



Schedule for GCCFI Championship Show

(Held under rules of Governing Council of the Cat Fancy of Ireland, in conjunction with SABCCI)

To be held on

SUNDAY 13TH April 2025

Final Closing Date 30th March 2025

**Ballinteer Community School, Broadford Rd,
Ballinteer, Dublin D16XF79**

Pedigree Judges

Ms JE Allen, Mrs RE Fisher, Mr G Gow, Mr J Hansson, Mrs S Moore

Household Pet Judge – Ms H Phelan

Show Managers:

Mrs G Hehir

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CHECK LIST

- *All show equipment (litter tray, water bowl, food dish, blanket) MUST BE WHITE (except household pets)
- *Have you brought your Vaccination certificate?
- *Vetting In is 8.00 – 9.45; judging to start at 10am
- *Please remove food dishes prior to judging although water may be left
- *You will be asked to leave the hall at 10:00 and return at 12.30
- *The Show closes when best In Show judging is complete – to leave before this will result disqualification.

G.C.C.F.I Officers

President: Mrs B Dobbs
Vice President: Miss M Baker
Chair: Ms L Blackmore
Vice-Chair: Mrs C Wren
Secretary: Ms L Anderson
Treasurer: Ms C Byrne

Honorary Veterinary Surgeons

GCCFI Hon Vet Mr Mark Heffernan (South Dublin Vets)
Mr Pete Wedderburn (BrayVets)

Entries may be made online via a link on www.gccfi.com

Paper entries send to Mrs G Hehir

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Dublin D6W VP78

Email: showmanager@sabcci.com

The Governing Council of the Cat Fancy of Ireland

The GCCFI is a voluntary body.

None of the Officers or members of the Council receive any emolument

The Council does not have a public office

The Council members work together to promote the welfare of Cats

and the interests of cat owners generally.

Thank you from the GCCFI for your support in our endeavours

www.gccfi.com

ENTRY FEES

ADULT/NEUTER CLASS ENTRY FEES (Inc 1 Miscellaneous)

First Entry Adult/Neuter €40-00

Subsequent Entries €35-00

Extra classes €5.00

KITTEN/NON-PED/PED PETS (Inc 1 miscellaneous)

First Entry Kitten/Non-Ped/Ped Pet €35.00

Subs Entries Kitten/Non-Ped/Ped Pet €30-00

Extra classes €5.00

Double pen additional €15-00

Exhibition pen Single €20.00

Double €30.00

Adverts (Full page only) €15.00

Catalogues €5.00

All stands €20.00

One free admission ticket will be given to each exhibitor. Additional admission tickets may be purchased at a reduction with entry form at a cost of €5.00 Adults, €3.00 Seniors/Juniors (Cost on Show Day Adults €6.00, Seniors/Juniors €4.00)

Exhibits & Exhibitors

PART 1- ENTRY

- 1 With the exception of Household Pets, all cats and kittens exhibited at a show licensed by the GCCFI must be registered with GCCFI. Cats entering the adult and neuter classes must be 9 calendar months or over on show day. Kittens under the age of 14 weeks on show day must not be shown (in competition or on exhibition).
- 2 The Owner of the cat is the person so named in the GCCFI register.
- 3 Registration and transfer applications must be received **10 days prior to the show.**
- 4 The entry form must be accurately completed. The onus is on the exhibitor to enter in the correct classes and to enter all details to correspond with the details on the registration/transfer certificate. Each competitive exhibit must be entered in its breed class.

- 5 No cat or kitten may attend any show or public exhibition less than 13 days prior to or following the date of the show being entered. This applies to all cats living at the same address.
- 6 GCCFI health declaration must be carefully read, signed and the rules specified therein must be observed. If the cat is in joint ownership, either owner may sign.
- 7 Correct Entry Fees as specified in Schedule must be enclosed.
- 8 Entries and fees must be returned by designated closing date.
- 9 Entries may be withdrawn before published closing date by writing to Show Manager. Fees will be returned.
- 10 After published closing date entries may only be withdrawn and fees returned: -
in the case of death or serious illness of exhibit(s) confirmed in writing by a Veterinary Surgeon
If there should be a change of breed class judge from that published in Schedule. Judge changes will be posted on www.gccfi.com website and the relevant Club website.
- 11 Judges, and members of a judge's household, may not compete in shows at which the judge is engaged, with the exception of the Household Pet Section.

