

National additions to FIFe show rules and procedures in Finnish SRK-shows

Suomen Kissaliitto (SRK) is the Finnish FIFe member. It has 11 member clubs of which 10 organize international cat shows yearly. A listing of all Finnish FIFe shows can be found in the FIFe show calendar and on SRK's website at www.kissaliitto.fi. FIFe show rules which can be read in English, German and French on FIFe website are followed in Finnish FIFe shows. In addition, SRK has some national additions to these rules. The relevant part of these additions is listed below. FIFe show rules with all national additions are being translated to English and will be published on SRK website 1.1.2011.

Veterinary control and check-in

Each cat must go through the veterinary control in the morning at the show, also cats that won't take part in competition. Make sure to arrive in good time! Provide the vaccination certificate and certificate of micro chipping for each cat. White cats must also have a hearing certificate. If you are exhibiting a housecat over 10 months old, you must also provide proof of spay/neuter. Any male cat over 10 months old must have normal testicles or be neutered. You should also provide your confirmation letter. If you are exhibiting on both Saturday and Sunday you do not need to attend the veterinary control again if the Sunday's confirmation letter is stamped on Saturday and all of your cats have been to the vet. A female mated or pregnant is not allowed in the show, neither a female with kittens less than 12 weeks old at time of the show. Cats less than 1 kg are not allowed to enter the show hall. Clip your cat's sharp nails before the show.

If a cat is refused entrance on the first day of a 2-day show because of an infectious disease can neither this cat nor other cats living in the same household enter the show hall even the next day.

At some shows the check-in is combined with the veterinary control. In these shows the confirmation letter is collected already at the veterinary control and you do not have to check-in separately.

Catalogues are usually free of charge. Same applies to ribbons and rosettes given away by the organiser.

Please, read carefully the confirmation letter and any additional information you receive from the organising club. Make sure to check that the information on your cat/cats is correct and inform of any changes or mistakes especially in the cat's name, class or gender.

Vaccinations

Each cat must be vaccinated against panleukopenia (Feline Parvovirus) and cat flu. It is not allowed to show a cat that has had a vaccination or booster less than 15 days prior to the show (FIFe rule). The vaccination certificate must be issued by a vet and include the following information: Vaccination date, name of the vaccine and the last validity date of the vaccination. **The cat flu vaccinations are valid for maximum of one year from the date of vaccination**, other vaccinations according to validity date stated by the veterinarian. **Each cat must have at least 2 vaccinations against cat flu.** This means that the first vaccination has to be boosted.

Micro chipping

Each cat over 10 months competing in the show must have a microchip. This rule does not apply to cats born before 1.1.2002. The chips are controlled randomly by a vet at the check-in.

Cages

The size of Finnish cages is 65 x 65 x 56cm. The curtains should cover 3 sides and leave the side with the door open for the public view. If you bring your own cage, it must fit on the space of the normal cage. Double cages are allowed only by prior agreement with the organizing club (extra fee may be charged). Bring your own curtains and accessories. Remember to keep your cage and the surroundings neat and clean during and after the show. If the show advertises as "Euro-style" this means that the cages are arranged as squares where owners stay on the inside and the public can look at the cats from the outside. In these shows you should bring curtains which leave both your and the public side open.

Leaving the show early

Each cat must stay in the show hall until the show closes. In special circumstances you may apply for a permit to leave early from the show manager. The permit must be applied in writing before judging begins in the morning. Ask the info desk for help. Cats are not allowed to be moved from their assigned cages during the show without permission from the show manager.

Judging

In Finnish shows the owners are usually allowed to present their cats to the judges themselves. Only one person, who must be at least 16 years old, is allowed into the judging ring. If the owner is not present when the judging starts, the steward will present the cat. The owner must ask the steward before the breed is judged if he/she wants the steward to present the cat. If the cat is already being judged, the owner is not allowed to replace the steward. The owner is not allowed to talk to the judge during the judging unless asked a question. Do not use the cat's name or pet name during judging. The cat must have its catalogue number with it when being judged.

The owner of the cat or the exhibitor is responsible for asking a contra signature if the cat needs one (for more info on contra signature see FIFe Show Rules 6.10).

Only judges, stewards and other show officials are allowed in the panel area.

Cats that have been entered to the show against the FIFe or SRK show rules can be removed from the show. If noticed only after the show the show result of this cat can be annulled.

Entering a cat to a SRK show

The entry is valid only if the owner has paid his/her membership fee to his/her own club and the entry fee has been paid to the organising club. If the entry is withdrawn before the last entry date the organising club will return the entry fee.

The cat must be entered in the colour and colour group which it has been registered in.

Show license

SRK& FIFe Show Rules

§ 8.2 (SRK) Any cat registered outside FIFe, owned by an exhibitor who is not a member of any FIFe club, needs a show license from Suomen Kissaliitto (SRK) to be able to participate in shows organized by SRK member clubs.

The license, subjective to an individual cat is valid for one calendar year. The price is annually set by the SRK General Assembly.

The Show License can only be admitted to cats which are exhibited by members of the clubs belonging to the World Cat Congress (WCC).

The show license is applied with SRK's Show License application form, available from the secretary of SRK as well as SRK's web site. Instructions for applying the show license are followed when applying for the license.

The show license is processed and admitted by the SRK board.

Titles achieved by a cat with the SRK show license can be registered in SRK at the owner's will, according to FIFe and SRK rules. In this case the owner must provide the secretary of SRK with copies of judges' reports entitling the cat to the title in question.

A copy of an approved license must be attached to the entry form when entering a licensed cat.