for FIFe. Thank you very much.

The president Mrs. Annette Sjödin put the proposal to the voting, that the SIN is fully recognised from 01.10.2014:

Voting result for recognition from 01.10.2014	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	29	3	4

UA	UFU	Reworded proposal 1	Breeding & Registration Rules	Article 10.2.2
Recognition of the ticked variety in British (BRI * 25)				

With the reference to articles 10.2 and 10.3 of the FIFe Breeding & Registration Rules, hereby we apply for the acceptance of **ticked tabby** as recognised pattern of the British Shorthair Breed (BRI) in all existing tabby varieties. This is an existing pattern of BRI to be included into the General Part, the standard of BRI and the EMS list as follows:

- Tabby n/a/b/c/d/e/f/g/h/j/o/p/q/r 25
- Silver tabby n/a/b/c/d/e/f/g/h/j/o/p/q/r s 25 62/64
- Golden tabby n/a y 25
- Bicolour tabby n/a/b/c/d/e/f/g/h/j/o/p/q/r 03 25
- Bicolour silver tabby n/a/b/c/d/e/f/g/h/j/o/p/q/r s 03 25 62/64
- Bicolour golden tabby n/a y 03 25

The description of the ticked tabby pattern can be found in the General Part of the FIFe Standards as well as the full descriptions of all Ticked tabby varieties as they are already recognised in other breeds.

The presentation show took place in Kharkiv, UA on 25.01.2014 and was attended by 3 members of the Judges & Standards Commission (JSC). The exception concerning the presence of the Breeding & Registration Commission (BRC) member was granted to UFU by the FIFe Board. All requirements mentioned in Article 10.2.1 of the Breeding and Registration Rules were met during the presentation show. In the beginning of March 2014 we have received reports prepared by both commissions. Reports will be translated into German and French languages and presented to your attention.

Hereby please kindly find our comments in the view of the requirements set in the Article 10.3 of the Breeding and Registration Rules (in bold):

- An exact indication of which colour(s) should be recognised (use special form) – **see above**;
- The future standard and scale of points for the colour / breed – **no changes needed**;
- An indication of any problems which could occur regarding these colour varieties and the action(s) which should be taken – **no new problems**;
- What restrictions there should be in the FIFe Breeding and Registration Rules (if any) – **not applicable**;
- How progeny differing from the breed standard should be registered - **not applicable**;
- The opinion of the Breed Council for the breed (if any) – **will be read by BC Administrator**;
- The health status and indication of possible health and breeding problems – **the same rules and recommendations as all BRI (see Art. 3.6 and App. I of the Breeding and Registration Rules)**;

- The relevant protocols of the commissions involved in the presentation show(s) regarding the recognition of the new colour variety or the new breed – **see Annexes.**

Report of the BRC: see Annex 24

Report of the JSC: see Annex 25

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Breeding & Registration Commission	3		
Judges & Standards Commission	6		
Breed Council BRI	1		
Carried with	36		

FIFe BRC Proposal 2 Breeding & Registration Rules Article 6.6 (DSP) + 6.17 (PEB)
Registration of tabby, silver and golden

For hairless tabby varieties of DSP/PEB, always EMS code “21” must be used regardless of the genotype. For non-hairless (81/82/83) tabby varieties the EMS codes 11, 12 or 22-25 must be used.

For hairless **breeds varieties of like** DSP/PEB, the EMS-codes “s” (silver) and “y” (golden) shall not be used regardless of the genotype. *For non-hairless varieties (81/82/83) silver and golden must be registered.*

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	27	6	3

FIFe BRC Reworded proposal 3 Breeding & Registration Rules Chapter 10
New procedure for the recognition of a new breed

We propose a new procedure for the recognition of a new breed.

As a consequence:

- all current contents of chapter 10 of the Breeding & Registration Rules dealing with the subject “new breed” shall be replaced by the text as indicated below
- a new Appendix III shall be inserted in the Breeding & Registration Rules
- an addition needs to be made in chapter 2 of the Breed Council Rules
- article 5.5.4 in the Show Rules needs to be amended.

