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# **Empress Chinchilla Show Regulations**

## **Part One**

### **Article I – General Regulations**

#### **Section 1 Official ECBC Show**

- A. In order for a live animal or pelt show to be recognized as an OFFICIAL ECBC SHOW and in order for animals and/or pelts awarded official ribbons or certificates to be properly recorded in the files of the ECBC National Office, a show will meet and comply with all the show regulations stipulated in this manual and be specifically sanctioned by the national office of ECBC.
- B. There will be a minimum of fifty (50) eligible entries for a standard live animals show to be recognized as official ECBC sanctioned show. The requirement for a mutation live animals show is thirty-five (35) eligible entries.
- C. A minimum of thirty-five (35) eligible pelt entries is required for an ECBC pelt show.
- D. If an advertised live animal show fails to meet the required number of entries to be a sanctioned show, the animals may be evaluated from 1 through 5, for registry, if applicable. No further awards or breeder points will be given. Full entry fee will be collected by the hosting branch less two dollars (\$2.00), as their placement results will not be printed in the show issue of the BREEDER.

#### **Section 2 Sponsorship of Shows**

- A. A sanctioned show will be sponsored by a chartered ECBC Branch. If a show is held by a unit, it must be sponsored by the branch to which the unit is affiliated.
- B. Only sanctioned shows will be conducted during the show season and they will be scheduled so as not to conflict with other sanctioned shows of neighboring branches. Every branch should attempt to schedule work days, pelt buys, and field days so as not to conflict with any other branch function published in the Empress BREEDER. Shows are to be spaced one week apart and if possible two (2) weeks apart.
- C. ECBC sanctioned pelt shows do not have to be conducted in conjunction with ECBC sanctioned live animal shows. They may be conducted at any time during the year, however, notice must appear in the Empress BREEDER at least 30 days prior to the date of the show.
- D. The national show will be hosted by a branch to be selected and approved by the national board. At their discretion, the national board may elect to host a national show or co-host a national show in conjunction with a branch or branches.
  - 1. Only one person will be appointed as the chairman of the national show.

2. If a branch wants to sponsor the national show or national meeting, they will be allowed to petition to do so, with the understanding that any profit stays at the branch level and also the branch absorb any loss. The June Show Issue retains and national pelt retains are exempt, and will still be forwarded to the national office.

### **Section 3      Lights/Judging Table**

- A. All entries entered in an ECBC sanctioned show will be classified and judged under the same type of lights. Show lights will consist of four (4) tubes. Tubes are to be positioned twenty-eight (28) inches above the table. Under no circumstances will the type or make of tubes be changed or conditions altered once the show has started except for replacement of burned out tubes or parts.
- B. At any branch or national show, either four foot or eight foot lights may be used. The tubes used must be those approved by the national board.
1. The GESP65 tubes are no longer approved. Currently the GE Daylight tubes and F400 tubes are not being produced – however new lights to replace them are being produced, see below for new approved lights.
  2. The following lights are approved:

Service F40DX	Daylight	48”
Phillips F40DX	Daylight	48”
GE F40DX	Daylight	48”
Phillips F96T 12/DX	Alto	96”
GEF96DX	Daylight	96” (or 8’ lamps by same manufacturer +

Daylight)
  3. The paper used for national show exhibition is to be smooth butcher paper, with a brightness of 84 or higher.
- C. The judging of the national show is required to have twenty-four (24) feet of light.
- D. At national shows, there will be no elevated platform for the judges table in order to facilitate easy viewing of animals and pelts by spectators. Table height may be adjusted for the convenience of the judges.

### **Section 4      Show Forms**

- A. Official show entry forms must be used and will be supplied by the national office of ECBC.
- B. Official report forms must be used and will be supplied by the national office of ECBC.
- C. Official order forms must be used and will be supplied at no charge by the national office of ECBC.
- D. One copy of completed show entry forms and one copy of completed official report forms must be returned to the national office of ECBC within two weeks following the show.

E. Exhibitors will use separate show entry sheets to designate the ranches first twenty (20) animals competing for breeder points and any additional exhibits not to receive breeder points. The latter will be placed on a separate entry sheet for easy accounting by the awards board.

## **Section 5 Remittance of Fee to National Office**

A. The host branch will remit a portion of the entry fees to the ECBC national office to help defray the costs of publishing show results in the Empress Chinchilla BREEDER. These requirements apply to every animal or pelt entered.

1. For live animal shows, the host branch will forward to the ECBC national office the sum of two dollars (\$2.00) per entry.

2. For pelt shows, the host branch will forward to the ECBC national office the sum of two dollars (\$2.00) per entry.

## **Section 6 Entry Requirements and Rules of Exhibit**

A. Animals or pelts may be entered in any ECBC sanctioned branch or national show by any member of ECBC, or any Empress recognized sister organization.

B. A maximum of twenty (20) live animals or thirty (30) pelts may be entered to compete for breeder's points by any one ranch in each ECBC sanctioned branch or national show. Ranches can opt to exhibit more than twenty (20) live animals or thirty (30) pelts but will not accept breeder's points for those entries.

C. All animals entered in an ECBC sanctioned show will have a nickel/monel colored metal tag in the right ear. The tag can be attached to the upper or lower portion of the ear. The tag must have the ranch brand imprinted and a number for the chinchilla. Care shall be taken to install the tag so the ranch brand is away from the judges' eye. There shall be no disqualification should the tag turn and attach itself in a manner that the ranch brand is visible to the judges.

D. No animals entered nor any animal on the home ranch of an exhibitor may have had or been exposed to a communicable viral or bacterial disease for a minimum of ninety (90) days prior to the opening of the show.

E. Pelts to be entered in ECBC branch or national show will have a pelt tag properly placed through both ear holes of said pelt.

F. For the national and branch shows, the pelts shall be dressed by a commercial dresser. The leather must be suitable for use in a manufactured garment.

G. At national shows, all first place or higher pelts will be shown one year only. Said pelts will be stamped on the leather side in the neck area with an appropriate crest before being returned to the holding area after competition. They will be deemed ineligible for showing at any other national show.

H. A man and wife, partnership, or corporation will not be considered as two or more ranches, even though they all have a full membership each; therefore they are allowed to show more than twenty (20) animals, however only their first twenty (20) live animals per show will be eligible for breeders points.

I. The national live animals and pelt shows will use the standard sequential entry numbering systems. The individual entry numbers for live animals will be placed on the end of every cage not visible to the judges, but easily viewed by the spectator/audience. The writing of cage card numbers is to be done by one person who is designated by the show committee.

J. The age and sex of the animal entered in the show must be written on the top of the cage card visible to the judges. The show chairman will designate one individual to complete this task.

K. Judges placement decisions on animals or pelts are final.

## **Section 7      Disqualifications**

A. If during or after a show, it is disclosed that a winning animal or pelt is not in proper order with ECBC, such winnings will be revoked; record of winnings will not be incorporated in ECBC files or be given publicity in the ECBC monthly publication. The national office of ECBC will be authorized to require the return of any awards on disqualified animals or pelts.

B. An animal or pelt may be disqualified from competition and awards rescinded if, in the opinion of the show committee or the national office of ECBC, the animal, pelt or its owner has not properly conformed to Empress rules. The actions of the local show committees or the national office of ECBC will be adhered to and are final.