PART 2- SHOW DAY

- 12 Exhibits must be brought in secure escape proof carriers and be accompanied by owner or owner's representative, a top loading carrier is recommended.
- 13 Exhibitor or Exhibitor's representative must be available at all times during the course of the show in case any emergency should arise
- 14 Exhibits should be in good health, free of all outward sign of illness or skin disease or vermin infestation.
- 15 All exhibits must be presented to the appointed Veterinary Surgeon(s) for examination before entering the penning area. Exhibitors with a number of exhibits must present all to the same Veterinary Surgeon for examination.
- 16 **All exhibits are required to have current vaccination** against F.I.E. and cat 'flu, certificates to be dated at least 7 days prior to the date of show. Certificates should be brought and will be checked at vetting-in. Cats with an invalid vaccination certificate will be rejected under Section A. Cats unaccompanied by a vaccination certificate will also be rejected under Section A unless the exhibitor

undertakes to provide proof of vaccination, valid for that show, to the Show Manager within seven days of the show. Failure to do so will lead to disqualification from the show and the cat's name will be placed on the rejection list until proof of vaccination is received.

17 Exhibits rejected by the Vet may not enter the show hall.

Depending on the reason for rejection the Vet may disqualify other exhibits from the same household or cattery and in some instances the owner(s) may also be refused entry.

Rejection under sections B, C, & D of the Rejection Form means that the owner will have to supply a Veterinary Clearance Certificate to the GCCFI (Show Manager) and receive acknowledgement of its acceptance before entering another show.

Veterinary Surgeons are instructed not to admit adult monorchid or cryptorchid male cats.

Queens which are pregnant, lactating or have kittened within the past 12 weeks may not compete.

A de-clawed cat must be rejected.

The Veterinary Surgeon (or a Judge) may disqualify from competition any cat or kitten which in their opinion is very under-developed or in very poor condition.

18 During the course of the show, if the official Veterinary Surgeon is not readily available, the Show Manager alone is empowered to take decisions concerning the well-being of the cats.

19 In the case of veterinary rejection the exhibitor will receive a signed rejection slip from the Veterinary Surgeon, also a clearance form which in due course the Exhibitor's own Veterinary Surgeon should complete and return to the Show Manager.

Following rejection either at GCCF or GCCFI shows, a clearance certificate must be sent to GCCFI and acknowledgement received before the exhibits may compete at another show under either GCCF or GCCFI rules. In the case of rejection fees will not be refunded.

20 The decision of the Vet is final and not subject to appeal.

21 Exhibits arriving too late for the Veterinary examination may not enter the show and fees will not be refunded.

22 If an exhibit seriously bites or scratches a Veterinary Surgeon, Judge or Steward, the matter must be reported to the Show Manager by the injured party. It is then the duty of the Show Manager to withdraw the exhibit from that show and to notify the owner in

writing, while sending a copy to the Secretary GCCFI. If the Exhibit was defending itself in exceptional or frightening circumstances, this information should also be given to the Secretary GCCFI so that it may be reported to the Executive for consideration. If the exhibit is reported for biting or scratching at another show it shall be disqualified from participating at all future shows, both for competition and/or exhibition, unless the Executive rules otherwise.

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The Show Manager may require any exhibit which shows undue distress for any reason to be withdrawn from the Show. In such a case the exhibit will be disqualified from further competition on the day.

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Any exhibit which cannot be safely handled (CNH) in or out of the pen by a Judge and/or judge's Steward, will be disqualified, with forfeiture of the relevant entry fees. A Judge's decision in this matter is final. The Judge is at liberty to request the Show Manager to display a warning notice on the pen.

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Any complaint arising from the show should be made to the Show Manager on the day. Any complaints made after the show must be submitted on the official complaints form (available on the website) and sent with the fee to the Secretary, who will circulate to the Investigation Panel.

(a) The use of grooming aids in the show hall other than the use of a clean brush and comb or cloth is prohibited. No powder or other grooming substances may be left in the coat of an exhibit. The show manager upon being satisfied that this rule has been or is being broken shall disqualify the exhibit concerned from all remaining classes at the show. Awards made prior to disqualification will not be forfeited.