Implementation

If this proposal is accepted by the General Assembly 2014, it will come into effect per 01.01.2015, whilst respecting the following conditions:

- the new procedure will not be applicable to the breeds preliminary recognised on 31.12.2014: LPL/LPS; for those breeds the rules to obtain full recognition as valid until 31.12.2014 apply (*see new Appendix III.1*)
- steps 1, 4 and 5 of the new procedure will be applicable to the breeds which could receive the preliminary recognition status on 01.01.2015: possibly SRL/SRS and THA (*see new Appendix III.2*).

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Health & Welfare Commission	3		
Judges & Standards Commission	6		
Breed Council SIN, BML, EUR	3		
Carried with	28	5	3

Breeding & Registration Rules: new chapter 10 for new breeds

10 Recognition of new breeds

10.1 Definition of a new breed

A new breed is a breed not listed by the FIFe as a recognised breed.

10.2 Recognition process of new breeds

The goal of the process to obtain recognition of a new breed is twofold:

1. to establish the new breed has a solid base within FIFe
2. to get as many judges as possible acquainted with the new breed.

To recognise a new breed the steps as described in the following sub-articles must be executed.

Exceptions are listed in Appendix III.

10.2.1 Step 1 – Setting up a Breed Council for a new breed

A Breed Council shall be established for the breed. The membership requirements for a Breed Council of a new breed are laid down in chapter 2 of the Breed Council Rules.

The Breed Council shall consist of at least **3** members from **3** different countries who shall elect a Breed Council secretary. The Breed Council coordinates all administrative work involved in the recognition process and will be supported by the 3 relevant commissions Breeding & Registration Commission (BRC), Judges & Standards Commission (JSC) and Health & Welfare Commission (HWC). For issues related to the recognition process a direct contact is allowed between the Breed Council secretary and these commissions. All correspondence should always be sent to/by the Breed Council secretary.

10.2.2 Step 2 – Preparation of the preliminary recognition of a new breed

The requirements which have to be fulfilled before preliminary recognition of the new breed can be proposed are:

1. at least **3** individual members of at least **3** FIFe Members in different countries must have bred each at least **1** litter of the breed in the previous **2** years
2. pedigrees must be presented of at least **3** different cats showing **5** consecutive generations of the breed for recognition prior to the cat or **5** generations of breeding according to the suggested breeding restrictions and registration rules for the breed
3. pedigrees must be presented of at least **15** different cats showing **3** different generations of the same breed for recognition prior to the cat or **3** generations of breeding according to the suggested breeding restrictions and registration rules for the breed
4. all these cats must be owned or bred by a FIFe Member's individual member
5. all these cats must have been correctly registered according to FIFe rules in the Pedigree Books of at least **3** different FIFe Member countries.

The Breed Council:

- collects and sends the scans of the original pedigrees (cats bred/owned) to the BRC for their check and approval
- sets up specific breeding restrictions and registration rules (if any) for the breed in cooperation with the BRC
- collects information on health issues in the breed, based on the guidelines given by the HWC (for example – but not limited to – litter sizes and number of kittens born) and sends this information to the HWC for their consideration
- sends general information about the breed (origin and history, development, colours, etc.) to the JSC
- sets up the preliminary breed standard in cooperation with the JSC (format, wording, consistency with other breed standards).

The JSC sets up the description of the varieties which are not yet recognised in any other breed and/or not described in the General Part of the Standards.

10.2.3 Step 3 – Proposition of the preliminary recognition of a new breed

After the confirmation from the 3 commissions has been received that all the necessary tasks and requirements in the previous step have been fulfilled, a joint proposal for preliminary recognition of the breed will be forwarded by the commissions to the next General Assembly, whilst respecting the applicable deadline for forwarding proposals.

The proposal must be forwarded in all FIFe languages and must at least include:

- the preliminary breed standard including the scale of points, the table of varieties (EMS codes) and the category to which the breed belongs; all and only varieties (EMS codes) which are genetically possible according to the presented pedigrees can be included in the proposal
- the description of varieties which are not yet recognised in any other breed and/or not described in the General Part to the Standards (if any)
- the specific breeding restrictions and registration rules (if any)
- the report of the JSC (introduction of the breed, history, colours, etc.)
- the report of the BRC (pedigree information on cats bred/owned)
- the report of the HWC (health issues)
- the recommendation from each commission for the preliminary recognition of the breed.