C. In instances where the grand show champion is disqualified after the completion of the show, the reserve grand show champion will receive the corresponding disqualified champion's award. The third best, if applicable, will become reserve champion. The reserve champion or third best award will be returned to the show committee or the national office. This will also apply to class champions, reserve champions and third best of class, if applicable.

D. In instances where the best pelt of show is disqualified, the second best pelt of show will receive the corresponding disqualified champion's award. The second best award will be returned to the show committee or the national office. This will apply to color or class champions and reserve champions.

E. If an animal or pelt is disqualified during the show, the replacement animal or pelt will come from the same group of animals or pelts the champion or reserve came from.

F. If a rancher is found cheating at a show, an animal or pelt and/or whole show string may be disqualified at the discretion of the show committee.

G. If a rancher is found cheating, the show committee has the option of recommending to the national board that the membership be terminated.

## **Section 8 Show Mistakes and Protests**

- A. It is the owner's responsibility to see that his/her entries are on the show table in their proper class. If an entry is overlooked, the owner is to notify the show chairman and have that entry put against reserve color or class champion for judgment.
- B. Any show complaint must be filed with any member of the show committee prior to the judging of grand show champion. That member of the show committee must report the complaint to the other members of the show committee and the show must be stopped until the complaint is resolved.
- C. Any protest must be filed in writing within thirty (30) days, to the national office. The national board will arbitrate at its next board meeting. Their decision will be final.

## **ARTICLE II – Show Dates, Names, Options, and Deadlines**

### **Section 1 Show Dates**

- A. All sanctioned live animal shows sponsored by ECBC branches, other than the national show, are to be held between December 1<sup>st</sup> and the fourth weekend on February. All sanctioned shows must be publicized in the BREEDER at least thirty (30) days in advance of the show.
- B. Branch pelt shows can be held all year long, except the weekend of the national show.
- C. The national show is to be held on the first full weekend in March of each year, unless an exception is granted by the national board.

### **Section 2 Show Names**

- A. For uniformity and simplicity, all ECBC sanctioned live animal shows will be officially identified as follows; “\_\_\_\_\_ Branch Mutation Live Animal Show” or “\_\_\_\_\_ Branch Standard Live Animal Show.”
- B. The final live animal show of a given season, as recognized by ECBC, will be known as “(number) National Standard Live Animal Show” and “(number) National Mutation Live Animal Show.” It will be planned and sponsored under the direct supervision of Empress Chinchilla Breeders Cooperative, Inc.
- C. The final pelt show of the season, as recognized by ECBC, will be known as “(number) National Combined Pelt Show.”

### **Section 3 Show Options**

- A. A branch shall have the option of having a standard ten class show, a standard pelt show, a mutation show, and/or a mutation pelt show.
- B. The national shows will consist of a standard live animal show, a mutation live animal show, and a combined pelt show.



1. The mutation show will consist of all color sections included in Part Two, Article II, Section I.
2. The combined pelt show, and standard live animal shows will be held on Saturday. The mutation live animal show will be held on Sunday.
3. The Combined Pelt Show – 30 pelts maximum can be shown for breeder points.

C. At the option of the branch, at branch shows, there may be in conjunction with live animal or pelt shows, a group of only five animals or pelts per rancher is to compete for the Best Matched Five. Best Matched Five animals must come out of the show string. An entry fee of five (5) dollars is suggested. Standards will be separate from mutations, and the event will occur at the beginning of each show. Five of a kind animals or pelts must match sufficiently to allow the pelts, or pelts from the animals, to be used in the same garment in order to win an award.

D. At the national show, the best matched five has been eliminated.

#### **Section 4      Entry Deadlines**

A. The entry deadline for a branch show will be determined by the branch hosting the show.

B. Closing time for all entries at a national show is to be Friday at 10:30 PM unless an emergency occurs. In any emergency situation, the decision to extend the deadline is to be made by the show committee.

1. All paperwork will be turned in by 10:30 PM and everyone is to be out of the room by 10:45 PM.

2. The hosting branch has the option of a midnight (12:00 AM) deadline.

### **Article III – Ethics and Policy, Advertising, and Prohibitive Practices**

#### **Section 1      Ethics and Policy**

Advertising, promotion, and publicity disseminated in connection with ECBC sanctioned shows will be in conformity with ECBC code of ethics and the officially adopted objectives of the association. This rule applies to contact with such media as the press, radio, and television as well as planning the production of the show on the premises of the show location.

#### **Section 2      Authorized Advertising**

Exhibits of chinchilla materials and associated items are authorized at ECBC sanctioned shows including the national show. Live animal promotional type sales are strictly forbidden, the healthy exchange and sales of animals from rancher to rancher is allowed.

#### **Section 3      Prohibitive Practices**

A. No animal will be artificially tinted or colored in any manner whatsoever. Any animal proven to be so tinted or colored to the satisfaction of the show committee (Article IV, Section 2) will be

disqualified. The owner, thereof, will be barred permanently from exhibition in ECBC sanctioned shows; and such conduct will constitute cause for termination of the owner's membership in ECBC.

B. Tinting or coloring pelts must be consistent with the commercial process.

C. No one will be allowed to approach the show table until final placement of the animals or pelts has been announced.

## **Article IV – Awards Officials, Show Committee, and Judges**

### **Section 1 Awards Officials**

A. An awards official will be appointed to see that awards are made in conformity with the procedures of the show as outlined in Part Two.

B. The awards official will announce the entry numbers and the total number of entries for each group within a class or color section.

C. At the option of the hosting branch, a written list of exhibitors and entry numbers may be provided to all exhibitors.

D. The awards official will see that all rules in the show manual are adhered to completely and to the letter.

E. At the beginning of each show, a show official will announce the following,: “Please do not discuss with the judge(s) or allow the judge(s) to overhear conversation about the ownership of any entries in the show.”

### **Section 2 Show Committee**

The awards official, show chairman, and branch president or designated alternate will act as the show committee to resolve any disputes at the show, which will not continue until said dispute is properly resolved, if said dispute involves judges, judging, or awards. The show committee at the national show will be the national chairman of shows, the show chairman, the presidents of ECBC and the host branch or the designated alternatives. An additional committee member to break a tie would be the region director. If he is not present, an at-large director is to break the tie.

### **Section 3 ECBC Authorized Judges**

A. No judge or judge trainee will be eligible to officiate or train at an ECBC sanctioned show if his/her ranch has entries in the same show.

B. All judges serving at an ECBC sanctioned branch or national show must be current members of ECBC or an authorized judge of NCBC.

C. Those other than sanctioned judges must be Empress approved trainee judges. Exceptions may be approved by the national board to allow outstanding representatives of the industry. See Appendix 1 for a list of current ECBC authorized judges.

#### **Section 4      Number of Judges**

A. ECBC sanctioned shows will have at least one judge who is an ECBC authorized judge. If more than one judge is used, the following schedule indicates the number of ECBC authorized judges that must be used:

2 judges, 1 ECBC authorized judge required

3 judges, 2 ECBC authorized judge required

4 judges, 2 ECBC authorized judge required

B. All national shows (live animal and pelt) shall have three judges and all judges will participate in judging all entries.

