

All members are expected to be familiar with and comply with all TICA By-Laws, Registration Rules, Show Rules, and Standing Rules.

Membership Rules

13.1 Qualifications. Membership shall be open to any individual person who is interested in owning, breeding or exhibiting domesticated cats. New members must complete the application form which includes an agreement to abide by the rules and regulations of the Association and pay the required fee for membership dues. A member's region of record is the region where the member resides.

13.1.1 No more than four people residing at the same mailing address may be voting members.

13.1.2 TICA clubs may collect and send in dues for club members. Dues must be sent with a list which shall include each club member's name and mailing address. Email address shall be included if available.

13.1.3 Membership cards may be sent only to an individual member's mailing address and not to a club's mailing address. In the case of a lost number, only the member may request confirmation of the number. Confirmation must be mailed to that member's mailing address.

13.2 Classes of Members. Members shall be divided into four classes: Life Members, Regular Members, Family Members and Junior members. A member's region of record is the region where the member resides.

13.2.1 Regular Members: Those members 18 years of age or older who have paid the regular membership fee. Regular members are eligible to vote and to receive all rights, privileges and honors accorded.

13.2.2 Family Members: Additional members of a regular member's family, over the age of 18 years, who pay family membership dues. Family members have the same rights and privileges as regular members. Only one family member per regular member may vote.

13.2.3 International Family Members. Additional members of an International member's family, over the age of 18, who pay international family membership dues. Family members have the same rights and privileges as International members, excluding a TICA TREND subscription. Only one additional family member per International member may vote.

13.2.4 Junior Members: Those members under 18 years of age who pay junior membership dues. Junior members have the same rights and privileges as regular members except the right to vote and hold office.

13.2.5 Life Members: Those members who pay the life membership fee. Life members have the same rights and privileges as regular members.

13.3 Dues.

13.3.1 Membership dues shall be established by the Board of Directors and shall be due and payable on the first of May each year for the ensuing year.

Related Standing Rules:

103.3.1 No matter when in a membership year (i.e. May 1 - April 30) a person joins TICA, he/she must renew that membership on May 1 in accordance with By-Laws 113.1, 113.1.1 and 113.1.2.

103.3.1.1 Memberships paid in April expire on April 30 of the following year.

103.3.1.2 Membership dues are not prorated.

By-Laws regarding Membership Voting state:

113.1 Qualification. Each member in good standing, one whose dues are paid and who has no outstanding indebtedness to TICA or to any TICA club, and who is not/was not on the Temporary Suspension List on the qualifying date, who was a member in good standing 6 months prior to the first day of the month in which a ballot is to be mailed, shall be eligible to vote.

113.1.1 Expired memberships not renewed before July 1st shall lapse and may not be renewed retroactively.

113.1.2 Persons whose membership has expired will be considered new members if they renew their membership after June 30.

By-Laws regarding Breed Sections state:

14.1 Breed Sections. A Breed Section shall be established for each breed and one or more sections for household pets. Each member shall automatically be eligible to apply to belong to one Breed Section as a part of his or her membership fee. Any member may belong to additional Breed Sections by applying for and by paying an additional fee.

14.1.1 Any member may belong to additional Breed/Breed Group Sections by applying for and paying an additional fee AND by showing proof of one of the following:

14.1.1.1 Individual registration of a cat of the breed/breed group in the three years immediately preceding application.

14.1.1.2 Registration of a litter of the breed/breed group in the three years immediately preceding application.

14.1.1.3 Showing a kitten, cat, or alter of the breed/breed group in the three years immediately preceding application.

14.1.1.4 Ownership of a kitten, cat or alter of the breed/breed group.