The JSC is to give a short presentation of the breed (preferably with cats present) at the General Assembly.

10.2.4 Step 4 – The preliminary recognition phase of a new breed

After the proposal in the previous step has been accepted by the General Assembly, the preliminary recognition phase of the new breed starts on the 1st January of the next year.

During this phase cats of the preliminary recognised breed must be exhibited at FIFe shows in accordance with article 5.5.4 of the Show Rules and they will receive judges' reports.

The requirements which have to be fulfilled before full recognition of the preliminary recognised breed can be proposed are:

1. at least **1** years must have passed since preliminary recognition was obtained for the breed
2. at least **5** individual members of at least **3** FIFe Members in different countries must be actively breeding the breed during the preliminary recognition phase, i.e. at least a total of **15** different litters
3. at least **40** different cats of the breed must each have been exhibited in show classes 7 – 12 in at least **3** different shows during the preliminary recognition phase
4. all these cats must have been entered for shows in accordance with their registered pedigree details
5. each cat must have been judged by at least **3** different judges (countersigning is possible)
6. all these cats must have received the qualification "**Excellent**" from the judges
7. the shows must have been organised in at least **3** different countries
8. all these cats must be owned or bred by a FIFe Member's individual member
9. all these cats must have been correctly registered according to FIFe rules in the Pedigree Books of at least **3** different FIFe Member countries.

The Breed Council:

- collects and sends scans of the original pedigrees (cats bred and cats shown) to the BRC for their check and approval
- sets up specific breeding restrictions and registration rules (if any) for the breed in cooperation with the BRC
- collects information on health issues in the breed based on the guidelines given by the HWC (for example – but not limited to – litter sizes and number of kittens born) and sends this information to the HWC for their consideration
- collects scans of the original judge's reports and – if applicable – the accompanying diploma (stating the name and other data of the cat), to be sent to the Breed Council by the cat's owner
- sends the scans of the judge's reports + diploma's to the JSC
- sets up the final breed standard in all FIFe languages in cooperation with the JSC (format, wording, consistency with other breed standards).

If after **5** years a preliminary recognised breed has not obtained full recognition, it will automatically return to the status "non-recognised breed".

10.2.5 Step 5 – Proposition of the full recognition of a new breed

After the confirmation from the 3 commissions has been received that all the necessary tasks and requirements in the previous step have been fulfilled, a joint proposal for full recognition of the breed will be forwarded by the 3 commissions to the next General Assembly, whilst respecting the applicable deadline for forwarding proposals.

The proposal must be forwarded in all FIFe languages and must at least include:

- the final breed standard, including the scale of points, the table of varieties (EMS codes), the category to which the breed belongs and the groups (if any) in which the varieties of the breed will be judged at shows; all and only varieties (EMS codes) which are genetically possible according to the presented pedigrees can be included in the proposal
- the description of varieties which are not yet recognised in any other breed and/or not described in the General Part to the Standards (if any); this is the task and responsibility of the JSC
- the final breeding restrictions and registration rules (if any)
- the report of the BRC (pedigree information on cats bred/shown)
- the report of the JSC (information on cats shown / evaluation of issued judges reports and results)
- the report of the HWC (health issues)
- the recommendation from each commission for the full recognition of the breed.

The JSC must organise a lecture on the breed on the judges' seminar following the General Assembly, with cats of the breed present.

Breeding & Registration Rules: new appendix III for new breeds

Appendix III – Exceptions to the recognition process for some breeds

III.1 LaPerm Longhair/Shorthair (LPL/LPS).

Article 10.2 does not apply to those breeds which were preliminary recognised before 01.01.2015: LaPerm Longhair/Shorthair (LPL/LPS).