C. The number of trainees must not exceed the number of sanctioned judges judging any one show.

#### **Section 5      National Show Judges**

A. The hosting branch will submit a list of up to six (6) possible candidates for judges to judge the National Show.

B. The list is required to be submitted at the annual meeting of the board of directors, preceding the intended national show.

C. Final selection of the required three (3) judges and alternates will be decided by the national board of directors. However, the board reserves the right to select from additional candidates.

D. At the national show, two (2) out of three (3) judges must be sanctioned judges for a minimum of five (5) years. If an alternate is used, this requirement may be waived.

E. Husbands and wives are allowed to judge a national show together.

#### **Section 6      Judging Guidelines**

A. All entries will be judged according to the descriptive terms in Part Three, Article 1, section 5. Placement of animals or pelts will be downgraded depending upon the severity of flaws observed by the judges.

B. Any animal or pelt fitting in any of the following color sections (minus the ebony color section) having a grayish/brown tipping throughout the belly will be eliminated. Partial belly tipping will be downgraded, depending on the severity.

C. Slate or down in color will be penalized depending on the severity.

D. No animal exhibiting watery eyes will receive a first (1<sup>st</sup>) place. One watery eye will be tolerated, unless signs of malocclusion are visible.

E. A check animal can be selected when judging the first class. It should be the best of the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) place animals. It can then be used as a check for all other classes. It shall only be brought back as a guideline to break first (1<sup>st</sup>) and second (2<sup>nd</sup>) places. Check animals should not be on the judges table any longer than necessary. It is to be put in a quiet spot, away from the lights between judging the class.

## Part Two

### Live Animal and Pelt Shows

#### Article I – Type of Shows

##### Section 1     Standard Show

A. Entries in a standard class show will be segregated into groups of ten (10) animals or more per class. A standard show can have anywhere from five (5) to ten (10) classes. The graph below illustrates the appropriate classes allowed in a sanctioned standard show.

Entries	Classes
49 or less	See Part I Art. I, Sec. I Part. D
50-59	5
60-69	6
70-79	7
80-89	8
90-99	9
100+	10

B. Regardless of number of classes a standard show has it will promote even distribution of entries in the respective classes. In other words in an eight (8) class show you will skip every 8<sup>th</sup> animal for the placement of entries in their respective classes. So class one of an 8 class show will have animals 1, 9, 17, 25,.. etc. Class two of an 8 class show will have 2, 10, 18 , 26,..etc. (See Appendix III)

C. No color phasing shall be done.

D. In live animal shows, males, females, juniors and adults shall compete together, and date of birth and sex will be listed on the back of the pen card to be visible to the judges.

E. Split classes may be used in judging. Split each class, as it comes up, to be judged into males and females. The males are placed on one end of the judging table and the females at the other... As they are judged the first place (1<sup>st</sup>) males and first (1<sup>st</sup>) place females will be moved to the middle of the judging table where they will compete together for class champion, reserve class champion and third best of show.

F. The show will be run as a multiple ribbon show.

G. At branch level shows, the branch has the option of having a third best of class, and also third best of show, points will be calculated as 9 for champion, 8 for reserve and 7 for third best of class. 12 point for grand show champion, 11 for reserve grand show champion, and 10 for third best of show.

H. At the national show the third best of show and third best of class will be awarded for all live animal and pelt shows. The points will be the same as 'G' above.

I. In the pelt show, pelts showing heavy streaks of blue may be penalized one (1) place by the judges.

J. At the national show and at the option of the branch show, the "key" (or also referred to as the check animal) from class 1 of the standard show is to be used as the "key" in the mutation show.

K. At all shows, the number of entries in each class will be determined at the close of entry time. If there are 24 or fewer entries, the animals or pelts are judged as one class. In classes of more than 24 entries, the total number of groups will be determined by the division of 24. If the answer contains a fraction, it will round up to the next full number (example 94 entries divided by 24 equals 3.9. Therefore, there would be four (4) groups in the class, but only one (1) champion.)

## **Section 2      Mutation Show**

A. In a mutation show, the entries are segregated by color section. It will contain all the color sections described in part Two, Article II.

B. There must be at least one (1) entry to have a color section at the branch level.

C. There must be a minimum of one (1) animal or pelt to constitute a color section at a national show.

D. There will be no color phasing.

E. In live animal shows, males, females, juniors and adults will compete together, and the date of birth and animal sex will be listed on the back of the pen card visible to the judges. See Article 1, section 1, E, to judge males and females separately.

F. Show will run as a multiple ribbon show.

G. At branch level shows, the branch has the option of having a Third Best of Class, and also Third Best of Show. Points will be calculated as 9 for champion, 8 for reserve and 7 for third best of class. 12 point for grand show champion, 11 for reserve grand show champion, and 10 for third best of show.

H. At the National Show the third best of show and third best of class will be awarded for all live animal and pelt shows. The points will be the same as 'G' above.

I. The June show issue of the BREEDER shall list all mutation grand show champion and reserve show champion and third best of show champions by their color.

J. At all shows, the number of entries in each class will be determined at the close of entry time. If there are 24 or fewer entries, the animals or pelts are judged as one class. In classes of more than 24 entries, the total number of groups will be determined by the division of 24. If the answer contains a fraction, it will round up to the next full number (example 94 entries divided by 24 equals 3.9. Therefore, there would be four (4) groups in the class, but only one (1) champion.)

K. The developmental class will take place at the beginning of the mutation show. The developmental class will consist of animals that possess atypical fur types. All entries will not accrue breeder points or be included in the twenty animal string that accrues breeder points. They may be awarded ribbons 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> place if appropriate.

## **Article II – Color Classes of the Mutation Show**

### **Section 1 Color Classes**

#### **A. Developmental Class**

#### **B. White Class**

1. White with dark ears
2. White with light ears  
(All spotted animals go into this class and shall be divided by their ear color)
3. Champagne Class includes recessive whites, gold bars, etc.

#### **C. Sapphire Class**

1. Sapphire and Blue Diamonds
2. TOV Sapphire (sapphire/black velvet blend)
3. Sapphire Wrap (sapphires with a full colored belly)
4. Blue Diamond Class

#### **D. Violet Class**

1. Violet and Blue Diamonds
2. TOV Violet (violet/black velvet blend)
3. Violet Wrap (violets with a fully colored belly)

#### **E. Beige Class**

1. Homo beige
2. Beige
3. TOV Beige (beige/black velvet cross)
4. Beige Wrap (beige with a fully colored belly)

## **F. Ebony Class**

1. Hetero Ebony
2. Homo Ebony
3. TOV Ebony (Ebony or Homo Ebony/black velvet cross)

## **G. Black Velvet Class**

1. Black Velvet

## **Section 2 Miscellaneous**

A. To separate pink-whites from mosaics they will be divided by ear color. Animals displaying a dark ear color will be placed in Subclass 1 of the whites. Animals displaying a pinkish ear color will be placed in Subclass 2 of the whites. Animals recognized as Champagnes will be placed in Subclass 3 of the whites. All first place animals (from Subclass 1, 2, and 3 will compete for class champion.) There is only one class champion.

B. Should there be more than 24 entries in any subclasses, the subclass will be split, i.e. subclass 1 has 25 entries and subclass 2 has 10 entries, subclass 1 will split in half and every other animal in that subclass will compete for initial placing at a time. After all animals have been placed 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> and commented on by the judge(s) then all first place animals will come together to compete for class champion.

