THE SCOTTISH CAT CLUB
Constitution and rules (Revised 2005)

General

1. The Club shall be called 'The Scottish Cat Club'. The objects of the Club shall be to foster interest in the welfare of cats generally, to assist owners in all matters pertaining to cats, to promote the exhibition of cats and to hold cat shows in Scotland.
2. The Club shall be bound by the Rules laid down by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy and membership of this Club shall constitute acceptance by the members of those Rules and the Rules of this Club. In accordance with Article 4 of the GCCF Constitution the Council shall have disciplinary powers according to its Constitution over the Club and the members thereof.
3. All members are responsible, jointly and severally, for debts incurred by the Club. The responsibility of any one member shall be limited to the amount of the current annual subscription.
4. Signatures on prefix Application Forms can only be applied for by a member after three year's continuous membership.

Membership

5. There shall be four classes of members – Honorary, Life, Ordinary and Concessionary (junior and over statutory retirement age). Junior members shall be under 16 years of age and shall not be permitted to vote. Honorary membership shall be granted or withdrawn by members at a General Meeting, considering recommendations made by the Committee. Life, Ordinary and Concessionary membership shall be subject to the following conditions:
   (a) Application to be made to the Club by the prospective member.
   (b) Approval of such membership by the Committee.
   (c) Payment of such sum (in the case of a Life Member after 3 consecutive years) or such entry fee and annual subscription (in the case of Ordinary or Concessionary members) as may be decided upon by the Club at the AGM.
   (d) Annual subscriptions shall be payable on the 1st October for the ensuing year. Ordinary and Concessionary membership shall be deemed to have lapsed, and the member's name shall be removed from the List of Members if the subscription is unpaid by 1ST December of that year.
   (e) Any person who has resigned from the Club or whose name has been removed from the List of Members shall have no claims upon the Club.

Management, Officers and Committee

6. The Officers of the Club shall be a President, and up to three Vice-Presidents, a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The President and Vice-presidents shall be elected at the AGM for a period of five years and shall be eligible for immediate re-election. Their offices are honorary and no duties are imposed upon them apart from sympathy with the objects of the Club.

   The Chairman shall be elected by ballot on a simple majority at the AGM. The Chairman shall remain in office for a period of 3 years and shall be eligible to be elected for a second period of 3 years after which they shall not be eligible for immediate re-election. There shall also be elected twelve members of Committee, three of whom shall retire annually, but to be eligible for re-election. The Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer

shall be appointed by the Committee from among their number and neither shall be the husband or wife of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, nor shall they be similarly related to each other. All nominations for Chairman and Committee, proposed and seconded by fully paid-up members, and signed by the nominee, must be received by the Secretary no later than 14 days prior to the AGM. Officers may not hold office in more than two other All Breed Clubs.

7. At Committee Meetings a quorum shall consist of six members, including the Chairman or Vice-Chairman and the Secretary or Treasurer.
8. Vacancies occurring in Committee during the year shall be filled by the Committee by selection from the roll of Life and Ordinary members. These nominated members shall serve until the next AGM, when they will be eligible for election.
9. The Committee shall have the power to withdraw Life, Ordinary or Concessionary membership from individuals who do not observe the rules of the Club or, in the opinion of the Committee, have behaved or acted in a manner likely to bring discredit upon, or prejudicial to, the interests of the Club or the Cat Fancy. The Committee shall also have the power to warn, suspend or withdraw membership from any person convicted in a court of law of ill-treating or neglecting an animal, as well as any person whom it may consider to be guilty of misconduct connected with the keeping, judging or exhibiting of cats. Persons against whom this paragraph is invoked shall have the right to appear before the Committee and be heard and shall have the right of appeal to a General Meeting.
10. The Committee shall have the power to make such byelaws as are not inconsistent with this Rules, to cover any matter arising in the management of the Club.

Financial

11. The financial year of the Club shall be to 30th September.
12. All monies received by the Club shall always be held by the Treasurer on behalf of the Club. All expenses incurred by the Club shall, after approval by the Committee, be defrayed out of Club funds. Cheques issued on the Club's bank account must be signed by the Treasurer together with the Chairman or Secretary.
13. Annual accounts, in such form as shall from time to time be laid down by the Committee, shall be prepared by the Treasurer and submitted for audit.
14. An Auditor or Auditors shall be appointed by the Committee, and he/they shall not be member(s) of Committee.
15. The Treasurer shall present his report and the audited accounts for approval by members at the AGM. A copy of the audited accounts shall accompany the Secretary's notice to members to attend the AGM
16. The Committee shall review all Club property (including data, files, etc) annually and shall be responsible for ensuring its safe custody and for there being adequate insurance cover.

Meetings

17. A General Meeting (to be known as the Annual General Meeting) shall be held each year no later than 21st April. The Secretary shall give each member of the Club at least 28 days' notice of the date, time and place of the AGM. Notices of motion shall be signed by a Proposer and Seconder.
18. A Special General Meeting may be called by the Committee or, upon notice being given to the Secretary by Life or Ordinary members of the Club, such notice being signed by not less than fifteen such members and specifying the nature of the business for which the Meeting is required. Upon notice of a Meeting being given by the Committee or by the membership in the manner above described, the Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting on a date not more than 28 days after receipt of the notice. The costs attendant upon the calling of such Meeting, if not called by the Committee, shall be met by Members responsible for its calling unless otherwise determined by the Meeting.
19. Except as provided for elsewhere in these Rules, all business dealt with at a General Meeting shall be decided by a majority vote. If a vote taken at any meeting results in a tie, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.
20. The Committee shall meet not less than five times per year in order to conduct the affairs of the Club and notice of Meetings shall be given to each member. If an Officer or member is absent from three consecutive Meetings without good and sufficient reason satisfactory to the Committee, the Officer or member shall be deemed to have retired from the membership of the Committee. Members of the Club shall receive notice of Committee attendance at meetings with AGM notification.

Shows

21. The Committee shall have power to sponsor Club shows and shall appoint such Show Managers and Officials as may be required, provided they are Club Members. Show Managers and Officials so appointed shall be allowed to attend Committee meetings as required and shall have absolute discretion as to the application of Show Rules and in the engagement of Show Judges, provided such application is in accordance with the Constitution of the GCCF and Show Rules.
22. The Committee is empowered to support and assist cat shows, taking into account GCCF and Club rules.
23. The Trophy Secretary shall notify winners of cups and trophies.

Dissolution

24. A General Meeting only shall be empowered to resolve the dissolution of the Club, and the motion shall fail unless two-thirds of the membership present reach agreement as to the disposal of all Club assets.

Variation of rules

25. These Rules may be added to or amended at any General Meeting, provided that no addition or amendment shall be made unless supported by a majority of 2/3 of the members present at the Meeting.