



Judges Code of Conduct

At all times an NZCF judge will adhere to the judges code of conduct.

1. Judges are ambassadors for the NZCF, and will conduct themselves at all times with honesty, diligence, complete fairness and in a manner which will reflect credit on the NZCF.
2. Judges will familiarise themselves with and uphold, the NZCF Constitution, and all NZCF rules, by-laws and regulations.
3. Judges will act in the best interest of the NZCF and not for personal or third-party gain.
4. Judges will not engage in or facilitate any discriminatory or harassing behaviour towards NZCF Officers or Officials, Affiliated Club Members, exhibitors, breeders or others in the context of activities relating to the NZCF.
5. Judges will, if possible, meet the requirements of the host club when judging.
6. Judges will, when judging, communicate with the public, exhibitors, breeders, fellow judges and club members, in a professional, respectful and courteous manner.
7. Judges will be appropriately dressed and groomed when judging, exhibiting or observing at a show.
8. Judges will evaluate the exhibits strictly, fairly and impartially, then firmly base their decisions in accordance with the NZCF standards for each breed.
9. Judges will refrain from making adverse comment on colleagues' decisions.
10. Judges will, if a breeder, adhere to the breeders' code of conduct.
11. Judges will never solicit judging appointments.
12. Judges will never solicit entries to compete under them when they are judging.
13. Judges will honour all contracts and be punctual when fulfilling judging commitments, except in unavoidable circumstances.
14. Judges will not judge at, promote or in any way officiate at a cat show not sanctioned by the NZCF in New Zealand or overseas.

15. Judges will participate in continuing education and keep current in the standards and rules.
16. Judges will be aware of all Health and Safety practices affecting themselves, their handlers and stewards, exhibitors and general public and comply with them while judging.

NZCF judges who do not adhere to the provisions of this code of conduct may be subject to NZCF disciplinary procedures, including non-renewal of membership **or** suspension of your judges licence until asked requirements are fully met.