(b) Any exhibit prepared for show in any artificial manner which changes its appearance relative to the Standard of Points shall be disqualified by the show manager upon receipt of a form signed by the Judge concerned and one other judge who is on the Best in Show panel. The judges should state that in their opinion there had been a breach of this rule. In the event of such a disqualification of an exhibit any person deliberately breaching this rule may be liable to disciplinary action and all awards shall

be held in abeyance until the result of such action is decided.

- (c) Such preparation includes the uses of powder, dyes, other colouring matter or whitening or darkening substances, or any oils or greasy preparations, or any other cleaning substances which remain in the exhibits coat during the show; it includes also trimming, clipping, singeing or rasping down of the fast coat.
- (d) Any treatment, including sedation, causing temporary or permanent change in the normal appearance or physical reaction of the exhibit or any surgery (cosmetic or otherwise) leading to changed appearance or reaction is forbidden.
- (e) The show manager shall at once inform the GCCFI Investigation Panel, via the Secretary, of all relevant details in writing and shall similarly inform the exhibitor concerned that this action has been taken and draw the exhibitor's attention to the provisions of this rule.
- (f) An alphanumeric identification tattoo in the ear or on the inner thigh shall not be considered a change in the normal appearance of a cat.
- (g) The use of chemical contraception with veterinary supervision is acceptable in the Interests of welfare and is not considered as show preparation. Exhibitors with male cats that have received hormonal injection for contraceptive purposes are advised to have evidence of this with them to show to the Duty Vet should any testicular abnormality be queried.

26 During the course of the day no exhibitor, under penalty of disqualification, may approach a judge until that Judge has completed his/her judging engagement.

27 **Except in the case of the Household Pet Section, all items used in the pen must be regulation white and no identifying objects such as toys may be left in the pen until judging has been completed.**

Objects identifying the Exhibitor such as business cards or other advertising material may not be left in the vicinity of the pen. A hot water bottle is permitted and should be concealed in the blanket.

28 Water must be left in the pen at all times, but feeding dishes must be removed before judging commences. Exhibits may be fed during the lunch interval.

- 29 The use of grooming aids in the show hall, other than the use of a clean brush and comb or cloth is prohibited. No powder or other grooming substances may be left in the coat of an exhibit.
- 30 Exhibitors are requested to point out to the Show Manager at the earliest possible moment, any errors in regard to their own entries which may appear in the Show Catalogue. If pointed out at a reasonable time during the Show, errors which have occurred as typing, printing or other managerial mistakes will be corrected in the judges' books and other relevant paper work. If error cannot be corrected the Show Manager may refund the entry fees on request.
- 31 ***Exhibits may not leave the show until after Best In Show judging is complete. Failure to observe this rule will result in awards being cancelled.***
- 32 The Governing Council forbids the sale of cats or kittens at shows. Sale arrangements may be made at shows but a quarantine period of 7 days must elapse before a cat or a kitten is released from the Breeder to its new home. This is to protect the welfare of the cat/kitten and the interests of the Breeder and New Owner.
- 33 Unacceptable or aggressive behaviour towards any Show Official, Judge, Steward, Vet, Exhibitor or any person WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. Any such behaviour will result in the removal of those responsible (and their cats) from the show venue. This behaviour may result in disqualification and/or disciplinary action by the GCCFI.

SHOW RULES

ADDITIONAL SHOW RULES

In addition to the GCCFI Show Rules above, the following rules will prevail-

- The right to cancel, amalgamate or divide classes (other than the open classes) is reserved.
- The right to limit the number of exhibits at the Show and to accept or refuse entries is also reserved.
- The Club disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage to cats, boxes, baskets or any other property.
- While every care will be taken in compiling the catalogue, the Club disclaims liability for any errors.
- Should any of the judges be prevented from fulfilling their engagements, the right is reserved to appoint other judges.
- Any exhibitor in breach of the rules is liable to disqualification of exhibits and to forfeiture of any awards. Fees will also be forfeit.

