



SACC CAT OF THE YEAR RULES

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- a. COTY is the responsibility of a specific club.
- b. Clubs have to submit a proposal to the SACC GC AGM two years prior to hosting the event.
- c. Any changes made to the number of finalists per region will become effective in the second year after the AGM at which it is decided.
- d. Delegates will decide by a majority vote which club will host the event.
- e. The hosting club will be responsible for the organization and running of the event, as well as the sponsorship and publicity.
- f. The hosting club will give written confirmation of its commitment to host the event no later than 31 December of the preceding year.
- g. All results will be audited by an independent party.
- h. A judge may not judge in any of the sections at COTY if a cat belonging to the judge or bred by the judge is taking part in the competition or a cat belonging to or bred by any member from the same household or any relative of the first degree..
- i. The clubs in each region are responsible for keeping points for the region's finalists. Each region will determine their own system of points for selecting their cats.
- j. The winner of the neuter section will have the title of THE SACC NEUTER OF THE YEAR. In addition, it gains the letters NW behind its name, denoting the title National Winner.
- k. The winner of the adult section will have the title of THE SACC ADULT OF THE YEAR. In addition, it gains the letters NW behind its name, denoting the title National Winner.
- l. The cat with the most points will have the title of THE SACC CAT OF THE YEAR.
- m. All Adult and Neuter finalists gain the letter NQ behind their names, denoting the title National Qualifier.
- n. The South African bred cat achieving the highest point score at the final judge off of Cat of the Year, will be awarded the title of THE SACC BEST SOUTH AFRICAN BRED CAT.

- o. Proper financial records to be kept for the event and a detailed income and expenses statement with all relevant documentation to be forwarded to the SACC treasurer for inclusion in the financial statements, within three months after the event. The financial outcome of the event shall be shared 50-50 basis between SACC and the hosting club. In the event of a loss, however, SACC's share shall not exceed R2,000.
- p. The numbers of cats representing the various regions are as follow:
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| Gauteng: | 10 entires & 10 neuters |
| KZN: | 5 entires & 5 neuters |
| Eastern Cape: | 5 entires & 5 neuters |
| Western Cape: | 8 entires & 8 neuters |
| Northern Cape/Free State: | 2 entires & 2 neuters |
- q. The average points scored by the finalists at the COY judge off must be made public by the host club within 14 days from date of the event.
- r. The term "CAT OF THE YEAR" is to be used only within SACC for the official SACC COY event. No SACC club, SACC breed group or sponsor may use this term in any manner except in the advertising or promotion of the official SACC COY event. The term Cat of the Year may not be used by the clubs or breed groups on their own clubs assets or material except when that club or breed group is hosting the event and then all reference to COY must clearly indicate that it is the SACC Cat of the Year event. No club may use the term "Cat of the Year" in any manner that may cause exhibitors or public to confuse the SACC Cat of the Year and the official Cat of the Year Trophy with an event held by a club or a trophy given to an exhibitor.
- s. The host of the COY event must keep GC informed as to progress and arrangements to ensure that all members of SACC are aware of the venue, judges and other practical issues. This information must be placed on the Governing Council list at least monthly until 2 months prior to the event. Updates on progress should then come more regularly.
- t. The Cat of the Year event shall include a Domestic pet section. The winner shall be known as THE SACC HOUSEHOLD PET OF THE YEAR. Household Pet of the year invitees only participate for the title "SACC Household Pet of the Year". They are not in line for the title "SACC Cat of the Year".

Each region will have 1 finalist that qualifies. In regions where an average of more than 15 domestic pets were shown as per the approved shows per region in that year, 2 finalists will qualify. The finalists will be confirmed at the AGM for the next COTY cycle. Each region is autonomous in the selection of their finalist.

- u. THE SACC KITTEN OF THE YEAR competition
- (i) Kittens are selected per region as follows:
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| Gauteng | 4 |
| KZN | 2 |
| Western Cape | 4 |
| Eastern Cape | 2 |
| Northern Cape/Free State | 1 |
- (ii) All kittens competing to be younger than 1 year on the day of the event.

- (iii) Each region will determine their own system for selecting kittens to represent that region.
- (iv) Invitees must be younger than one year of age on the day of the final judge-off.
- (v) Kitten of the Year invitees only participate for the title “SACC Kitten of the Year”. They are not in line for the title “SACC Cat of the Year”.

v. Judging and scoring

The proposal is based on the logic that the placing for each judge will carry the same weight throughout the competition.

- a. Judges to individually place cats from first to last.
- b. Show scorekeeper to assign the same score for the same placing by each judge.
- c. The top cat for each judge in each section to get 98%.
- d. The score for each placing from 2nd place to the last cat in the section, to be 0,731% less than the immediate higher placing.
- e. The points for the 1st 30 placings will be:

Placing	Points
1	98.000%
2	97.269%
3	96.538%
4	95.807%
5	95.076%
6	94.345%
7	93.614%
8	92.883%
9	92.152%
10	91.421%
11	90.690%
12	89.959%
13	89.228%
14	88.497%
15	87.766%
16	87.035%
17	86.304%
18	85.573%
19	84.842%
20	84.111%
21	83.380%
22	82.649%
23	81.918%
24	81.187%
25	80.456%
26	79.725%
27	78.994%
28	78.263%
29	77.532%
30	76.801%

(The objective remains to eliminate any ties as far as possible.)

- f. The points for the kitten competition will be:

Placing	Points
1.	98.000%
2.	96.233%
3.	94.466%
4.	92.699%
5.	90.932%
6.	89.165%
7.	87.398%
8.	85.631%
9.	83.864%
10.	82.097%
11.	80.330%
12.	78.563%
13.	76.796%

- g. All judges' placing's shall count because the scores will be allocated by the computer.
- h. The Show Committee of COTY shall select a Principal Judge for each section (i.e. Adult, Neuter, Kitten, and Domestic) at the start of the final. In the event of there being a tie the Principal Judge for the relevant section shall break the tie.
- i. A minimum of 5 judges will officiate at the event, with at least 50% of the judges being SACC judges.
- j. Of the scores allocated to each cat by the judges, the highest and lowest scores for each cat will be disregarded and the remaining scores will added to arrive at a total score for each cat.
- w. Any publication produced by the COTY hosts, like catalogues, certificates, judges' books, power point presentation, etc, must display the official logo of SACC.