

ARTICLE II --- CLUB MEMBERSHIP

PART 1 REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership in the Federation shall be limited to those clubs holding a valid charter issued to them by the Federation's Secretary after having met the membership requirements below and having been voted into membership by the Executive Board in accordance with PART II below.

Section 2. No charter shall be issued or any club voted into membership which does not meet the following criteria:

a) Have a bonafide membership in good standing of at least ten (10) members. (Ten members are necessary also to remain a CFF club.)

b) Have adopted an affiliation article in its Constitution as follows:

“The (name of the club) shall be affiliated with the CAT FANCIERS' FEDDERATION, INC., and upon acceptance into that Federation and receipt of a valid charter, pledges to conduct itself in accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of the Federation and to obey all rules and regulations in effect for and as promulgated by the Cat Fanciers' Federation.”

Any changes in the (name of the club) Constitution and By-laws will be submitted to the Recording Secretary by certified mail, return receipt requested. These revisions shall be effective as of the date of receipt by the Recording Secretary.

c) Have adopted a dissolution article in its Constitution as follows:

“Upon dissolution of the (name of the club) for any reason or upon any decision of the club to discontinue its affiliation with the Cat Fanciers' Federation, Inc., all of its assets, after payment of its just obligations, shall be donated to any non-profit organization which is not connected with any cat association other than CFF, and the charter issued by the Cat Fanciers' Federation, Inc, shall be returned to that organization.”

d) Have agreed to the following additional stipulations:

i) That club names, although chosen by the club members, once chartered, remain the property of the Cat Fanciers' Federation and are valid only during the term of the charter.

ii) that the officers of the club shall reaffirm the terms of the charter annually in writing to the Federation (with payment of dues).

Section 3. To keep the Federation informed, and assure the clubs of their proper delegate vote, each member club shall furnish to the Credentials Committee a list of its officers and members in good standing with their addresses. This shall be done twice a year, prior to each Executive Board meeting, and should be sent with the delegate slips to the Chairman of the Credentials Committee, who will then turn them over to the Recording Secretary at the meeting.

Section 4. The name of a club formerly associated with CFF may not be used by another CFF club.

PART II ELECTION TO MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Applications for membership must be made in writing to the Recording Secretary of the Federation. The applicant club shall forward a copy of its Constitution, By-laws, and any other rules and regulations, a list of its officers and members in good standing (with addresses), and dues for one year. (See Article V, Section 5.)
- Section 2. Applications shall be reviewed by the Recording Secretary to determine that all requirements have been met.
- Section 3. On meeting all requirements, and providing that more than 45 days remain prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Executive Board of the Federation, an applicant club may request a mail ballot of the member clubs. The Recording Secretary shall circulate the request, with a list of officers and members with addresses, to the member clubs, and in the absence of more than one-third of the member clubs casting a negative vote within 45 days of the circulation of the request, the applicant club shall be become a member club.
- Section 4. All other applications, including those from clubs requesting Breed Club status, other than as provided above, shall be voted upon by the Executive Board and shall require a two-thirds majority for election to membership. Such clubs accepted from the floor at the Annual or Semi-annual meeting may not vote at that meeting. These clubs must wait until the next Annual or Semi-annual meeting. This would not apply to those clubs presented by the Recording Secretary after the initial Roll Call.
- Section 5. In the case of rejection by the Executive Board, the applicant club may appeal and request a mail ballot of the total member clubs. In such cases, the method of circulation of the request and procedures for voting shall be the same as provided in Section 3 above. In the event an applicant club fails of acceptance after appeal, the dues paid in advance shall be returned.