For these preliminary recognised breeds, the old rules as below apply:

1. A preliminary recognised breed shall be assigned a mentor (the proposing FIFe Member) who, until full recognition has been attained, shall present an annual progress report to the FIFe General Assembly following the development of the breed within FIFe.
2. Cats belonging to preliminary recognised breeds cannot achieve certificates higher than CACIB/CAPIB at shows. Titles obtained in the preliminary phase will be marked with “P” for preliminary titles (PCH, PPR, PIC, PIP) and will only be valid as FIFe titles if full recognition is obtained.
3. To seek full recognition, a proposal for full recognition must be presented to the FIFe General Assembly, enclosing documents proving that within at least 3 FIFe Members:
 - at least 50 cats are entered in the Pedigree book and
 - at least 15 of these 50 cats have the title PIC/PIP registered.
4. Full recognition can take place no earlier than one year and no later than 5 years after the breed received preliminary recognition.
5. The mentor shall be responsible for proposing the full recognition.
6. When an application for full recognition has been forwarded to the FIFe as a proposal, the General Assembly may only make a decision on the actual varieties mentioned in the proposal. Varieties other than those applied for can only be dealt with and recognised if the Judges & Standards and the Breeding & Registration Commission have given their recommendation to do so.
7. The application for recognition must contain at least:
 - an exact indication of which colour(s) should be recognised (use special form)
 - the future standard and scale of points for the breed
 - an indication of any problems which could occur regarding these varieties and the action(s) which should be taken
 - what restrictions there should be in the FIFe Breeding & Registration Rules (if any)
 - how progeny differing from the breed standard should be registered
 - the opinion of the Breed Council for the breed (if any)
 - the health status and indication of possible health and breeding problems.
8. The Breed Council of the breed concerned (if any) must receive all relevant documents in order to give its opinion on the subject of recognition no later than 1st of March of the same twelve month period within which the application for recognition will be forwarded to the FIFe General Assembly.
9. The FIFe Board and the Commissions must receive the final application for recognition, including the opinion of the Breed Council concerned (if any), no later than 60 days prior to the FIFe General Assembly.

Appendix III.1 will be automatically deleted when all relevant breeds have obtained full recognition or when their preliminary recognition phase has expired, whichever comes first.

III.2 Selkirk Rex Longhair/Shorthair (SRL/SRS) and Thai (THA)

Article 10.2 applies to the breeds which obtained the preliminary recognition status on 01.01.2015: Selkirk Rex Longhair/Shorthair (SRL/SRS) and Thai (THA), however with the exception of sub-articles 10.2.2 and 10.2.3.

Appendix III.2 will be automatically deleted when all relevant breeds have obtained full recognition or when their preliminary recognition phase has expired, whichever comes first.

Breed Council Rules chapter 2: Breed Councils for new breeds

2 Eligibility and membership requirements

For the Breed Councils of breeds which are not fully recognised the following requirements apply:

1. *A member must have a FIFe registered cattery name.*
2. *A member must be at least 18 years old and must be a member in good standing, for at least 2 calendar years, of a National FIFe Member.*
3. *A member must have bred and registered with a National FIFe Member at least 1 litter of the appropriate breed within the previous 2 calendar years.*
4. *Chapter 8 of the Breed Council Rules does not apply.*

Show Rules article 5.5.4: changes for preliminary recognised breeds

5.5.4 Preliminary recognised breeds

- *Exhibits belonging to a preliminary recognised breed must be entered and in the show classes 7 – 12, depending on their sex and age. Also class 13c (Determination) and even – if applicable – classes 13a (Novice) or 13b (Control) are open for entry.*
- Exhibits which belong to a preliminary recognised breed will receive a qualification and will be classified, but may not be entered in a higher class than class 7 or 8 and consequently they may not receive a certificate higher than CACIB or CAPIB.
- Exhibits having obtained the last required certificate in class 7 or 8 may only be shown out of competition.
- Exhibits which belong to a preliminary recognised breed may compete for Best in Variety, but may not be nominated for Best in Show nor become Best in Show.

FIFe	BRC	Reworded proposal 4	Breeding & Registration Rules	Chapter 11 (new)
New procedure for the recognition of a new variety				

We propose a new procedure for the recognition of a new variety.

As a consequence:

- all current contents of chapter 10 of the Breeding & Registration Rules dealing with the subject “new variety” shall be replaced by the text as indicated below
- the title of article 5.5.2 in the Show Rules needs to be changed to “Non-recognised *or preliminary recognised* varieties”.

Implementation

If this proposal is accepted by the General Assembly 2014, it will come into effect per 01.01.2015.

