



SOUTHERN AFRICA CAT COUNCIL

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SACC RULES GOVERNING JUDGES AND JUDGES PANELS

1. The Internal Administration of a Judge's Panel shall fall within the jurisdiction of that Panel.
2. All Judges Panels shall be independent in as far as the decisions relate to matters concerning Judges only, and on condition that such decisions are not in violation of any SACC Rule or the Constitution.
3. All Judges Panels shall form part of the SA Council of Cat Judges (hereinafter referred to as "SACCJ").
4. SACCJ shall nominate one (1) delegate to represent SACCJ at Governing Council meetings in an advisory capacity as stipulated in the SACC Constitution, and to table the individual ballots as set out in the said Constitution.
5. Annual Membership
 - 5.1 An annual membership fee is payable to SACC by each Judges Panel.
 - 5.2 The annual membership fee payable by a Panel is R50.00 per member judge, payable on or before the 1st of June of each year.
6. Requirements for the Accreditation of a Judges Panel by SACC
 - 6.1 Payment of the annual membership fee by the Judges Panel concerned.
 - 6.2 Submission to the Secretary of SACC of a list of all members of the Judges Panel. The list must be updated on an annual basis.
7. Any disciplinary action/hearing against any Judge shall be dealt with in terms of the Constitution of Southern Africa Council of Cat Judges and the SACC Constitution.
8. Judges Courses and Exams
 - 8.1 Candidates shall be informed of the results of their own courses and exams. The names of those who pass, and details of the relevant qualifications, shall be forwarded to SACCJ, SACC GC and all Show Managers.
9. Proposals by Judges
 - 9.1 Proposals from any Judge Panel that could have an effect on the Standards of Points, New Breeds or any matter concerning Breeds, shall be sent to the Breed Council Secretary.
10. Fees Payable by Clubs to SACCJ
 - 10.1 An amount of R8.00 per registered cat entered at a show is payable, which is allocated as follows:
 - 10.1.1 R4 per cat to SACCJ;
 - 10.1.2 R2 per cat to the hosts of COTY for the following year; and
 - 10.1.3 R2 per cat towards the Registrar's annual bonus.
 - 10.2 An amount of R2.00 per domestic cat will be allocated to the hosts of COTY for the following year.
 - 10.3 GC is to approve the transfer of these funds at the AGM or a General Meeting.

11. Non-SACC Judges

11.1 Inviting Non-SACC Affiliated Judges to Officiate at SACC Shows

Should a club wish to invite a judge qualified through and/or affiliated to an organisation other than SACC, permission must be obtained before the show. If permission is not granted before the show, the awards made by such a judge may not be recognised by SACC and will be dealt with in terms of 11.5.

In all cases, it is the responsibility of the show manager to timeously provide the judge with a copy of the SACC standard of points and show rules, and to ensure (through a written contract or otherwise) that the judge operates within these parameters.

11.2 Application and decision procedure

11.2.1 The applicant club must obtain a Curriculum Vitae (CV) from the non-SACC judge. The CV must detail the person's involvement in the cat fancy, and specifically his/her judging qualifications (cat breeds, time lines, membership of organisations, etc).

11.2.2 At least 3 (three) weeks prior to the date of the show, the applicant club shall forward the CV, together with a formal request for permission to use the judge, to the Secretary of SACCJ.

11.2.3 If the application is accepted by SACCJ, the Secretary of SACCJ shall forward the decision, before the show date, to the applicant member club, the Secretary of SACC and the Registrar, who shall keep it on record.

11.3 Non-SACC Judges that have previously officiated at a SACC show

11.3.1 If the Judge concerned has been granted permission on a previous occasion to judge at a SACC show, either by the current Office of SACCJ or by a previous Office of SACCJ, a CV need not be submitted. However written permission must still be requested and obtained timeously for every show.

Upon receipt of said request, SACCJ may:

- confirm a past decision that the judge may officiate; or
- repeal the previous decision taken.

NOTE: If the Judge concerned has, since his/her last judging assignment within SACC, attained further qualifications (particularly in different breeds), the applicant club shall obtain the judge's updated CV and submit it together with the application described in 11.2 above.

11.4 Appeal Procedure

If SACCJ's decision is to reject an application made as per 11.2 and 11.3 above, an appeal against the decision by SACCJ may be lodged by:

- the applicant club
- any other SACC affiliated club
- any SACC affiliated judges' panel
- any SACC affiliated breeders' group

The appeal procedure shall be as follows:

- 11.4.1 A letter announcing the appeal shall be forwarded to the Secretary of Governing Council. This letter shall state the reasons for the appeal and must be accompanied by all the information originally submitted to SACCJ (including the original or updated CV).
- 11.4.2 The GC Secretary shall circulate this correspondence to:
- the members of Governing Council, who, within 5 days, shall appoint a judges' panel to re-consider the request, and
 - SACCJ, for information.
- 11.4.3 Within 5 days of receiving the information, the judges panel appointed by Governing Council shall forward its decision to the Secretary of Governing Council, who shall inform the appellant(s) of the decision, and also circulate the information to the other members of Governing Council and SACCJ for their information.
- 11.4.4 The decision of the appointed Judges Panel shall be final.

11.5 Late Applications or Failure to Apply for Approval of a Non-SACC Judge

If, as a result of a late application, or failure to apply, a non-SACC judge officiates at a show without permission from SACCJ, the following will apply:

- 11.5.1 The applicant club concerned must immediately inform SACCJ of the fact that a non-SACC judge officiated at the show without prior approval. An explanation of the circumstances should be provided, and reasons furnished as to why this should be regarded as a special case.
- 11.5.2 As per the SACC Show Rules, the Awards List must be sent to the Registrar with an indication of which cats are potentially affected and indicate which awards could be in dispute.
- 11.5.3 SACCJ will consider the following options:
- 11.5.3.1 In exceptional circumstances, SACCJ may grant permission after the show has taken place. In this instance, the Secretary of SACCJ will immediately inform the Club and the Registrar.
- 11.5.3.2 In the event that permission is granted after the show has taken place, SACCJ may also impose a fine on the applicant club. The amount of the fine will be determined by SACCJ, and will be based on the individual circumstances of the case.
- 11.5.3.3 SACCJ may refuse to approve the request, and in this case the awards granted by the non-SACC judge will not be recognised by SACC. In this instance, it is the responsibility of the show manager of the applicant club to communicate SACCJ's decision to the affected exhibitors.
- 11.5.3.4 SACCJ must inform GC of their decision and furnish a report to GC outlining the circumstances and the reasons for their decision to impose a fine, or for refusing to grant permission for the non-SACC judge to officiate at the show.