

FIFE FANCY FEDERATION



RULES AND REGULATIONS

2026 Edition

1. That this Organization be called the “Fife Fancy Federation” (FFF).

2. The object shall be to co-ordinate, advance and encourage the culture, improvement, and honourable breeding and the exhibition of the Fife Fancy canary.

3. The working year of the Federation to be between each AGM

4. Any bona-fide Fife Fancy Canary club may join the Federation provided its application is approved by more than 50% of the member clubs and ratified at an AGM.

Should the club that is making the application be one of the clubs that received a payment from the FFF when funds were ‘shared’ then that payment would need to be returned.

A bone fide club should: -

i) Collect annual subscriptions from members,

ii) Elect officers, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer, and a Committee,

iii) Hold an AGM.

iv) Have a constitution, rules and regulations.

v) Promote the Fife Fancy Canary positively by whatever means possible, shows, meetings, publicity etc.,

vi) Elect two delegates to represent the club at the Federation AGM where possible.

vii) All Member club secretaries in future must advertise their meeting dates and venues on the Federation website where possible, or inform the FFF secretary and/or publicity officer of their show date and judges.

5. Member clubs shall pay an annual affiliation fee of £30.00 per annum or a fee set by the Fife Fancy Federation at its annual AGM. Member clubs must pay the annual affiliation prior to the AGM to be eligible to vote.

6. All member clubs to provide an Email address for the secretary to allow for better communication

7. The affairs of the Federation to be managed by a Chairman, Vice- Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Publicity officer with relevant information being passed onto member clubs.

This Quorum to have the ability to make decisions throughout the year that they consider to be beneficial to the FFF.

Decisions affecting the constitution or general rules are to be approved by committee and member clubs and if required can be made outside of an AGM.

An AGM will be held in each year at a time and date agreed by the working officers and each member club may appoint two delegates to attend the Federation meetings, but only one vote per member club shall be accepted on any issue.

At officers discretion “guests’ may be invited to the AGM subject to agreement by all of the working officers.

All officers of the FFF to be elected on a three-year term.

Proxy votes are not acceptable. In the event of a tie the Chairperson has the casting vote based on his personal view, which may not necessarily be that of his club.

10. All rule changes and Mandates voted, and passed at the FFF AGM will come into Force immediately after the AGM has been concluded and all club Secretary's to receive an updated copy.

11. The FFF shall use its influence to provide correct classifications for the Fife Fancy Canary at Shows for both champion and novice sections, with the addition classes for junior exhibits.

12. JUDGES

A) The FFF list of Panel Judges shall be approved at each AGM and any new applications received through FFF member clubs secretaries for panel judge status will have been approved by member clubs prior to the AGM and voted upon by their delegates.

B) Member Club Secretaries sponsoring applicants for Panel Judge status should have proof that the applicant has been a member of a Fife Fancy Specialist Club(s) for a minimum total of five years, with a minimum of three years as champion, and is a current breeder.

C) It is a requirement that all panel Judges accept the publication of contact details for clubs to be able to contact them for appointments.

D) Judges shall accept the FFF standard of excellence and judge to that standard to the best of their ability.

Any judge who publicly ridicules the standard may be removed from the judge's panel at an AGM at the discretion of the delegates present.

E) Judges shall disqualify any bird not of natural colour while any bird whose tail has been trimmed or pasted is liable to disqualification

F) Judges should not judge and exhibit at the same show unless a champion exhibitor judges the novice section only.

Judges can accept judging engagements at their own discretion.

G) All judges appointed by FFF member clubs must be taken from the FFF judges panel. If a club does otherwise their show will not be classed as a FFF show.

H) The secretary to inform all Panel Judges of any rule changes following the AGM.

I) The wrong classing of birds at FFF shows should be at the discretion of the judges with no interaction from any show official. If a second opinion is required, then it should be from another Judge.

J) A bird that wins best champion flighted or best novice flighted to be judged for best relevant colour award and can also go on to win other specials including best in show.

13. PATRONAGES

The FFF shall "sponsor" a no cost Area patronage system to selected CBS clubs to help promote the Fife Fancy canary

14. JUNIORS shall retain that status from the age of 8 to 16 years

15. NOVICES shall remain in the category for a maximum 8 years from the first year of exhibiting, after which period they will lose this status.

If an exhibitor is a champion of any other breed then he must show as a champion at FFF shows.

If an exhibitor resides with a champion exhibitor of any breed then they must also show as a champion.

A junior exhibitor under the age of 16 may show as a junior irrelevant of his or her parents or guardians showing status.

The eight-year novice term starts the first year the novice has exhibited and is then continuous up until 8 years have passed. A novice can however enter the champion section earlier if so wished but once a champion always a champion.

16. The DEWAR CAGE is the only accepted Fife show cage. They must be black finish. Small round clear drinkers only to be used. Spars of show cages to be placed to leave five empty wires between them, the first spar to be on drinking hole wire.

Cover of seed box to have a slot in it and not holes, and box to contain plain or mixed canary seed.

FLOOR COVERING to be Tierwohl Super or similar product to be used as floor covering.

Cage labels to be directly under spar of perch to the right hand side, away from drinker. Spars to be 1/2" (13mm) diameter with 12-groove spiral.