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Health & Welfare Commission	3		
Judges & Standards Commission	6		
Breed Council BML, EUR, SIN	3		
Carried with	29	5	2

Breeding & Registration Rules: new chapter 11 for new varieties

11 Recognition of new varieties

11.1 Definition of a new variety

Variety is used as a concept covering a cat's coat colour or any other trait.

A new variety is an EMS code not earlier recognised in a specific breed.

11.2 Recognition process of new varieties

The goal of the process to obtain recognition of a new variety is twofold:

1. to establish the new variety has a solid base within FIFe
2. to get as many judges as possible acquainted with the new variety.

To recognise a new variety the steps as described in the following sub-articles must be executed.

11.2.1 Step 1 – Prepare the preliminary recognition of a new variety

Breeders seeking the recognition of a new variety in a specific breed may send an application to the FIFe Board via the Breed Council for the breed, indicating the relevant EMS codes.

If no Breed Council exists a Breed Council shall be established for the breed.

The application shall include the scans of the original pedigrees of the cats belonging to the new variety:

- at least **10** different cats, showing at least **3** generations of the same breed or sister breed prior to the cat
- the cats must be registered in a FIFe organisation and owned by a FIFe Member's individual member
- the cats must have been correctly registered according to FIFe rules in a FIFe Member's Pedigree Book in at least **3** different countries.

The FIFe Board will forward the application to the 3 relevant commissions: the Breeding & Registration Commission (BRC), Judges & Standards Commission (JSC) and Health & Welfare Commission (HWC). The pedigree scans will be forwarded to the BRC for their check and approval.

The Breed Council:

- is responsible to coordinate the work involved in the recognition process and its administration and will be supported by the 3 commissions. For issues related to the recognition process a direct contact is allowed between the Breed Council secretary and these commissions. All correspondence should always be sent to/by the Breed Council secretary.
- sets up the changes in the breed standard (if any) and in the table of varieties (EMS codes) in all FIFe languages in cooperation with the JSC
- sets up specific breeding restrictions and registration rules (if any) for the variety in all FIFe languages in cooperation with the BRC
- collects and sends information on health issues of the variety based on the guidelines given by the HWC for consideration of this commission.

The JSC sets up the description of the variety in all FIFe languages if the variety is not yet recognised in any other breed and/or not described in the General Part of the Standards.

When the tasks and requirements in this step have been fulfilled, the Board will decide on the permission to start the preliminary recognition phase of the new variety. The date on which permission is given will be considered the approval date.

11.2.2 Step 2 – The preliminary recognition phase of a new variety

The preliminary recognition phase of the new variety starts on the approval date as indicated in the previous step. During this phase cats of the preliminary recognised variety must be exhibited at FIFe shows in the official show classes 9 – 12. Also class 13c (Determination) and even – if applicable – classes 13a (Novices) or 13b (Control) are open for entry.

Cats of preliminary recognised varieties will be judged at shows as any other non-recognised ("x") variety in the breed and will receive judges' reports (refer to Show Rules article 5.5.2).

The requirements which have to be fulfilled before full recognition of the preliminary recognised variety can be proposed are:

1. at least **5** individual members of at least **3** FIFe Members in different countries must be actively breeding the variety during the previous **3** years, i.e. at least a total of **10** different litters; each litter must have at least **1** kitten of the variety concerned
2. at least **20** different cats of the variety must have been exhibited each in show classes 9 – 12 in at least **3** different shows after the approval date
3. all these cats must be entered for shows in accordance with their registered pedigree details
4. each cat must have been judged by at least **3** different judges (countersigning is possible)
5. all these cats must have received the qualification "**Excellent**" from the judges
6. the shows must have been organised in at least **3** different countries
7. all these cats must be owned or bred by a FIFe Member's individual member
8. all these cats must have been correctly registered according to FIFe rules in a FIFe Member's Pedigree Book in at least **3** different countries
9. the changes in the breed standard (if any) and in the table of varieties (EMS codes) must be available, including the group (if any) in which the new variety will be judged at shows
10. the description of the variety if the variety is not yet recognised in any other breed and/or not described in the General Part of the Standards must be available
11. the specific breeding restrictions and registrations rules (if any) for the variety must be available.

