



NEW BREED* RECOGNITION

For any new breed recognition, a file will have to be completed and submitted to the LOOF.

Two cases should be distinguished, whether the breed is already recognized by another federation (case 1) or not (case 2).

In both cases, the breed should fulfil the following requirements:

- Phenotype should be clearly different from any breed already recognized by the LOOF or (case 2 only) by another federation;
- The name of the breed should not be close to the name of a breed already recognized by the LOOF or (case 2) by another federation;
- No known defect or handicap is allowed;
- Structural deformities and particularly their combination are strongly inadvisable, and will not be accepted if they threaten the possibility for the cat to lead a natural way of life, if they have a negative effect on its health at any age, or if they reduce its life expectancy or generally its quality of life;
- No wild cat introduction is allowed;
- If disabling hereditary defects were to occur later in the breeds that have helped for creation, and if screening means exist, they would be required.

1. Breed already recognized by at least another foreign federation.

Recognition takes place in two steps:

- A) First, the recognition by the LOOF in NB (New Breed), essentially based on the populations existing abroad;

then, if development of the breed in France justifies,

- B) Move up to Championship status.

A) Submitting a file for NB recognition

The file is made of:

- the breed's selection program and its goals: history, pictures, breeding program that has led to recognition of the breed by the foreign federation on at least 5 generations with corresponding pedigrees, number of registered subjects, number of breeders, existing breed club in the federation(s) that recognize that breed as well as the breed's status...;

*In French **NR**, for "Nouvelle Race".



- the precise and detailed planned breed standard;
- development plans for the breed in France.

This file will be submitted to the Standards Commission, to the Judges' Commission and to the Scientific council. After study of the file, those commissions will make a stated recommendation before the LOOF Board of Directors whether to suggest recognition by the LOOF as New Breed or not.

At NB phase, the breed is not accepted in Championship, but the subjects will be allowed for judgment in all classes (kittens and adults) and the maximum qualification may be "EXCELLENT". They are neither allowed to Best in variety, nor Best in Show.

As long as the breed is at NB phase, its products will be registered on the RIEX Book. As soon as the breed is officially recognized in Championship, the products will be registered in the Main Book.

The status change is automatically applied on January, 1st of the year following its acceptance by the LOOF Committee.

B) From New Breed status to Championship status

In order, for a NB registered breed that is recognized by a foreign federation, to be allowed in Championship, it should fulfil the following conditions:

- Be allowed in Championship by at least one foreign federation;
- Be a member of a breed club affiliated to the LOOF;
- Have had, during the 3 years preceding the file's registration for Championship status:
 - A minimum of 30 cats registered on the LOOF's RIEX;
 - A minimum of 5 breeders in France;
 - A minimum of 20 subjects presented once or more in LOOF cat shows to at least 5 different judges;
 - A minimum of 15 subjects from 3 different lines, presented during a LOOF judges' seminar.

A Championship recognition file taking up those elements is then delivered to the standards commission which submits the file to the LOOF Board after study.

The change of status is automatically applied on January, 1st following its acceptance by the LOOF Board.

In order to judge a new breed in Championship, judges should have taken part in at least one judges' seminar where the breed was shown, or pass the corresponding exam.



2. Breed not recognized by any foreign federation

Recognition follows 3 steps:

- A) Recognition as Preliminary breed (PB*) allowing to present the breed and its foundations with registration of concerned subjects on Lineage register (LR**)
- B) Recognition as New Breed (NB) serving as stabilization phase with registration of subjects on experimental register (RIEX)
- C) Championship recognition when the breed is stabilized.

A) Preliminary Breed recognition (PB)

When an inquiry is made for recognition of a new breed that is not already registered by a foreign federation, it should be done through a preliminary file to allow its registration on the Lineage register (LR). It is an observation step allowing the breeders to set the foundation of their breed and it enables registration of the cats that originated that breed without presumed final recognition of the breed.

This file includes the following elements:

- The goal of the creation of the breed which is clearly indicated and justified (discovery of a natural population, new mutation, breed resulting from the cross of two existing breeds but with independent characteristics...);
- The precise planned standard for the breed, allowing its identification.

This file will be submitted to the Standards Commission, to the Judges' Commission and to the Scientific Council. After study of the file, those commissions will make a stated recommendation before the LOOF Board whether to suggest recognition by the LOOF as Preliminary Breed (PB) or not.

The status change is automatically applied on January, 1st of the year following its acceptance by the LOOF Board.

PB subjects are not accepted in LOOF shows.

B) From Preliminary Breed (PB) status to New Breed (NB) status

In order, for a PB registered breed to be recognized as NB, it should produce a file, after fulfilment of the following conditions:

- registration of a minimum of 50 subjects on Lineage Register (LR), out of at least 15 different litters;
- gathering of at least 5 breeders in France;

In French, **RP for "Race Préliminaire" - **In French, **RF** for "Registre de Filiation"*



- Showing a minimum of 10 subjects out of 3 different lines in LOOF judges' seminars.

A file presenting those elements will be submitted to the Standards Commission, to the Judges' Commission and to the Scientific Council. After study of the file, those commissions will make a stated recommendation before the LOOF Board whether to suggest recognition by the LOOF as NB or not.

At NB phase, the breed is not accepted in Championship, but the subjects will be allowed for judgment in all classes (kittens and adults) and the maximum qualification may be "EXCELLENT". They are neither allowed to Best in variety, nor Best in Show.

As long as the breed is at NB phase, its products will be registered on the RIEX Book. As soon as the breed is officially recognized in Championship, the products will be registered in the Main Book.

