



OCT 2019: *Breed Council Rules and Breed Groups Rules have been repealed as of January 2020 and replaced with the following:*

BREED COUNCIL RULES

The SACC Breed Council and Breed Groups serve as advisory bodies on breed standards to the GC of SACC and serve a broad educational purpose. Opinions and proposals regarding Breed Standards are channeled to the GC of SACC through the Breed Council.

1. **MEMBERSHIP**

1. SACC Breed Council allows for two types of affiliated members who shall be ex-officio members of the Breed Council as follows:

1.1 Through **membership** to any **Breed Group** dedicated to a specific breed/ group of breeds.

Criteria for membership of a specific Breed Group will be as set out in a Breed Group's constitution.

1.1.1 Breed Groups must pay affiliation fees once a year with SACC no later than 31 March each year. (*Form BC/C: Breed Group Affiliation Renewal*)

1.1.2 Breed Group registration forms are available from the SACR or from the SACC website.

1.1.3 The membership fee for Breed Groups is as indicated in the SACC constitution and may be amended from time to time.

1.1.4 Breed Groups may have voting and non-voting members. Voting members must fulfill the criteria as outlined in SECTION 2: VOTING RIGHTS below.

1.2 **Individual Breed Council voting membership**

1.2.1 Membership to Breed Council as an individual voting member is possible on condition that the criteria for voting membership is met as outlined in SECTION 2: VOTING RIGHTS.

1.2.2 Breeders must register as a Breed Council member no later than 31 March each year. (*Form BC/B: Application for Individual Breed Council voting membership*) Once the criteria are verified as met, the SACR will provide a Breed Council **voting membership card** (Form BC/E) for the current year.

NOTE: Breeders must register separately for each individual breed they want to vote on, but the membership card may indicate more than one breed that may be voted on.

1.2.3 Breed Council member registration forms are available from the SACR or from the SACC website.

1.2.4 Individual membership fees will be determined by Governing Council of SACC from time to time and be indicated on the registration form.

2. **VOTING RIGHTS**

2.1 **Voting rights** for any person as mentioned in SECTION 1 (above) are restricted to those members qualifying for the following criteria as seen below:

- 2.2 A breeder is required to accumulate **13 points** based on the questions found in **Annexure BC/A: Breed Council Point Calculation Schedule**, whether as part of a Breed Group or an Individual Breed Council member.
- 2.3.1 Voting status through a breed group: *Form BC/C: Breed Groups Affiliation Renewal* must be submitted with the Breed Group registration application. *Certification by SA Cat Register. A membership list must be handed in* to Governing Council with the membership list and voting ballots of your Breed Group for the counting of the ballots. *Certification by breed group secretary.*
- 2.3.2 Individual Breed Council voting status: *Form BC/B: Application for Individual Breed Council voting membership* must be submitted with the **form BC/A: Breed Council Point Calculation Schedule**. *Certification by SA Cat Register.*

3. PROCEDURES FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS AND VOTING BALLOTS TO GC OF SACC

- 3.1 **BREED GROUP MEMBERS** shall forward suggestions and proposals to the elected secretary of the specific Breed Group.
 - 3.1.1 The Breed Group Secretary shall obtain the opinions of other members of that Breed Group as well as those of other Breed Groups representing the same breeds.
 - 3.1.2 These proposals shall be discussed and refined within the Breed Groups and amongst Groups representing the same breeds and become the basis for the final Proposals to be sent to the Breed Council Secretary.
- 3.2 An **INDIVIDUAL VOTING MEMBER** should forward suggestions for proposals to their local judges' panel for endorsement. If the judges agree that the proposal/s have merit, the Judges Panel may endorse the proposal and the endorsement (e.g. in PDF format) should be forwarded to the Breed Council Secretary and the individual that submitted the proposal.
 - 3.2.1 The Individual Voting member may then submit the proposal/s to the Breed Council secretary, who will forward the proposal/s to any Breed Groups that support the same breed, if any, for discussion and refinement.
- 3.3 **JUDGES**, through their panels, may forward suggestions and proposals to the Breed Council secretary who will forward the proposal to any Breed Groups that support the same breed, if any, for discussion and refinement.
- 3.4 Proposals with their motivations should be submitted to the Breed Council Secretary no later than 31 July of each year.
- 3.5 The Breed Council Secretary shall compile one voting schedule consisting of all the proposals submitted by the different Breed Groups, individual Breed Council members and the Judges Panels. The voting ballots shall offer the option of a vote either in favour or against a proposal.
- 3.6 Such proposals shall be forwarded by the Breed Council Secretary to the Secretary of Governing Council to be included in the Agenda for the AGM of SACC.
- 3.7 A copy of the voting schedule should be circulated by the Secretary of Governing Council to all the Breed Groups and Judges Panels at the same time as the Agenda of the GC of SACC meeting is circulated to the Clubs.
- 3.8 The Breed Council Voting Ballots will be emailed to the individual Breed Council voting members.
- 3.9 Voting members may vote on proposals on the General Ballot and Breed ballot they are qualified to vote on and return their voting ballot to their Breed Group Secretary.