- As this is a double show, the rule regarding RAF (registration Applied For) will cover both shows, therefore you may enter BOTH shows under RAF
- Exhibitors to supply their own litter and take away in plastic bag supplied at the close of show.

SHOW DAY

- For confirmation of entry please include **email address** (or S.A.E. Stamp excused outside Republic) there will be no further communication.
- **Exhibits will be received at the entrance of the Show Hall on Sunday 13th April 2025 between the hours of 8.00 am. and 9.30 am.** On arrival at the Hall you will receive an envelope containing exhibitors pass, vetting in card and pen number for each exhibit.
- **All exhibits must arrive in a secure carrier; if a cat cannot be easily removed from the carrier it will not be vetted in or judged for Best in Show.**
- Each exhibit will be examined by a Veterinary Surgeon who is authorized to exclude any exhibit they consider unfit. (See GCCFI rules for details). At this point you will be asked to show your cat's vaccination certificates.

Vaccinations must be up to date and you must bring your card with you

- The Veterinary Surgeon will sign your vetting in card and you may enter the Show Hall.
- *Should your cat be rejected by the Veterinary Surgeon under Section A, an isolation pen will be available to you for the duration of the show if you so wish. If rejected under any other Section (i.e. when the exhibit might be a health risk to other exhibits) you will be asked to take the cat away from the show premises.*
- Exhibitors must provide each exhibit with a clean white blanket (Vet Bed or similar is permitted) with no distinguishing marks, a white sanitary tray, white food bowl and a white water bowl.
- **Household pets may use coloured accessories and may decorate their pens; other rules apply as above.**
- Show Accessories will be available – please mention with entry if you require any accessories.

DEFINITIONS

ADULT	Entire Cat 9 months or older on show day
KITTEN	14 weeks and under 9 months on <u>show day</u>
NEUTERED KITTENS	Compete in kitten Open and Misc classes
NEUTER	Castrated male or spayed female 9 months or older on show day
INVICTUS GR CH	Holder of 4 GCCFI INV GR CH Certs awarded by 4 different judges at each level before entering next level (Bronze, Silver, Gold)
HIB GR CH	Holder of 4 GCCFI Hib GR CH Certs awarded by 4 different judges
GRAND CHAMPION	Holder of 3 GCCFI GR CH Certs awarded by 3 different judges
CHAMPION	Holder of 3 GCCFI Challenge Certs awarded by 3 different judges
INVICTUS GR PR	Holder of 4 GCCFI INV GR CP Certs awarded by 4 different judges at each level before entering next level (Bronze, Silver, Gold)
HIB GRAND PREMIER	Holder of 4 GCCFI Hib GR PR Certs awarded by 4 different judges
GRAND PREMIER	Holder of 3 GCCFI GR PR Certs awarded by 3 different judges
PREMIER	Holder of 3 GCCFI PREMIER Certs awarded by 3 different judges
BREEDERS	Bred by exhibitor
NON BREEDERS	Exhibit owned but not bred by exhibitor
AOV	Any other variety
AOC	Any Other colour

PRIZES

OPEN CLASSES	Rosettes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd
INVICTUS	Special Rosettes for Invictus and Reserve
HIBERNIAN	Special Rosettes for Hibernian and Reserve
GRAND CLASSES	Special Rosettes for Grand and Reserve
BEST OF BREED	Special Rosettes for Pedigree Cats, Kittens, Neuters
BEST OF GROUP	Special Rosettes for H P Cats, Kittens, Neuters
ASSESSMENT	Special Rosette for Merit winners
MISCELLANEOUS	Prize Cards for 1 st , 2nd, and 3 rd
BEST OF VARIETY	Special Rosettes
BEST IN SECTION	Special Rosettes
Section 1-6	
Non-Pedigree	
Pedigree Pet	
OVERALL BEST IN SHOW	Special Rosettes
RESERVE BEST IN SHOW	Special Rosettes

HOUSEHOLD PET SECTION

NON-PEDIGREE

Non-Pedigree/Household Pets are unregistered cats of unregistered/unknown parent or parents and no registered cat may be exhibited in classes offered for them, Cats with two known registered parents (even if of different breeds) are not eligible to be shown as Non-Pedigree

PEDIGREE PETS

No titles, prefixes breed names etc may be used and must be entered under their pet name only.

