

# Geographic Areas for National Awards

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The board is drafting plans to alter the distribution of National Wins starting with the 2016-2017 season. During their teleconference on December 8<sup>th</sup>, they discussed creating multiple geographic areas each with their own set of NW awards. Each area would have a set of NWs based on a formula comparing the number of present cats competing at shows in that area during the prior season to the number of present cats competing in shows in North America during the prior season. All NWs would be presented at the banquet at the annual; the issues of cost and timing are still being resolved. The transcript of the teleconference will be available on the CFA website soon.

A similar idea was presented at the Toronto annual and failed. The current plan is different from what was proposed at the Toronto annual in some key ways. The table below shows a few differences. Please remember that the left column is the draft plan being considered.

Current plan under consideration	Proposal from the Toronto annual
Allow cats to earn national points at any CFA show. A cat being scored in one area could go to a show in another area and retain those points.	Cats could not earn national points outside of their own area. A cat from the US would not have been able to go to a show in Europe (and vice versa) and retain the points.
NW placements distributed based on a ratio comparing the present counts in the areas.	NW placements distributed based on the number of rings offered during the show season.
No minimum number of awards in any area (although this could change). The number of awards could fluctuate each season (but not during the season) depending on changes in the ratio.	Set a minimum number of awards in each area in each category, including premiership.
Only one NW per cat per category per season.	It would be possible for a cat to change areas and earn two NWs in the same category in different areas in the same season.

Below is an outline of the plan under discussion, however the board is going to continue to refine this plan before voting on a final version at their February meeting. The outline could change dramatically based on feedback. There are tentative plans to have another teleconference in early January to consider feedback. Everyone is encouraged to read through this plan and contact your regional director or any board member with questions or feedback. You can also send feedback to [cfanwfeedback@gmail.com](mailto:cfanwfeedback@gmail.com).

Questions to consider – should Japan and Europe have their own areas? Should the International Division be split? Should there be a minimum number of NW awards per category per area? Should there be a minimum number of points required for an NW, e.g. 2000 for championship and 1000 for kitten and premiership? Are there any other concerns that need to be addressed?

## Geographic Areas for National Awards

1. Create two geographic areas for NW titles. No other award or pedigree title will be changed.

2. The two areas are:
  - a. Regions 1-9
  - b. International Division

Note that these areas may change depending on feedback from clubs.

3. The number of NW placements for Regions 1-9 will remain at 25 in each category. The number of NW placements for the International Division area will be set according to the ratio of present cats in the ID compared to present cats in North America. This calculation will be done by Dick Kallmeyer (i.e. not a programming change for Computan).
4. The ratio will be calculated based on a full season of data from the 2015-2016 season and released in May 2016 for the 2016-2017 season. This means the number of NWs in the ID will not be in the show rules. Instead it will be posted on the CFA website. The show rules will identify where on the CFA website to find information on the distribution of NWs. The distribution will be updated each May after the final show counts are reported to Central Office.

Based on present counts for the first part of the current season, the initial distribution for the ID NWs could be 18 K, 15 C, 3 P in the 2016-2017 season. These values could change and are included here only for discussion purposes as an estimate.

5. National points can be earned anywhere in CFA, however regional points will continue to be restricted as currently. The International Show will continue to be treated as non-area-specific such that everybody can keep points earned there for both regional and national awards.
6. A cat should only be able to receive an NW in one geographic area per season per category. This would be similar to how a cat cannot achieve two RWs in any one category in multiple regions in a single season. For example, a cat could achieve an NW in one area in the kitten class and an NW in a different area in the championship class in a single season but could not achieve two championship NWs in different areas in the same year. A cat can only achieve one NW per category per season.
7. There will be a geographic area residency requirement for the NW title similar to the regional residency requirement. The International Show will not be used to establish residency.
8. The breed awards at the annual will remain the same – top three in breed in championship that are the highest scoring with national points, the highest receiving the BW title.
9. All NWs will be presented at the annual banquet in North America.

**TBD:** funding for 36-40+ additional trophies/rosettes, logistics of presentation at the banquet.