The status change is automatically applied on January, 1st of the year following its acceptance by the LOOF Board.

C) From New Breed status to Championship status

In order, for a NB registered breed that is not recognized by a foreign federation, to be allowed in Championship, it should fulfil the following conditions:

- Be managed by a LOOF recognized breed club;
- Have had, during the 5 years preceding the file's registration for Championship status:
 - a minimum of 100 cats registered on LOOF's RIEX;
 - a minimum of 10 breeders in France;
 - a minimum of 40 subjects presented in LOOF shows to at least 10 different judges;
 - a minimum of 20 subjects out of 5 different lines presented during a LOOF judges' seminar.

A Championship recognition file taking up those elements is then delivered to the Standards Commission which submits the file to the LOOF Committee after study.

The status change is automatically applied on January, 1st of the year following its acceptance by the LOOF Committee.

In order to judge a new breed in Championship, judges should have taken part in at least one judges' seminar where the breed was shown, or pass the corresponding exam.



NEW COLOUR RECOGNITION*

*** These rules apply not only to coat colours, but also to the other distinctive traits (hair length or curl, ear shape, etc.). By extension, in the following lines, "colour" shall be interpreted as "colour or distinctive trait".**

In order to have a new colour (NC) recognized, a file will have to be established and submitted to LOOF.

There are two distinct cases whether the colour is already recognized in the breed by another federation or not.

In both cases, introduction of the colour will have to fulfil the following requirements:

- should not be linked to a defect or a known handicap;
- Structural deformities and particularly their combination are strongly inadvisable, and will not be accepted if they threaten the possibility for the cat to lead a natural way of life, if they have a negative effect on its health at any age, or if they reduce its life expectancy or generally its quality of life;
- No wild cat introduction is allowed;
- If disabling hereditary defects were to occur later in the breeds that have helped for creation, and if screening means exist, they would be required.

1. Colour recognized in the breed by another federation

A) Submitting a file for NC recognition

The file is made of:

- the program for the introduction of the colour in the breed and its goals: history, breeding program that has led to recognition of the colour by the foreign federation on at least 5 generations with corresponding pedigrees, pictures, number of registered subjects, number of breeders, existing breed club in the federation(s) that recognize(s) that colour in the breed as well as the status...;

This file will be submitted to the Standards Commission, to the Judges' Commission, to the Scientific Council and the involved breed clubs. After study of the file, those commissions will make a stated recommendation before the LOOF Board whether to suggest recognition by the LOOF as New Colour (NC) or not.

Cats in NC are not accepted in Championship, but the subjects will be allowed for judgment in all classes (kittens and adults) and the maximum qualification may



be "EXCELLENT". They are neither allowed to participate in Best in variety, nor Best in Show contests.

As long as the colour is at NC phase, the products of the breed in that colour will be registered on the RIEX Book. As soon as the colour is officially recognized in Championship, the products will be registered in the Main Book.

The status change is automatically applied on January, 1st of the year following its acceptance by the LOOF Board.

B) From New Colour status to Championship status

In order, for a NC recognized by another federation, to be recognized in Championship, it should have, during the three years before the file is submitted for Championship status:

- a minimum of 20 cats registered in LOOF's RIEX;
- a minimum of 5 breeders breeding in France;
- a minimum of 10 subjects presented in LOOF cat shows to at least 5 different judges;
- a minimum of 10 subjects out of 2 different lines, presented during a LOOF judges' seminar.

A Championship recognition file taking up those elements is then delivered to the Standards Commission which submits the file to the LOOF Board after study.

The status change is automatically applied on January, 1st of the year following its acceptance by the LOOF Board.

2. Introduction of a colour that is not recognized in the breed by any other federation

Before pretending to NC status, a preliminary breeding program presenting the means to introduce a colour that does not exist in a breed should be submitted to the Standards' Commission (crosses plans).

The file is made of an introduction program of the colour in the breed with its goals: presentation of the plan, interest for the breed, cross plans, explanation for choosing those breeds, choice of breeders, etc.

If the new colour does not already exist in the official list of LOOF recognized colours (in all breeds), the file should also include the complete description of phenotype, the published studies about that colour (veterinary thesis and/or publications reviewed by the peers), the underlying genetic model and the possible interactions with the other colours.

This file will be submitted to the Standards Commission, to the Judges' Commission, to the Scientific Council and the involved breed clubs. After study of the file, those commissions will make a stated recommendation before the LOOF Committee whether to suggest recognition by the LOOF as New Colour (NC) or not.



Cats in NC are not accepted in Championship, but they will be allowed for judgment in all classes (kittens and adults) and the maximum qualification may be "EXCELLENT". They are neither allowed to participate in Best in variety, nor Best in Show contests.

As long as the colour is at NC phase, the products of the breed in that colour are registered in the RIEX book. As soon as the colour is officially recognized in championship, those products are registered on the Main Book.

The status change is automatically applied on January, 1st of the year following its acceptance by the LOOF Board.

B) From New Colour status to Championship status

In order, for a NC not recognized by any other federation, to be recognized in Championship, it should have, during the three years before the file is submitted for Championship status:

- A minimum of 20 cats registered in LOOF's RIEX;
- A minimum of 5 breeders of that breed and colour in France;
- A minimum of 10 different subjects presented in LOOF cat shows to at least 5 different judges;
- A minimum of 10 subjects, from 2 different lines, presented during a LOOF judges' seminar.

A Championship recognition file taking up those elements is then delivered to the Standards Commission which submits the file to the LOOF Board after study.

The change of status is automatically applied on January, 1st following its acceptance by the LOOF Committee.