The Breed Council:

- collects and sends scans of the original pedigrees (cats bred and cats shown) to the BRC for their check and approval
- sets up specific breeding restrictions & reg. rules (if any) for the breed in cooperation with the BRC
- collects information on health issues in the variety of the breed based on the guidelines given by the HWC and sends this information to the HWC for their consideration

- collects scans of the original judge's reports and – if applicable – the accompanying diploma (stating the name and other data of the cat), to be sent by the cat's owner
- sends the scans of the judge's reports + diploma's to the JSC
- sets up the changes in the breed standard in cooperation with the JSC.

11.2.3 Step 3 – Propose full recognition of a new variety

After the confirmation from the 3 commissions has been received that all the necessary tasks and requirements in the previous step have been fulfilled, a joint proposal for full recognition of the variety will be forwarded by the 3 commissions to the next General Assembly, whilst respecting the applicable deadline for forwarding proposals.

The proposal must be in all FIFe languages and must at least include:

- the changes in the breed standard and the scale of points (if any), the changes in the table of varieties (EMS codes) and the group (if any) in which the new variety will be judged at shows; all and only varieties (EMS codes) which are genetically possible according to the presented pedigrees can be included in the proposal
- the description of varieties which are not yet recognised in any other breed and/or not described in the General Part to the Standards (if any);
- the breeding restrictions and registration rules of the new variety (if any)
- the report of the BRC (pedigree information on cats bred/shown)
- the report of the JSC (information on cats shown / evaluation of issued judges reports and results)
- the report of the HWC (health issues)
- the recommendation from each commission for the full recognition of the variety.

The Breed Council of the breed concerned (if any) must receive all relevant documents in order to give its opinion on the subject of recognition no later than 15th of April of the year in which the proposal for recognition is forwarded to the General Assembly.

The JSC must to organise a lecture on the variety on the judges' seminar following the General Assembly, with cats of the variety being present.

Proposals regarding the Judges Rules

BE	FBE	Proposal 1	Judges Rules	Article 2.1.15
SI	ZFDS	Proposal 1	Judges Rules	Article 2.1.15
Study of all breeds – joint proposal ZFDS and FBE				

All **fully recognised** breeds in the category in question must have been examined (except ACS in category II, GRX, SOK and KBS in category III and SYL in category IV). **It is highly recommended to have examined preliminary recognised breeds.**

(Rest of art. 2.1.15 remains unchanged)

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Judges & Standards Commission		6	
Show Commission	5		
Carried with	28	8	

CH	FFH	Proposal 1	Judges Rules	Article 2.1.10
Student Judge certificates				

After each Student Judge's participation, the instructing judge issues a certificate containing the following: his observations on the diligence, capability, personal appearance (e.g. neat and tidy), and general demeanour of the Student Judge; the relevant numbers of cats of each breed and variety ~~that the Student Judge has dealt with~~ **judged by the instructing Judge in his presence.**

For this purpose, the FIFe has issued a special form: this standard Student Judge's certificate is the only valid certificate. The certificate is to be issued in one of the three official FIFe languages, i.e. French, German or English. Either this certificate will be given directly to the Student Judge, or the instructing Judge may send it to the FIFe Member in which the Student Judge is a member within one month of the show. Should the FIFe Member consider the certificate inadequate, it can be refused.

Alterations and/or corrections to a Student Judge certificate are only accepted when countersigned by the instructing Judge. Any other changes or amendments to the certificate will render it invalid.

The instructing Judge must write the total number of cats ~~seen~~ ***judged in presence of the Student Judge*** on the Student Judge certificate in numbers and words. ***Cats, seen by the Student Judge exclusively in the BIS, may not be added to the Student Judge certificate of the instructing Judge.***

The show organiser is required to provide the Judges with the necessary papers before judging starts.

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Judges & Standards Commission	6		
Show Commission	5		
Carried with	33	2	1

For a better understanding of the below request of the President, we refer you to the proposals regarding judges education from the JSC that were not carried or withdrawn.

The president, Mrs. Annette Sjödin, asked the General Assembly to allow the Board and the JSC to bring a proposal with reference to Chapter 2 – Judges training programme in the Judges Rules for next year even if the proposal from the JSC was not carried. A working group will be created.

