



FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE FELINE – FIFe

Recommendation regarding request of NRR (NO) and SVERAK (SE) from 12.01.2023

1. Introduction

On 12.01.2023 the Board forwarded the Show Commission (SC) a joined request from NRR (NO) and SVERAK (SE) for a recommendation to the request of both with regard for exception to § 4.3 as written down in Annex 2 of the Show Rules (SR) until 31.12.2023.

2. Request:

NRR and SVERAK, pointing out they represent over 10000 individual members, requested an exception, that their exhibitors would be allowed to show their cats only in one country in classes 7 and 8. (exception to § 4.3), same as laid down in Annex 2 of SR. They referred this request based on long north/south shape of both countries and increased fuel costs and price raise of daily necessities.

3. Discussion

The SC discussed the request for recommendation by email correspondence.

The FIFe SC has reviewed the request with *reference to the FIFe Show Rules where:*

- § 4.3 *Obtaining the title International Champion or International Premior,*
- Annex 2 – *Number of certificates, countries and judges for the titles IC/IP* are relevant.

The FIFe SC discussed the joint request of NRR and SVERAK and had two main focuses of discussion:

- one focusing on § 4.3 itself and
- the other focusing on Annex 2 wording based on explored statistic and comparison about economy and FIFe shows of all named countries.

With regard of § 4.3 exception: the FIFe Board brought this same exception demand as proposal to FIFe GA 2022 in Pilsen. This proposal was REJECTED by 2/3 (12 yes, 22 no, 2 abstain) of Members (source: Minutes of General Assembly, FIFe webpage).

We do not find it is procedurally correct, that what was rejected with 2/3 of Members at GA, should be recommended and granted to any Member, by any commission or Board, and against decision of General Assembly and even more, just the very next year after rejection and for a long period as one year. Exceptions as listed in any Annexes (for all Members) must be proposed and carried by GA, to follow proper procedures and to follow General Rules in accordance with § 4.6 of the GR. Such exceptions, as listed in Annexes to SR, must be accepted by GA, to give all Members possibility to decide upon it, because sometimes what looks a simple exception for one Member, can harm or even damage the other Member.

Also, there is also a contradiction foreseen with § 2.3.a. *Qualifications for the World Show*, and with § 2.6.4. *Winner Shows*: which would allow qualification achieved in only one country – for IC/IP, to the World Show and Winners Shows in year 2023 to only NRR and SVERAK individual members (except already listed Members in Annex 2), based on such exception to § 4.3 granted.

With regard to Annex 2 to SR content: the SC looked into different reasons claimed in request and also researched some statistic considered. We looked into Annex 2, the countries allowed the exception there: Belarus, Portugal, Russia, Spain and Ukraine and made quick



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comparison with Norway and Sweden, who asked to get the same exception. We compared net salary of all countries, gasoline prices per litre (95 and Diesel), show entry fees, number of shows in year 2022 per Member, announced shows in 2023 and dispensations per International show regarding number of cats entered in 2022, meaning less than 150 cats (sources: Wikipedia, internet fuel price comparison, FIFe webpage: shows, Minutes of the Board meetings 2022). The fuel prices significantly dropped all over the world. Both, Norway and Sweden, managed to hold respective 44 (Sweden), 34 (Norway) shows even during 2022, when we were still very much hit by covid again, all other countries as listed in Annex 2 together managed to hold only 22 shows. And besides, compared to all other countries, for all these 78 shows only one single dispensation regarding number of entered cats was needed in Norway. For year 2023, Sweden announced 60 shows, Norway 44.

We, the SC try to help and to find helpful solutions for everyone who seeks help, but in this case, based on our discussion, we cannot see this request is in spirit of GA 2022 decision, neither really necessary; besides it will bring even more isolation of individual members from these two countries from international society in FIFe.

The SC is coming with new proposal to GA 2023 about National Championship Competition, which should bring much more to our exhibitors, who do not want to go abroad, not only to collect certificates, but giving all Members possibility to have a proper National competition for their individual members, with possibility to compete and achieve special national titles in own national championship, in their own country Member, in many different classes up to the final title Honorary Supreme National Champion. Hopefully this will give Members an attractive possibility if carried.

At the end of our discussion, the SC wanted to express a concern, and to underline we shall be very careful, and we do not want to set up a wrong precedent by granting this request, rather than follow rules and established procedures, which could encourage many more Members to start bypass the GA decisions, after rejected proposals meant for all and asking exceptions to the Board, also exceptions which may harm or discriminate other Members.

4. Recommendation

Based on our discussion and conclusions, the Show Commission recommends the Board to:

- not grant exception to § 4.3 as written down in Annex 2 of the Show Rules to NRR (NO) and SVERAK (SE) until 31.12.2023, under respect of all valid GA decisions and existing FIFe Rules.

One member of SC abstained from voting, the rest are unanimous in this recommendation.

FIFe Show Commission, 19.01.2023