C. Sapphire/violet cross has a high degree of variability in which mutation it resembles more, violet or sapphire. As such, prior to the judging of the sapphire class all entries that are sapphire/violet cross will be briefly examined by the show judge(s) and placed into their appropriate class.

D. New Mutation Colors - When judging newly developed mutation colors it will be left to the discretion of the judges as to which color section the new mutation should be added to.

## **Section 3 Combined Pelt Show**

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### **Article III – Judging & Conduct of Show**

#### **Section 1 Order of judging**

A. The standard show will begin with class one (1) and proceed sequentially until complete. In a mutation show, the color sections will be judged in the order they are listed in article II, section 1.

#### **Section 2 Judging Procedure**

A. As the entries are placed upon the judging table, the awards official will announce the class or color section, (as appropriate) to be judged. The awards official will then call off the number of each entry for coordination with the recording official after which he/she will count and announce the total number of entries for further verification with the recording officials count.

B. In the standard show or mutation show, the entries are then judged and placed, according to their merit, in places first (1<sup>st</sup>) through fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) or no award, if applicable. The awards official then calls out the entry number and award or each entry to the recording officials so they may enter the information into the official records. The judge (or one of the judges) will then comment on each of the entries beginning with the lowest award. The winners are then announced according to the procedures in section 3, after which the champions are selected according to the procedures in Article IV.

### **Section 3      Announcing the Winners**

A. At the option of the hosting branch, a written list of exhibitors and cage numbers may be provided to all exhibitors and the reading of the exhibitor's names (except for the top awards at the end of the show) may be waived during the show.

B. At a multiple ribbon show, at the conclusion of the judge(s) comments in the standard or mutation show, the awards official will announce the names of the second, third, fourth, and fifth place winners. First place winners remain on the table for the selection of class champion and reserve class champion

## **Article IV – Selecting Champions**

### **Section 1      Class Champions**

A. A class champion, a reserve class champion or third best of class, if applicable, will be selected from each class for standard and mutation live animal shows, and pelt shows. Only first (1<sup>st</sup>) place entries will compete for class champion, reserve class champion and third best of class, if applicable. The best of the first place animals may receive a class champion, reserve class champion or third best of class, or remain as a first place animal only. Further advancement is at the option of the judge(s).

B. All class champions or color champions compete for grand show champion.

### **Section 2      Grand Show Champion and Reserve Grand Show Champion**

A. The awards official will announce the competition for grand show champion. All the class champions are placed on the table for competition for grand show champion. The awards official will then call off the entries numbers for verification with the recording officials.

B. Upon determining the grand show champion, the awards official will announce the cage number only of the winning entry and identify the entry card with the proper award designation.

C. Immediately after completion of judging for grand show champion, the awards official will announce the competition for reserve grand show champion. The reserve to the entry that produced the grand show champion will be brought up for competition with the remaining champions. Upon determining the reserve grand show champion, the awards official will announce the cage number only and identify the entry card with the proper award designation.



D. If the option for third best of show has been selected, the animal placing behind the reserve grand show champion is then brought up for competition with the remaining winners. Upon determining the third best of show, the awards official will announce the cage number only and identify the entry card with the proper award designation.

### **Section 3      Announcing Final Winners**

After final judging is completed, the awards official will announce the entry numbers and names of the owners of all entries which were in championship competition. This will include all champions, reserve champions, third best (when applicable), third best of show, (when applicable) reserve grand show, and grand show champion.

## **Article V – Awards**

### **Section 1      Ribbons**

A. At the option of the host branch, ribbons or certificates may be presented to winners. A branch has the option of giving certificate rather than ribbons. If a branch chooses to give certificates, they must state this in their show ad and it must appear in the BREEDER prior to the show.

B. Ribbons will be awarded to all winners in official national shows.

C. The animal numbers and color section in mutation shows must be filled in with ink on the card appearing on the back side of all ribbons or certificates before presentation to the winning exhibitor.

D. At the national mutation show there will be one rosette per color section presented to the breeders who exhibit no more than five animals who earn the highest number of breeder points in that class. There is a minimum of 27 points to be eligible.

### **Section 2      Trophies**

A. Grand show champion and the reserve grand show champion and the class champions shall receive trophies at the national. At branch level, a rosette, plaque, or trophy may be awarded for class champions at the option of the hosting branch.

B. Suitable trophies, properly inscribed will be awarded at national shows. They will cover the same awards listed in paragraph A. above. Trophies will be awarded for class champions at national shows. Trophy selections are to be approved by the national board.

C. National show trophies are to be silver for standard shows and gold for mutation shows.

D. A special trophy, known as the **Mathias F. Chapman Memorial Award**, will identify the Standard Show 1<sup>st</sup> place Breeder's Award winner at the national show. The owner's name, the year of the show, and the city and state of the show will be engraved on the trophy. It will be a traveling trophy to remain in the possession of the winner for one year, at which time the winner will be responsible for the return of the trophy to the hosting branch for the national show the following year. A suitable trophy for 1<sup>st</sup> place Breeder's Award will be awarded the winner for permanent possession as provided for in paragraph B above.

E. A special trophy, known as the **M. E. Caraway Memorial Award**, will identify the Mutation Show 1<sup>st</sup> place Breeder's Award winner at the national show. The owner's name, the year of the show, and the city and state of the show will be engraved on the trophy. It will be a traveling trophy to remain in the possession of the winner for one year, at which time the winner will be responsible for the return of the trophy to the hosting branch for the National Show the following year. A suitable trophy for 1<sup>st</sup> place Breeder's Award will be awarded the winner for permanent possession as provided for in paragraph B above.

F. A special trophy, known as the **Lloyd G. Sullivan Memorial Trophy**, will be awarded at National Shows to the rancher who has been in the business ten (10) years or less, and achieves the highest point award in the pelt show.

G. A special trophy, known as the **Master Breeder Award**, will be awarded at the National Shows to the rancher who has the highest point total of all three (3) shows combined. No tie breaker is required. A suitable trophy will be awarded the winner for permanent possession as provided in paragraph B above.

### Section 3 Breeder Awards

A. Breeder award trophies will be given to exhibitors in each show on a high point basis. Each type of award is to be assigned a point value as follows

<b>Live Animal</b>		<b>Pelts</b>	
Award	# of Points	Award	# of Points
5 <sup>th</sup> place	2	5 <sup>th</sup> place	2
4 <sup>th</sup> place	3	4 <sup>th</sup> place	3
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	4	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	4
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	5	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	5
1 <sup>st</sup> place	6	1 <sup>st</sup> place	6
Res. Class Champ	7	Res. Class Champ	7
Class Champion	8	Class Champ	8
Res. Gr. Show	9	Res Gr. Show	9
Gr. Show Champ	10	Gr. Show Champ	10

<b>Live Animals with 3<sup>rd</sup> Best</b>		<b>Pelts with 3<sup>rd</sup> Best</b>	
Award	# of Points	Award	# of Points
5 <sup>th</sup> place	2	5 <sup>th</sup> place	2
4 <sup>th</sup> place	3	4 <sup>th</sup> place	3
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	4	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	4
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	5	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	5
1 <sup>st</sup> place	6	1 <sup>st</sup> place	6
3 <sup>rd</sup> Best of Class	7	3 <sup>rd</sup> Best of Class	7

Res. Class Champ	8	Res. Class Champ	8
Class Champion	9	Class Champ	9
3 <sup>rd</sup> Best of Show	10	3 <sup>rd</sup> Best of Show	10
Res. Gr. Show	11	Res Gr. Show	11
Gr. Show Champ	12	Gr. Show Champ	12

B. Each exhibitor with winning animals in a show will be credited with the point value of the highest award received by each animals owned and produced by him/her and carrying his/her ECBC registered ranch brand.