Pedigree Pets are one of the following –

Full pedigree cats with or without papers

Cats where one or both parents are pedigree

A pedigree 'lookalike' in either appearance and/or coat colour or pattern of a recognised pedigree breed

'Pedigree' refers to pedigree breeds recognised by GCCFI/GCCF only.

All Household Pets (Non-Pedigree and Pedigree Pets) over nine months old must be neutered/spayed

The natural appearance of the cat must not be altered in any way.

Please read the rules and regulations at the front of this schedule very carefully. They apply to all exhibits with the exception that in this section decorated pens are permitted and encouraged so the rule for white accessories is excused

Definition of Colour in Non-Pedigree Classes

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| SELF | A cat which is all the same colour, such as Black, White, Blue (grey), Brown or Cream |
| NON-SELF | A cat which has markings of some kind not included elsewhere. This may be white feet or noticeable white patches, tortie and blue cream (patches of black or blue – grey - and dark or light red, with or without white) Siamese markings (darker on its face, feet and tail), or have hair which is dark at the tips and pale near the skin. |
| GINGER | A Ginger, "Marmalade" or Cream Tabby Cat |
| TABBY | This includes tabbies of all patterns, with black markings (brown tabby) blue markings or chocolate brown markings, BUT NOT THOSE WITH GINGER MARKINGS. This also includes tortie tabbies – that is cats which have tortie (black and red) patches but also have tabby patterning It also includes silver tabbies |
| GINGER & WHITE, TABBY & WHITE, TORTIE TABBY & WHITE | This includes ginger or tabby cats, which are also have areas of white. This also includes tortie tabbies – that is cats which have tortie (black and red) patches but also have tabby patterning with white |

Definition of Colour in Pedigree Pet Classes

SELF	A cat which is all the same colour, such as Black, White, Chocolate, Blue, Brown or Cream
NON-SELF	A cat which has markings of some kind. (not tabby) This may include Tortie, Ticked, Tipped, Smoke, Pointed
RED TABBY	A Red or Cream Tabby Cat TABBY This includes tabbies of all patterns, (ex-ticked) with black markings (brown tabby) blue markings or chocolate brown markings, BUT NOT THOSE WITH RED OR TORTIE MARKINGS. It also includes silver tabbies.
RED & WHITE, TABBY & WHITE, TORTIE TABBY & WHITE	Red or Tabby cats, including Tortie Tabbies (tortie cats with tabby areas instead of black or blue) with white areas (tummy, bib, feet) or white cats with large patches of red and/or tabby markings
ANY OTHER PATTERN.	Includes the other non-self colours described above if they are not eligible for another class.

HOW TO GET THERE

DIRECTIONS TO SHOW HALL

Exit the M50 motorway at Junction 12

If you are travelling from the North, at the top of the ramp turn left – if travelling from the South, turn right at the top of the ramp, crossing over the motorway bridge.

Proceed to the first roundabout **R113** take the 2nd exit onto **Scholarstown Road**. Drive straight ahead in the direction of Ballyboden/Ballinteer. At the next roundabout take the 2nd exit **R113** onto **Ballyboden Way**. Drive straight ahead to next roundabout; take 2nd exit onto **Taylors Lane R113** in direction of Sandyford/Ballinteer.

Drive straight ahead up a small hill/incline - Grange Golf Club on the right hand side. Proceed through traffic lights onto **Grange Road R113** passing the Eden Pub on your left – drive straight ahead; Marley Park is on your right.

A short distance ahead you will see LIDL supermarket on the left; just past this take left hand turn into **Stonemason's Way**

Straight to next roundabout; take 2nd exit onto **Broadford Road**; the green railings of **Ballinteer Community School** are to your left. Take 1st left – you will see 2 large gates in front of you; take the left hand gate into **Ballinteer Community School**, proceed along drive to car park in front of Show Hall.

From City Centre –

Rathfarnham via Harolds Cross and Terenure Village. Drive past Rathfarnham Castle on left, Yellow House Pub and church on right. Take next turn right onto **Grange Road**. Proceed straight ahead for approx 1 mile until you reach Eden Pub the follow directions as above

Travel time from M50 to Show Hall approx 8/10 min