Voting result for allowance of bringing a new proposal concerning Judges training	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	32	4	0

FIFe	JSC	Proposal 4	Judges Rules	Article 2.2.3
FIFe compulsory training seminars for Student Judges				

Addition of the following sentence:

A compulsory training seminar will equal 50 cats judged ***and will count only once for Student Judges in their first category. Judges, whether Student Judges in further categories or not, can only use their participation in Compulsory Seminars for their activity statement.***

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	31	3	2

FIFe	JSC	Reworded proposal 6	Judges Rules	Article 2.3.6
Venue for the Judge's examination				

~~The Judges' examination can be taken either during an international one day show, or during an international two days show where at least 50 cats in categories II or III and 40 cats in categories I or IV are entered 45 cats are entered in the show classes 1 – 12 of the category in which the candidate sits the examination (valid after 1st of January 2016)~~

The theoretical examination can also be taken during the compulsory student seminar (see article 2.2.3) or during the FIFe Judges Seminar (see article 2.2.1) with two members of the Judges and Standards Commission. ***Theoretical examination "sessions" can be organized for a maximum of 6 candidates at a time. Two members of the Judges and Standards Commission shall supervise these exam sessions and be responsible for the paperwork's correction and sending to the General Secretary.***

This theoretical examination will be valid for the following 12 months

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	21	9	6

FIFe	JSC	Proposal 8	Judges Rules	Article 3.3
Judges List				

Eliminate the following text of note b):

~~Attendance at a compulsory Student seminar, listed in article 2.2.3 may be accredited once in nine years (every 3rd 3-year period).~~

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	21	7	8

FIFe	SC	Proposal 1	Judges Rules	Article 2.1.10, 2.3.13 & 4.2.5
Student Judge Certificate & Stage Certificate				

2.1.10 Student Judge Certificates

~~The show organiser is required to provide the Judges with the necessary papers before judging starts.~~
Student judges are responsible for having the most recent version of the Student Judge Certificate form available.

2.3.13 + 4.2.5 Stages, Probational Judges

Probational judges are responsible for having the most recent version of the Stage Certificate form available.

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Judges & Standards Commission	6		
Carried with	35	1	

Proposals regarding the Show Rules

BG	NFFe	Proposal 1	Show Rules	Article 1.8.g
Exception for at least 100 instead of at least 150 cats at international shows				

On behalf of NFFe, the NFFe Board would like to ask for prolongation of the exception in Art. 1.8.g of the **FIFe Show Rules** until 31.12.2018.

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Show Commission	5		
Carried with	29	7	0

IS	Kynjakettir	Reworded proposal 1	Show Rules	Article 4.9.3
Best in Show				

4.9.3. Best in Show (BIS)

The best in Show can be chosen from:

- overall: category I, II, III and IV
- separate: category I, II, III and IV
- **combined: category I and II together and / or category III and IV together.**

When Best in Show is overall, the panel is composed of at least one International all-breed judge; when Best in Show is separate, international judges in their specific categories can be called upon; **when Best in Show is combined with two categories, the panel is composed of at least one international judge qualified to judge the two categories.**

(Rest of the article stays unchanged).

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Show Commission	3	2	
Carried with	24	10	2

LI	Aristocat	Proposal 1	Show Rules	Article 6.1.3
Number of cats to be judged				

Non-European FIFe Members are allowed, provided the judges are informed in writing in advance, to organise shows where the judges should not have more than:

- 120 cats to judge during a two-day show
- 60 cats to judge during a one-day show.

An instructing or examining judge should not have more than:

- **90 cats to judge during an international two-day show.**
- **45 cats to judge during an international one-day show.**

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Judges & Standards Commission	6		
Show Commission	5		
Carried with	29	5	2

MX FFM	Proposal 1	Show Rules	Annex 6
Prolongation of exceptions for Asia and Latin America: all certificates in one country			

Extend for a period of 3 years what already is in the present show rules, until 12/31/2017:

- 3 International Champion / Premier: 3 CACIB/CAPIB, 1 country, with 3 different judges
- 6 Grand Int. Champion / Premier: 6 CAGCIB/CAGPIB, 1 country, with 4 different judges
- 9 Supreme Champion / Premier: 9 CACS/CAPS, 1 country, with 5 different judges