C. The following are the requirement to qualify for breeder's award points:

1. An exhibitor can only exhibit animals under one brand which must be recorded in the national office as belonging to him/her.

2. The word "produced" as used in paragraph C above means to have control of the breeding and birth of the animals in question.

3. An exhibitor may enter purchased animal(s) under the previous owner/breeders brand but the exhibitor will NOT receive breeder points.

D. First, second, third, fourth, and fifth breeder's award trophies, properly inscribed, are to be awarded. A minimum accumulated point value of thirty (30) points is required to earn a breeder's award trophy. At the option of the hosting branch, a plaque may be awarded for the breeder's award in place of a trophy.

E. In case of a tie for first place, the second place award is to be replaced with a duplicate first place award, thereby, providing two 1<sup>st</sup> place awards, no 2<sup>nd</sup> place award, one 3<sup>rd</sup> place award, one 4<sup>th</sup> place award and one 5<sup>th</sup> place award. In case of a tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, the 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy is exchanged for an additional 2<sup>nd</sup> place, no 3<sup>rd</sup> place is awarded, one 4<sup>th</sup> place award and one 5<sup>th</sup> place award. This same procedure is carried out for each tie that occurs.

F. The requirement for breeder's awards at the national shows is the same as the above requirement for the branch shows. At national standard and mutation live animal shows, the breeder's award will remain at five (5) places with minimum points required to win an award to remain at thirty (30). The next five placements (6<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>) with a minimum of thirty (30) points, while receiving no trophies, will receive recognition with a listing in the show issue of the BREEDER magazine. The total number of entries by the exhibitors will be published as part of the show results.

G. At the National Mutation Show and Pelt Show, Breeder Awards will be awarded for each color class. To be eligible, a rancher must show a minimum of 5 animals or 3 pelts in a color class. A ranchers highest five animals or 3 pelts will be added, the rancher with the highest points will be awarded the breeder award rosette.

H. Junior Breeder Award – To qualify for the junior breeder award, you must have raised chinchillas consecutively for a maximum of five (5) years (at branch discretion 7 years) or less and be a member of ECBC. You may show a full string, limiting your top five (5) place animals for the junior breeder

award receiving 25 points or more. You must make it known to the awards table at the beginning of the show that you wish to compete for the junior breeder award.

#### **Section 4      Branch Responsibility**

Ribbons and trophies are the responsibility of the branch to secure from their own source. However, the number and kind must be in conformance with these rules. The national show ribbons and trophies are the responsibility of the host branch.

### **Part Three**

#### **Judges and Judging**

##### **Article I – Judges, Judging, and Terminology**

#### **Section 1      Qualifying Requirements for ECBC Authorized Judges**

- A. A trainee judge must be a current member of ECBC for three (3) years prior to being sponsored.
- B. A trainee judge must be sponsored by an ECBC branch; said branch will notify the National Office in writing of the individual being recommended as a trainee judge.
- C. A trainee judge must actively participate in sanctioned shows, breed and exhibit a minimum of ten (10) chinchillas receiving first place ribbons or better.
- D. A trainee judge must attend and participate in three (3) sanctioned judging seminars. The instructor(s) of the seminar will complete an evaluation form on each trainee and forward the form to the National Office, who will forward a copy to the national chair of shows.
- E. A trainee judge must have judged with at least three different ECBC authorized judges in two different shows.
- F. A trainee judge will meet all the requirements within five (5) years.
- G. Respective judges will complete an evaluation sheet, furnished by the national office, reviewing the trainee's performance. Evaluation sheets will be forwarded to the National Office to be maintained in the trainee judge's file. A copy will be sent to the national chairman of shows.
- H. Members who do not own or raise animals, such as marketing people, fur dressers, or manufacturers, may be appointed by the national board of directors as authorized pelt only show judges.

#### **Section 2      Procedures for Becoming an ECBC Authorized Judge**

- A. A trainee judge must meet necessary requirements above.

B. The sponsoring branch will submit a letter of recommendation to the national chairman of shows and the national office, indicating the shows at which the trainee has judged and the judges with whom the trainee has judged with.

C. Upon receipt of the recommendation, the chairman of shows is to send a letter of inquiry to the judges identified, if such evaluation sheets have not been previously received.

D. There shall be a set committee of seven (7) sanctioned judges. A minimum of two (2) will meet with the trainee judge at the annual meeting judges Seminar and will test and score the trainee. If two are not available, any sanctioned judge of five (5) years or more may substitute. The committee judges must be a judge for a minimum of five (5) years. The national board of directors will review those judges who are qualified and choose seven (7).

E. To become a sanctioned judge, a trainee must be approved by the test committee and the national board of directors.

F. If a trainee judge is an associate member of ECBC, he/she must become a full member to qualify as an ECBC sanctioned judge.

G. When the results are received, the national chairman of shows submits them to the national board at the next meeting for a final decision by the full board.

H. If trainee needs more training, he/she will be so advised. Trainee is to judge at least one more show as a trainee, and can reapply the following year. If the trainee is rejected three (3) times he/she will not be allowed to become an authorized judge.

I. Correspondence is then sent to the trainee and sponsoring branch advising them of the board's decision.

### **Section 3      Miscellaneous**

A. If a trainee does not complete the above show judging requirements within four (4) years; he or she must resubmit a letter or sponsorship and start the process over again.

B. A person must maintain current ECBC membership in order to retain his status as an ECBC authorized judge.

C. An ECBC authorized judge who has not judged at an ECBC sanctioned live animals or pelt show during a period of three (3) consecutive years can be removed from the list of ECBC authorized judges.

D. All authorized judges must attend at least one (1) national judges seminar, including the judges closed door session, once in every four years, of which every second seminar attended must be outside their own region or they may be removed from the judges list by the national board of directors.

E. Authorized judges who judge a national show, the judging shall qualify as attending an annual meeting judges seminar.

F. Authorized judges no longer having animals but who remain members in good standing and wish to remain as authorized judges may do so if they continue to attend judge's seminar every four (4) years. Every second seminar attended must be attended out of their own region.

G. The national board of directors may restore ECBC authorized judge status to an individual they deem qualified.

#### **Section 4 Code of Ethics and Conduct for Show Judges**

A. The appointment of an individual to be a judge for ECBC places one in a position of great honor and respect. The influence which is inherent to such position requires the very best performance from the individual and the complete support for the Empress and foundation policies, code of ethics, and other rules and regulations established by the national board. A show judge must, accordingly, serve under the following conditions.

1. When called upon to judge, make every effort to accept the invitation and, having accepted, make every effort to fulfill the engagement.