4 VOTING BALLOTS

- 4.1 The Secretaries of the Judges Panels must place the completed voting ballots in a sealed envelope, including a list of names of the judges and which divisions/breeds they are eligible to vote on. The Judges ballots must be handed in for voting at the GC of SACC meeting.
- 4.2 The Breed Group Secretary of a Breed Group must enclose the returned ballots in a sealed envelope and include a list of the names of the Breed Group members who are eligible to vote.
- 4.3 Individual voting members that are not affiliated to a breed group may complete the General Ballot and Breed ballot they are qualified to vote on and email the ballot and a PDF copy of his/her membership card obtained from the SACR, to the Breed Council secretary at least seven days before the Governing Council meeting date. These ballots and verification cards will be presented at the Governing Council meeting for counting.
- 4.4 NOTE: NO BREEDER MAY VOTE MORE THAN ONCE FOR THE SAME PROPOSAL. *E.g. voting via more than one breed group serving the same breed or by combining breed group voting rights with individual breeder/ judges voting rights.*
- 4.5 The sealed envelopes with the voting ballots may be mailed/ couriered to the central office of SACC or handed to any delegate (of a club, the President, the Breed Council Secretary, etc) who is eligible to attend the AGM of the Governing Council of SACC to be presented for counting at the AGM. (The date to be announced each year.)
- 4.6 Ballots shall be counted and processed at the AGM of the GC of SACC by the Club Delegates and other persons present.
- 4.7 For any breed standard changes to be considered by the GC of SACC, at least 50% of the voting members of the Breed Groups and individual breeders registered as a Breed Council member, combined, must vote.

5. RATIFICATION OF MOTIONS:

- 5.1 Only Breed Group ballots circulated by the Breed Council shall be presented to the GC of SACC for consideration.
- 5.2 For any breed standard changes to be considered by the GC of SACC, at least 50% of the voting members of the Breed Groups and individual breeders registered as a Breed Council member concerning that Breed, combined, must have voted for GC of SACC to ratify the outcome of the voting. The Council's major concern here is whether it is "detrimental to the Fancy".
- 5.3 A two third majority "yes" vote is required for a motion to pass. A proposal that has failed, may not be submitted again before two years have passed.
- 5.4 Any changes to standards as approved by GC of SACC as well as any recommendations that have been rejected shall be placed on the agenda of GC of SACC, recorded in such minutes and in the case of approved changes to standards become effective on the following January 1st.

6. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF BREED GROUPS

The Breed Groups shall:

- 6.1 Seek whenever possible to increase the numbers of the group.
- 6.2 Encourage correspondence not only with itself, but among other groups.
- 6.3 Ensure that the group has a copy of the current Standard for its breed, as a prelude for study of the recommendations for possible changes.

- 6.4 A Breed Group cannot be affiliated to more than one registering body at the same time.
- 6.5 No new Breed Group affiliated as of the 23rd of October 2021 may represent more than three breeds provided that the breeds are clearly related by type or specific genetic features. (Colour and pattern excluded).

Functions

- 1. To establish the criteria for the registration of breeders.
- 2. To establish the criteria for the registration of breed groups.
- 3. To encourage breeders to work ethically.
- 4. To educate breeders.
- 5. To motivate, support and follow up breeders developing new breeds.
- 6. To research, investigate and recommend the registration of new breeds.
- 7. To maintain breeders' awareness of illnesses, diseases, their prevention and treatment
- 8. To recommend vaccination types and patterns
- 9. To produce and maintain a booklet with breeding standards.
- 10. To produce and maintain a booklet on Standards of Points.
- 11. To recommend criteria for catteries (i.e. Size and number of cats, ventilation, etc.)
- 12. To motivate, advise and support the importation of "better" cats to improve the local breeding gene pools.
- 13. To establish, maintain contact and exchange experiences with overseas Breeders, Groups and Councils/
- 14. To advise breeders on legal issues pertaining to selling kittens and other matters.
- 15. Table, discuss and agree on motions for the GC of SACC regarding judges matters:
 - Breed standards
 - Breed standard of points
- 16. Other matters related to Breeds

7. ELIGIBILITY FOR SECRETARY OF A BREED COUNCIL

- 7.1 Current member of a Cat Club associated to SACC.
- 7.2 Current registered Breed Council member or voting member of a specific Breed Group.

8. PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF A BREED COUNCIL SECRETARY

- 8.1 The Secretary of the Breed Council shall be elected from the Breed Council members.
- 8.2 The date for submission for the names of Breed Council Secretary is the same as for other officers (e.g. President, etc) and the name shall be placed on the same voting ballot as same officers.

9. DUTIES OF A BREED COUNCIL SECRETARY

- 9.1 To encourage communication not only with himself/herself but among the members of the Breed Groups.
- 9.2 To attend to any proposals or recommendations from members as they may occur from time to time.
- 9.3 Keep record of all ballots for a period of five (5) years as stipulated in the Constitution of SACC and forward copies of questionnaires to all concerned as stipulated in the Rules and Constitution.
- 9.4 The Breed Council Secretary shall be responsible for the Standard of Points, including the updating, amending or printing of the Standard of Points. He/She has the right to form a sub-committee to assist with this matter.

10. BREED SECTIONS

- 10.1 Persian, Exotic & Chinchilla Longhair
 - 10.2 Medium Hair
 - 10.3 Foreign
 - 10.4 Siamese, Oriental, Balinese, Oriental Medium hair
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NOTE: Please ensure that the correct documents are sent to the registrar or breed council secretary. Read the description below carefully.

1. **Annexure BC/A: Breed Council Point Calculation Schedule form:** to determine voting rights.
2. **Annexure BC/B: INDIVIDUAL BREED COUNCIL VOTING MEMBERSHIP Application form**
3. **Annexure BC/C: BREED GROUPS AFFILIATION RENEWAL form**
4. **Annexure BC/D: ENDORSEMENT OF A PROPOSAL form**
5. **Annexure BC/E: INDIVIDUAL BREED COUNCIL VOTING MEMBERSHIP CARD**
6. **Individual Breed Council membership fees** are R100.00 and R100.00 for any additional breeds.
7. **Breed Group affiliation fees** are R100.00 per year.