

MAJOR CHANGE TO KITTEN COUNTS – STARTS SEPTEMBER 15, 2015:

Starting September 15th, only kittens with registration numbers, temporary or permanent, will be included in kitten counts. Specifically, Article XXXVI, Show Points Section, Official Show Counts portion item 2 was changed to read as follows: "The cats/kittens/household pets competing in each show are tallied within their category to establish the official show counts. Novices, AOVs, and kittens that are not listed with either a temporary or permanent registration number either printed in the catalog or added to the catalog in ink by the Master Clerk, are not counted in the official show count for their respective categories."

This rule change was approved by the Board via online motion on August 27th. It will be officially ratified at the October Board meeting.

That means starting with all shows the weekend of September 19-20 this year, unless the kitten has a registration number (printed/written in the master clerk catalog), it won't be included in the kitten count.

ALSO, at the August Board teleconference on the 11th, show rules were changed to have kittens conform to the requirements for Championship or Premiership. That is, an exhibitor cannot submit an application to register a kitten AFTER a show and have the points earned at that show be counted. Kittens will have to be able to show that they submitted their registration applications at least 21 days in advance of the show to have points counted at that show if the number in the catalog is missing or in error. This is the same requirement that currently exists for Championship or Premiership cats. This rule change was also made effective starting September 15, 2015. [Note, there is an additional fee to have these points counted for either kittens, championship, or premiership cats.]

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What is the new rule?

Here is the new Rule text for Article XXXVI, SCORING, Official Count Section, Item 2: "The cats/kittens/household pets competing in each show are tallied within their category to establish the official show counts. Novices, AOVs, and kittens that are not listed with either a temporary or permanent registration number either printed in the catalog or added to the catalog in ink by the Master Clerk, are not counted in the official show count for their respective categories."

2. When does it take effect?

The change takes effect for shows held after **September 15, 2015**. That date was chosen by the board to allow 30 days' notice. Don't forget that per the definition of a show weekend, a FRIDAY is part of the show weekend, so specifying Saturday-Sunday (19-20) could have led to confusion if anyone had scheduled a show for the 18th.

3. Does it affect prior shows and scoring?

This rule change does NOT affect counts for shows held prior to September 15, 2015. Kittens without registration numbers will be included in the count for all shows from the beginning of the show season, May 1 to the weekend prior to September 15, 2015.

4. How does the rule affect ring clerks, master clerks, entry clerks, judges, show committee, entry clerk software and exhibitors?

This rule change has NO EFFECT on how ring clerks run their ring, entry clerks enter cats in the show, judges books or catalogs are printed, current entry clerk software, or anyone OTHER THAN the Master Clerk and scorer in Central Office. Everything is done after September 15th just like it was done before September 15th for everyone EXCEPT the Master Clerk and Central Office scorer. THEY will begin excluding kittens that don't have a registration number (permanent or temporary) printed/written in the catalog when they prepare the unofficial and official count data. Only kittens with either a temporary number or permanent number either printed in the catalog or added to the catalog by the Master Clerk will be included in the kitten count.

a. For master clerks, what comprises the new unofficial kitten counts?

The Master Clerk will record on the unofficial count sheet submitted with the show package the count of kittens with registration numbers or TRNs. It will be done just as if the kitten without a registration number were an AOV; that kitten will not be included in the kitten count.

b. What about the show committee and show counts?

The Show Committee and the breed summaries will be just as they are now. There is no way the Entry Clerk can know whether a kitten's owner will come to the show and add a registration number. To report anything but the number entered could be grossly misrepresentative of the actual number of kittens that may end up in the final count. The opportunity to obtain a TRN or add a permanent registration number by catalog correction could lead to a significant number of kittens being in the final count that did not have registration numbers when the catalog was printed.

c. How will this change affect entry clerks and the breed reports/counts released before the show? (current programs will over count kittens for scoring, i.e., no registration number/no TRNs included in current counts)

While software COULD be modified to provide two kitten counts for the breed summary, that data can be very misleading as noted above. No one knows how many kittens may end up with registration numbers that didn't have them at the time of entry. To require such a complicated breakdown is really unnecessary. Breed summaries provide a breakdown of which breeds have cats entered. To now require them to break that down even further into kittens with numbers versus kittens without is not necessary.

5. With reference to TRN procedures:

a. Will TRNs be rejected and what happens if they are rejected?

TRNs have ALWAYS been rejected. Either the exhibitor fails to provide the requisite pedigree, fee, or doesn't know the registration number of the sire/dam. When a TRN is rejected, the entry is treated just like any other entry without a registration number. It goes into the catalog/show as a Novice if competing in CH/PR or a kitten without a number if competing as a kitten. If the missing information/fee is provided to the Entry Clerk or Master Clerk PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF CHECK-IN, a TRN will then be issued and the cat/kitten transferred as appropriate with the TRN number added in red ink to the catalog by the Master Clerk. If the request is made after check-in, too bad. Better luck next show. Your cat will be shown without a registration number as a kitten (no awards or points will be counted, period.).

b. Can TRNs be issued for kittens/cats with CFA parents?

That is one of the methods for obtaining a TRN on the application form (see Rule 6.16). If the exhibitor can provide the CFA Registration number of both the sire and dam of the cat, a TRN WILL be issued provided the appropriate fee is included.

c. What about TRNs for kittens/cats with a foreign sire/dam?

If the "foreign" sire and dam are both CFA Registered with CFA registration numbers, a TRN will be issued provided those numbers are provided on the TRN application. If the "foreign" sire or dam are NOT CFA registered, then a TRN will only be issued upon receipt of a 4-generation certified pedigree provided via a recognized cat registry (again, see rule 6.16). In both cases 5b and 5c, the appropriate fee and completed application form must also be included to obtain the TRN. If any of these things are missing, no TRN will be issued.

d. For what length of time is a TRN valid?

TRNs, once issued, are valid for 60 days from the first day of the show at which they are issued, and can be used for any show subsequent to that show within the 60 day period (see Rule 6.16). After 60 days, if the cat/kitten does not have a permanent registration number, it can no longer be shown. A new TRN will NOT be issued.

e. Does the TRN have to be issued before judging begins?

Per Show Rule 6.16, ALL TRNS must be issued PRIOR TO THE ADVERTISED CLOSE OF CHECK-IN (not when judging starts or after judging starts). If an exhibitor has not provided all of the information required for a TRN issuance (fee, application form, and either registration numbers for both CFA registered parents OR a 4-generation pedigree), no TRN will be issued at that show and the exhibitor must show their cat either in Novice or if a kitten, for the duration of the show without a registration number (meaning that kitten can NOT earn any points at that show).

6. Will I still be able to claim Monday morning points?

Maybe. IF you had already applied for a permanent registration number at least 21 days before the start of the show but just forgot to check the catalog and make sure it was printed correctly, you CAN (with a fee) request the points for your kitten be counted for that show. HOWEVER, if you did not already apply for a permanent registration number AT LEAST 21 days or more before the start of the show, and also didn't get a TRN at that show, no points for that kitten will be counted for that show. You can not request a registration number after the show and have the points earned at that or any prior show counted.

7. Who can I contact for further questions?

If you have any further questions on the subject, please contact the chairman of the Show Rules Committee, **Monte Phillips** at jouvencebleu1@gmail.com OR by phone - [630-936-7161](tel:630-936-7161) before 3:00 AM Zulu (UTC) time.