2. Enter into no discussion with exhibitors of animals that are still in competition which may disclose owner's identity. Remain neutral involving any disputes at the show.

3. Make no derogatory remarks against chinchillas of any color section that may be on or off the table. Remarks indicating poor quality will be made in a kindly manner and be helpful to the exhibitors. Preferential treatment of one color phase over another will not be given.

4. Buying or selling of animals or the furnishing of advice as to where they may be bought or sold during the judging of a show is strictly prohibited. Refer all such inquiries to the advertising section of the Empress magazine.

5. Show judges will make every effort to attend the seminars held yearly and consider this action necessary if held in their immediate region.

6. For uniformity when commenting upon animals, the definitions of color, quality, size, etc., prepared for the authorized judges will be followed.

7. Show judges should refrain from reviewing the awards board during the show. Many exhibitors question the partiality given to certain animals by the show judges as well as the association of assigned numbers with particular exhibitor's animals.

8. Every action taken and every comment made concerning Empress must be constructive in nature and not inconsistent with Empress Policy. Derogatory remarks will not be made that reflect discredit upon the Empress organization, the officers, the employees, or any authorized Empress judge. Differences may exist but will not be openly aired before the membership.

9. Whether judging, exhibiting, or attending shows or other meetings, a show judge is a representative of Empress at all times and, as such, will take no action that is detrimental in any manner to the organization.

10. Failure to impart good will between the membership and the organization will preclude the honor of being an authorized show judge. Accordingly, the national board of directors is empowered to withdraw the privilege of judging at any time.

11. Show judges will under no circumstances employ their official position for the purpose of profit or gain. Any reference or endorsement of specific chinchilla articles, or services by an authorized Empress show judge which may result in a financial benefit is strictly prohibited.

## **Section 5      Descriptive Terms**

**A. Color-** A particular color of fur should be distinct and clear, void of dullness or muddiness. It should not have a yellow or reddish “off color”, but ideally it should have a bluish cast to it. Clarity of color of an animal is judged by the clearness of its color plus the presence of a distinct impression of blue. While the two factors are often connected, an animal can be clear without being blue. Whether an animal is light, medium or dark is of no consequence when attempting to determine the clearness or the clarity of the color.

**B. Size-** Size is the quality of an animal that determines how much space it occupies or the number of square inches that a pelt will cover. Quantity of size could be extra large and range down to small if it is an animal. If it is a pelt, physical area covered.

**C. Confirmation-** Confirmation is most desirable when a chinchilla has a broad, fully furred neck and shoulder area. The body structure is to be reasonably blocky and rectangular.

**D. Density-** Density is the volume of the fur, quantity or the number of hair fibers per given area. Strength and density together produce what is known as cushion

**E. Texture-** Texture is, theoretically, the fineness or coarseness of the individual fur fiber. In practice, texture becomes the overall look of plushness, or silkiness. Self-explanatory terms such as “silky”, “wooly”, “coarse”, “plushy”, and “singled” can properly be used to define the textures of a chinchilla.

**F. Veiling Coverage-** Veiling coverage has to do with the quantity and distribution of the veiling tip, the extent to which the veiling tip is carried throughout the body.

**G. Strength of Fur-** Strength of fur is judged by the snap with which it regains its original position after disarrangement, the ability of the fur to exert resistance to an outside force and retain its original upright position. It is the vitality of the resistance of the hair.

**H. Fur Pattern-** Fur pattern is the arrangement of the fur ideally resulting in the smooth appearance of the surface of the animal or pelt. Good pattern is the smooth, unbroken flow of the surface. Any irregularity in fur continuity, such as swirls, “zippers”, choppiness, a mottled appearance, any brokenness or unevenness, is objectionable.

**I. Quality-** Exclusive of all the above listed fur traits, it is the sum total of all the characteristics of the fur which includes strength, density, texture, distribution of veiling, etc., that contributes to the overall appearance of the animal.

## **Section 6 Guidelines for Empress Judges Seminars**

A. The national chairman of shows is to plan and oversee the national judges seminar at the annual meeting and act as co-chairman with the director assigned to be chairman of the annual meeting.

B. An Empress judges seminar will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting.

C. One additional Empress judges seminar will be allowed, annually, at the option of each of the other three regions, in areas other than the site and region hosting the annual meeting. In other words, any region can have one seminar anytime during the year except the region hosting the annual meeting, who will always hold it in conjunction with that meeting.

D. All Empress judges seminars will be coordinated by the chairman of shows. The branch or branches involved will be responsible for all expenses at seminars except the seminar at the Annual Meeting.

E. Official Empress judges seminars will be open to all Empress members with the participants segregated into two groups, the general membership and the authorized and trainee judges groups. Part 1 of the seminar will deal with basic information for the general membership group; and the authorized and trainee judges group will be briefed on marketing trends, order of values, uniformity, etc. Part 2 will bring both groups together with the authorized and trainee judges working with the various instructors.

F. There will be a closed door session for judges and trainees only.

G. The instructors for the judging seminars will come from the list of judges or qualified industry experts.

H. When selecting the instructors, the correct balance between pelt and animal personnel should be maintained.

I. Instructors could consist of the following mix;

1. A recognized chinchilla pelt dealer who is currently involved with the sale of chinchilla pelts will be in charge of pelt education and current marketing trends.
2. An Empress judge who is fully involved in the chinchilla industry.
3. An Empress judge who has been approved for five or more years.
4. One instructor who is knowledgeable in genetics.
5. One instructor who maintains a sizable herd of most color sections.
6. Preferred but not mandatory is an individual who is involved with dressing chinchillas and has contact with many pelts from various sections of the industry.



## **PART FOUR**

### **Empress Chinchilla Registry**

#### **Article 1 – Rules and Regulations of Registration with Empress Chinchilla Registry**

##### **Section 1- Herd Book of the Empress Chinchilla Registry**

A. Official Record- An official register of record of animal registrations shall be known as the “Empress Chinchilla Registry Herd Book.” This register shall be maintained in such form and published at such time as shall be decided by the Board of Directors of Empress Chinchilla Breeders Cooperative.

B. Entries- Each entry shall contain the registration number, date of registry, sex, animals permanent ranch brand, date of birth, type (standard and mutation), color phase, brand and registration number, if any, of the dam, name of breeder, and name of the first and subsequent owners.

##### **Section 2- Registration & Privileges of Registration**

A. All Empress Chinchilla Breeders are eligible to register animals in the Empress Chinchilla Registry Herd Book.

B. Foundation animals are all of the animals which will be registered between the outset of the breed registration program and the time the herd book is “closed.” All animals to be registered in the Empress Chinchilla Registry will qualify as eligible to be registered only after being judged by two authorized ECBC judges.

1. **PHASE I** – Provision Registration- Those animals that are eligible to be registered, but whose parents were not required to be registered (1975 – 1981).

a. Phase I registry is now in effect for all blue ribbon winners at branch and national registry shows until further notice (beginning 1993 – 1994 show season).

2. **PHASE II** – Merit Registration. Those animals that are eligible to be registered, and are the offspring of at least one registered parent (1981 – date to be determined by ECBC Board of Directors action.) ECBC Directors action placed the National Show and the top four winners in any branch sanctioned show (does not apply to registry field day events) under Phase I registry rules for the duration of the Phase II registry period.