17. The FFF shall have a ring scheme.

i) Only one ring per bird, closed or spilt, no personal initials. Should they denote ring size or issuing authority only, e.g. size E or IOA or year.

18. These rules will only be subject to change if the chairman after consulting the committee feel it is necessary to present changes to member clubs for their approval during the working year

19. The FFF may organise and oversee any events competitive or otherwise which are deemed to enhance the Fife Fancy

20. FFF Pictorial model is as approved in 2024 and drawn by Daniele De Giglio.

21. The written standard of excellence also as approved in 2024.

22. The FFF to sponsor a host show each year, which will be staged by an interested member club with the order of host clubs as drawn at 2021 AGM.

DESCRIPTION OF MARKINGS FOR CLASSIFICATION

Clear A clear bird has no dark feathers



Up to 10% = No more than 10% dark feathers



Variegated Green = 10 to 50% dark feather



Heavily Variegated = More than 50% dark feathers

For example – if the below Foul bird had additional yellow feathers anywhere else on the bird then it would be deemed as

Heavily Variegated. This would also be anything over 50% of the bird being light feathers.

Self or Foul Classes

Foul - One light mark coverable by a penny or no more than three light feathers side by side on wing or tail but not both. Anything more would go in Heavily Variegated.



Note that thigh feathers if marked to be included in the above.

Self Must be all dark with no light feathers.



White, Cinnamons & Fawns – the same wording applies as all the above classes but the birds to be placed in the relevant colour class.

A few examples below.



Variegated Cinnamon



Variegated White



Self Blue



Variegated Fawn



Self Cinnamon



Clear Buff



Fife Fancy Federation Gold Classification.



Champion	FIFE CLASSIFICATION	Novice
Class No		Class No
1	Clear Yellow Cock	41
2	Clear Yellow Hen	42
3	Clear Buff Cock	43
4	Clear Buff Hen	44
5	Green Variegated up to 10% (inc Ticked) Yellow Cock	45
6	Green Variegated up to 10% (inc Ticked) Yellow hen	46
7	Green Variegated up to 10% (inc Ticked) Buff Cock	47
8	Green Variegated up to 10% (inc Ticked) Buff Hen	48
9	Green Variegated Yellow Cock	49
10	Green Variegated Yellow Hen	50
11	Green Variegated Buff Cock	51
12	Green Variegated Buff Hen	52
13	Green Heavily Variegated Yellow Cock	53
14	Green Heavily Variegated Yellow Hen	54
15	Green Heavily Variegated Buff Cock	55
16	Green Heavily Variegated Buff Hen	56
17	Green Self or Foul Yellow Cock	57
18	Green Self or Foul Yellow Hen	58
19	Green Self or Foul Buff Cock	59
20	Green Self or Foul Buff Hen	60
21	Cinnamon Variegated Yellow Cock (inc hv)	61
22	Cinnamon Variegated Yellow Hen (inc hv)	62
23	Cinnamon Variegated Buff Cock (inc hv)	63
24	Cinnamon Variegated Buff Hen (inc hv)	64
25	Cinnamon Self or Foul Yellow Cock	65
26	Cinnamon Self or Foul Yellow Hen	66
27	Cinnamon Self or Foul Buff Cock	67
28	Cinnamon Self or Foul Buff Hen	68
29	Clear White Cock	69
30	Clear White Hen	70
31	Variegated (inc ticked) white Cock – Not including fawns	71
32	Variegated (inc ticked) white Hen – Not including fawns	72
33	Heavily Variegated White Cock – Not including fawns	73
34	Heavily Variegated White Hen – Not including fawns	74
35	Blue Self or Foul Cock	75
36	Blue Self or Foul Hen	76
37	All Fawn Cock	77
38	All Fawn Hens	78
39	Flighted Cock	79
40	Flighted Hen	80
	Junior - Cock	81
	Junior - Hen	82

STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE & SCALE OF POINTS
FOR THE FIFE FANCY CANARY

HEAD & NECK 15

Proportionally rounded showing good frontal rise with a well-rounded back skull and a rounded well-positioned eye. Neck to be free while showing a distinct break when entering the body. Beak to be small and neat and carried horizontally.

BODY 15

Rounded with well-proportioned width showing a well-balanced rounded chest, not protruding but in line with the beak and the chest to be balanced by a well-rounded back starting over the shoulder and continuing to the base of the tail leaving only wingtips visible. The pinnacle of back roundness is centered between the neck and the tips of the wings so as to create a free neck and to cover wings.

LEG & POSITION 15

The legs to be of slender appearance in line with the break of the neck. A small amount of thigh to be visible together with neat complete toes and nails. Position to be semi erect, standing at an angle of 60 degrees to enable a jaunty attitude, pose and balanced movement.

FEATHER & COLOUR 15

Close, firm and fine in quality while showing an even natural rich colouration. Feather to lay onto body creating a clean cut profile free from roughness or blemish.

WINGS AND TAIL 15

Wings to be compact and held close to the body meeting at tips. The tail to be closely folded with a neat rounded tip and filled into the body at its root. Tail in line with the body diagonal axis at 60 degrees.

SIZE 25

Not to exceed 4 ¼ inches (108mm)

HEALTH & CONDITION

Essential