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Show Commission	5		
Carried with	36		

PT CPF	Proposal 1	Show Rules	Annex 4
Exception to obtain 5x CACIB/CAPIB in one country			

Allow for all the CACIB/CAPIB for Portugal to be taken in one country for a period of 2 years:

- International Champion/Premier: 5 CACIB/CAPIB under at least 3 different judges

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Show Commission	5		
Carried with	34	2	0

SE SVERAK	Proposal 1	Show Rules	Article 2.6
Scandinavian Winner Show			

Scandinavia (Norway **and**, Sweden **and Finland**) may once a year ...

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Show Commission		4	1
Carried with	29	6	1

SE SVERAK	Proposal 2	Show Rules	Chapter 2
Best in Show house cats			

House cats can have a maximum of two (2) Best in Show titles:

- Best in Show house cat shorthair and Best in Show house cat longhair, or
- Best in Show house cat male and Best in Show house cat female, or
- Best in Show house cat.

For shows arranged according to paragraph 2 the Best in Show house cats are given the titles Best in Show house cat shorthair and Best in Show house cat longhair.

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Show Commission	5		
Carried with	23	11	2

FIFe SC	Reworded proposal 2	Show Rules	Article 1.10.c & 1.14
The show schedule & the show catalogue			

Article 1.10.c - The organiser's responsibility

The organisers must publish a schedule stating:

- a list of the officiating judges, *including the ISO-code of their country of residence (and not of membership)* and the categories they are qualified to judge

Article 1.14 - The catalogue

The catalogue must contain:

- a list of the officiating judges, *including the ISO-code of their country of residence (and not of membership)* and the categories they are qualified to judge

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	29	4	3

FIFe SC	Proposal 3	Show Rules	Article 1.13
Showing abroad			

The entry form must be completed and submitted in accordance with the instructions from the show organising club.

When entering cats for shows abroad, a copy of the entry form must be sent by the cat's owner to the FIFe Member or its affiliated club where he holds his membership in accordance with the instructions from the FIFe Member/club.

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	31	4	1

FIFe SC	Proposal 5	Show Rules	Article 4.9.4
Breed Best in Show			

Show organisers may hold a separate Best in Show for a breed ("Breed BIS") on the following conditions:

~~8. ——— If a "Breed BIS" is held it should be announced at least 2 weeks prior to the date of the show.~~

[All other current conditions remain unchanged]

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	31	5	0

FIFe SC	Reworded proposal 6	Show Rules	Article 5.4
Classes 13a, 13b + 13c on non-European shows			

In this class cats are checked by two International FIFe judges.

In non-European countries the check can also be done by:

- *two non-European FIFe judges, or*
- *an International FIFe judge together with a non-European FIFe judge.*

Judges must be qualified for the relevant category.

Remark

If this proposal is carried, articles 9.1.3 resp. 9.2.3 of the Breeding & Registration Rules must be amended accordingly for the Control class (13b) resp. Novice class (13a).

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	25	9	2

FIFe	SC	Proposal 7	Show Rules	Article 6.7.3
Electronic devices - deletion				

~~It is forbidden for a judge, student judge or steward to have a mobile phone or similar electronic equipment in operation during judging and Best in Show. This is also valid for exhibitors in the judge's ring.~~

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	31	4	1

FIFe	SC	Proposal 8	Show Rules	Article 4.9.4 & 4.9.7
Changes in the Show Rules to implement the new category division				

Article 4.9.4 – Breed Best in Show

Show organisers may hold a separate Best in Show for a breed (“Breed BIS”) on the following conditions:

1. There are at least 50 cats entered in the classes 1 – 12 and in competition at the show, of any given breed (defined by EMS code) ~~in either category II or III.~~

[All other current conditions remain unchanged]

Article 4.9.7 – Voting during Best in Show

A judge shall not abstain from voting during the Best in Show, **except if he is not qualified to judge all presented breeds: in that case he must abstain from voting.**

Remark

If this proposal is carried, it will only come into effect per 01.01.2016 and therefore it will be included in the Show Rules as from version 01.01.2016.

Voting result	Yes votes	No votes	Abstentions
Carried with	32	1	3