3. **PHASE III** – Premium Registration. Those animals eligible to be registered and have both parents registered. When determined by the ECBC Board of Directors, the Herd Book will be closed and all chinchilla registered after that date will be required to be the offspring of two registered parents.

4. Mutations shall be eligible for registration under the same rules and regulations as the standard animals, and for purposes of identification, shall be segregated into, and defined as the same color sections and phases. New color sections and phases are expected to be produced in the future, and shall be eligible to register at such time as the ECBC Board of Directors deeming it advisable. The method of registration identification shall, insofar as it’s practicable, follow the color

sections in the Show Manual of ECBC, but may be altered at the discretion of the ECBC Board of Directors.

5. The registration of any animal which does not conform to the requirements set forth in these rules shall become null and void and in such cases, the certificate of registration shall be surrendered to Empress Chinchilla for cancellation.

### **Section 3- Methods of Identification**

A. At the time an animal is presented for Registry, it shall have been legibly marked by ear tag bearing the ranch brand and year letter and animals number.

B. No animal will be considered for certification if it presents no permanent means of identification at the show.

C. Authenticity of identification at time of certification will be the responsibility of the show committee.

D. Upon being judged acceptable for registry, each animal, at that time and place, shall be permanently earmarked by such method or device, as the ECBC Board of Directors shall determine. Said device shall contain the ECBC identification and the registration number, which will belong to that individual animal only.

### **Section 4- Registration Grading Sessions**

A. Registration judging will be done by a minimum of two ECBC authorized judges. Registration judging may take place at ECBC sanctioned shows. All animal candidates for Registry must receive at least a first place award.

B. A registry show must follow all sanctioned show rules with the exception that it can be anytime with two sanctioned judges, and it must be advertised in the BREEDER at least 30 days prior to show time; ribbons and trophies optional. In the event that there are an insufficient number of entries to hold a sanctioned show, the entries that are present may be evaluated and are eligible for the registry, provided all the other registry requirements are met.

C. Any Empress rancher may bring entries over and above the established number limited by the show rules, to be additionally evaluated by the judges and accepted into the registry program provided they meet all other criteria.

### **Section 5- Application for Registration**

A. Application must be made on an approved form obtained from the Empress National Office. It must be legibly completed an ink or typewritten and submitted to ECBC headquarters by authorized registration personnel immediately after the sanctioned show. It must contain the following information;

Animal number and date of birth

Sex of animal

Left and right ear tag

Brand and registration number of sire

Brand and registration number of dam

Name of owner

List the owner's ranch name, and membership number, ranch brand and Signature of judges

B. The owner of record for the purpose of registration shall man the individual, partnership or corporation in whose name an animal is registered.

### **Section 6- Certificate of Registration**

A. A registration number shall not be assigned to an animal, or a certificate issued, until every requirement of these rules have been complied with.

### **Section 7- Duplicate Certificate of Registration**

A. A photocopy of the office copy may be issued in the event of loss or destruction of the original; upon application to ECBC from the owner of record.

### **Section 8- Correction of Errors in Registration Certificates and transfers**

A. Errors in registrations or transfers committed by ECBC office shall be corrected free of charge.

B. Errors committed by applicants for registrations or transfers shall be corrected at fees as established by the ECBC Board of Directors.

### **Section 9- INCOMPLETE Applications for Registration**

Whenever an application for registration is incomplete, and the applicant has failed to provide all the information required by Section II of the rules, within four months of the date the application was received by ECBC, such application shall be considered null and void. An application shall be considered incomplete if not accompanied by the required fee.

### **Section 10- Accuracy of Registration Data**

Whenever the accuracy of data contained in the application to register an animal is challenged, the matter shall be referred to the Board of Directors for investigation.

### **Section 11- Misrepresentation or Fraud**

A. If an animal's registration has been obtained through willful misrepresentation or fraud; or if the date of birth, herd number, sire or dam has been misrepresented, the Board of Directors may declare the registration null and void together with any registrations which may have been made of descendants of an animal so registered.

B. When a registration has been obtained by means of misrepresentation of fraud, the Board of Directors shall refuse to register subsequent animals of a person or persons implicated in said misrepresentation or fraud, and may take appropriate action.

### **Section 12- Transfer of Registration**

A. Every change of ownership or record of an animal used for registered breeding purposes must be recorded by official transfer on the records of ECBC.

B. No entry on the transfer record of a certificate of Registration shall be made except in the ECBC office, and any unauthorized entry shall render a certificate null and void subject to the issuance of a replacement certificate at an additional fee.

C. "Transferor" shall mean the individual, partnership, or corporation in whose name an animal is registered, and transfer shall be authorized by the signature of the owner of record on the back of the registration.

D. "Transferee" shall mean the individual, partnership, or corporation into whose name the ownership is to be transferred. The National Office will type the new owner of record in place on the back of the form, and record the action.

E. When an animal dies or is pelted, the National Office should be notified and/or the certificate returned to the national Office.

### **Section 13- Errors in Recording of Transfers**

Empress Chinchilla Breeders Cooperative shall not be bound by errors in the recording of transfers.

### **Section 14- Transfer of Affidavit**

In case of neglect or refusal of a member of ECBC to apply for transfer of registration, transfer may be recorded. If approved by the board of directors. On the basis of the transferee's affidavit setting forth the facts. Each such affidavit must be accompanied by the proof of sale and payment in full of the purchase price of the animal.

### **Section 15- Transfer from the Estate of a Deceased Person**

In the event of the death of a transferor, ECBC requires that there shall be filed in its office all documents necessary to show that the person requesting transfer is legally authorized and entitled to request such transfer.

### **Section 16- Incomplete Applications for Transfer**

Whenever an application for transfer is incomplete, and the applicant has failed to provide all of the information required, within four months of the date the application was received by ECBC, such application shall be considered null and void. An application shall be considered incomplete if not accompanied by the required fee.

## **Section 17- Responsibility for Legal Title**

A transfer of registration entered on an application or a certificate of registration, or on the record of ECBC, shall not be construed as the conveyance of legal title by ECBC. Empress Chinchilla Breeders Cooperative shall in no way be involved in or assume liability for the purchase, sale, or terms of sale of registered animals, or the passage of legal title thereto.

## **Section 18- Misrepresentation or Fraud**

A. If an animal's registration has been transferred through misrepresentation or fraud, the Board of Directors may declare such transfer null and void together with any registrations of purported descendants of the animal which may have been recorded during the period of such misrepresentation or fraudulent transfer.

B. When a transfer of registration has been obtained by means of misrepresentation or fraud, the Board of Directors shall refuse to register subsequent animals of a person or person implicated in said misrepresentation or fraud.

## **Section 19- Fees, Service and Charges**

A. All fees are subject to change by the Board of Directors

B. All fees of whatever nature due ECBC shall be paid in advance, accompanying request for service.

C. Nonpayment of fees because of defective remittances shall be sufficient cause for:

1. Withholding the processing of registrations or transfers.
2. Cancellation of registration or transfers which have been processed but not paid for.

D. Fee schedule:

Registration	\$5.00
Transfer	\$15.00
Misc correction fees: ECBC Error	\$0
Member Error	\$2

## **Section 20- Verification of records**

Applicants for registration shall maintain accurate breeding and herd records. Empress Chinchilla may investigate or cause to be investigated, examined or identified any registered animal or herd and may examine the breeding and herd records maintained by a member of ECBC for the purpose of verifying applications for registry or records on file in the office of ECBC or for the purpose of investigating other matters in which ECBE may be interested.

## **Section 21- Failure to comply with the rules of Empress Chinchilla Registry**

Failure of any member of ECBC to comply with the ECBC rules shall be grounds for expulsion from the Registry or suspension of membership and other privileges including the registration and transfer of chinchillas, and future registry and/or refusal of future membership.

## **Appendix I**

### **Inviting an ECBC Authorized Judge to a Show**

The show chairperson or designee should contact the judge as soon as possible after the show dates have been set and arrangements are being made

Advise the judge what type of show, how many days, and who the other judge is you are considering

Discuss travel arrangements, who will purchase the airline ticket? Discuss hotel arrangements.

The judge should be reimbursed as soon as tickets are purchased and bills are submitted unless arrangements have been made to settle expenses at the show.

If the judge is flying in, designate a person to provide transportation.

The judge should be reimbursed for travel, hotel, and food.

At the show, the judge should be told by the show chairperson who the treasurer is.

The judge should be approached by the treasurer at the end of the show to settle expenses rather than the judge having to chase down the treasurer for payment.

Whenever possible a member of the branch should spend a few hours with the judge the evening before, maybe going to dinner.

Visiting the barn of any exhibitor before the show is strictly forbidden, after the show is acceptable.

The judge should be told what time he/she will be needed in the morning.

The judge should be neatly dressed and bring his/her own white coat. The judge should refrain from wearing brightly colored shirts, blouses or ties, especially if they are red, yellow or orange as they may reflect onto the animals.

The conduct of a judge during a show is covered in more detail in the show manual, but the judge should refrain from any conduct that would detract from Empress.

The judge should be well acquainted with the rules described in the show manual.

Alcohol consumption and use of tobacco products are forbidden during judging of a show.

## Appendix II Sanctioned Judges

Name	Address	Seminars Attended	Phone	Year Sanctioned or X > 5 Years
ADCOCK, Gene	19960 Hwy 108, Sonora, CA 95370	4	209-770-0287	X
BRADFORD, Richard H	1614 Cherokee Trail, Van Buren, AR 72830	24	479-774-3163	X
BROWN, Joe	1308 Mill Street, Grove, OK 74344	5	918-786-2478	X
BUTLER, Dr. Joe	West Hwy 20, Valentine, NE 69201	9	402-376-1500	X
CLARK, Roger	43188 Cottonwood Creek Rd, Crawfo CO 81415	5	970 921-7231	2010
CONNELL, Dr. Beth Ann	PO Box 451, Utica, IL 61373	20	815-667-4819	X
CRANER, Jerry	4424 N. 1500 East, Buhl, ID 83316	4	208-543-6876	X
JENSEN, Daniel J	23513 Reap Ln, Waynesville, MO 65583	1	319-610-2638	2013
KISEKSEY, Sue	PO Box 1722, Parowan, UT 84761	37	435 477-9144	X
KISESKEY, Pete	PO Box 1722, Parowan, UT 84761	35	435 477-9144	X
LYNCH, Maxine	PO Box 3496, La Mesa, CA 91944	17	619-697-0996	X
MERRITT, Robert	PO Box 87, Napoleon, MO 64074	6	816-934-2513	2010
READ, Donna	14560 Boy Scout Camp Rd, Frazier Park, CA 93225	3	661-245-1232	2011
RITTERSPACH, James F	7754 St Rt 103, Jenera, OH 45841	21	419-326-6985	X
RYERSON, Richard	5067 S New St Rd, Plymouth, OH 44865	10	419-687-1071	X
SHOOTS, Ralph	7960 St Rt 605, Westerville, OH 43081	36	614-855-1762	X
TUCKER, Tamara	3400 Tyndale, Amarillo, TX 79188	4	806-622-9473	X

## **Appendix III**

### **Standard Class Sheet**

In a 5 Class Show the following classes will merge 1&6, 2&7, 3&8, 4&9, 5&10.

#### **6 Class Show (60-69)**

**Class 1-** 1, 7, 13, 19, 25, 31, 37, 43, 49, 55, 61, 67

**Class 2-** 2, 8, 14, 20, 26, 32, 38, 44, 50, 56, 62, 68

**Class 3-** 3, 9, 15, 21, 27, 33, 39, 45, 51, 57, 63, 69

**Class 4-** 4, 10, 16, 22, 28, 34, 40, 46, 52, 58, 64

**Class 5-** 5, 11, 17, 23, 29, 35, 41, 47, 53, 59, 65

**Class 6-** 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 42, 48, 54, 60, 66

#### **7 Class Show (70-79)**

**Class 1-** 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 36, 43, 50, 57, 64, 71, 78

**Class 2-** 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 37, 44, 51, 58, 65, 72, 79

**Class 3-** 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 38, 45, 52, 59, 66, 73

**Class 4-** 4, 11, 18, 25, 32, 39, 46, 53, 60, 67, 74

**Class 5-** 5, 12, 19, 26, 33, 40, 47, 54, 61, 68, 75

**Class 6-** 6, 13, 20, 27, 34, 41, 48, 55, 62, 69, 76

**Class 7-** 7, 14, 21, 28, 35, 42, 49, 56, 63, 70, 77

#### **8 Class Show (80-89)**

**Class 1-** 1, 9, 17, 25, 33, 41, 49, 57, 65, 73, 81, 89

**Class 2-** 2, 10, 18, 26, 34, 42, 50, 58, 66, 74, 82

**Class 3-** 3, 11, 19, 27, 35, 43, 51, 59, 67, 75, 83

**Class 4-** 4, 12, 20, 28, 36, 44, 52, 60, 68, 76, 84

**Class 5-** 5, 13, 21, 29, 37, 45, 53, 61, 69, 77, 85

**Class 6-** 6, 14, 22, 30, 38, 46, 54, 62, 70, 78, 86

**Class 7-** 7, 15, 23, 31, 39, 47, 55, 63, 71, 79, 87

**Class 8-** 8, 16, 24, 32, 40, 48, 56, 64, 72, 80, 88

#### **9 Class Show (90-99)**

**Class 1-** 1, 10, 19, 28, 37, 46, 55, 64, 73, 82, 91

**Class 2-** 2, 11, 20, 29, 38, 47, 56, 65, 74, 83, 92

**Class 3-** 3, 12, 21, 30, 39, 48, 57, 66, 75, 84, 93

**Class 4-** 4, 13, 22, 31, 40, 49, 58, 67, 76, 85, 94

**Class 5-** 5, 14, 23, 32, 41, 50, 59, 68, 77, 86, 95

**Class 6-** 6, 15, 24, 33, 42, 51, 60, 69, 78, 87, 96

**Class 7-** 7, 16, 25, 34, 43, 52, 61, 70, 79, 88, 97

**Class 8-** 8, 17, 26, 35, 44, 53, 62, 71, 80, 89, 98

**Class 9-** 9, 18, 27, 36, 45, 54, 63, 72, 81, 90, 99

In a show with 100+ animals the regular 10 class system will resume.