



Oriental

Oriental POINT SCORE

Scoring Area	Scores
Head	
(a) Shape & Size	10
(b) Nose & Profile	5
(c) Ears	5
(d) Eyes	8
(e) Muzzle, Chin and jaws	2
Body structure	
(a) Shape & Size	10
(b) Muscle Tone	10
(c) Legs & Feet	5
(d) Tail	5
Coat	10
Coat Color	15
Eye Color	10
Condition	5
Total	100

GENERAL:

The ideal Oriental is a svelte cat with long, tapering lines, very lithe but muscular. Excellent physical condition. Eyes clear. Strong and lithe, neither bony nor flabby.

HEAD

EYES	Almond shaped, medium size. Neither protruding nor recessed. Slanted towards the nose in harmony with lines of wedge and ears. Uncrossed
EARS	strikingly large, pointed, wide at the base, continuing the lines of the wedge.
NOSE & PROFILE	long and straight. A continuation of the forehead with no break.
HEAD SHAPE & SIZE	long tapering wedge, in good proportion to body. The total wedge starts at the nose and flares out in straight lines to the tips of the ears forming a triangle, with no break at the whiskers. No less than the width of an eye between the eyes. When the whiskers (and face hair for the Longhair Division) are smoothed back, the underlying bone structure is apparent.



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	Skull: In profile, a long straight line is seen from the top of the head to the tip of the nose. No bulge over eyes. No dip in nose.
MUZZLE & CHIN	MUZZLE: fine, wedge-shaped. CHIN: medium size. Tip of chin lines up with tip of nose in the same vertical plane. Neither receding nor excessively massive.

BODY:

SHAPE & SIZE	long and svelte. A distinctive combination of fine bones and firm muscles. Shoulders and hips continue the same sleek lines of tubular body. Hips never wider than shoulders. Abdomen tight. Males may be somewhat larger than females. NECK: long and slender
MUSCLE TONE	Substantial muscle and firm
LEGS & FEET	long and slim. Hind legs higher than front. In good proportion to body.
TAIL	long, thin at the base, and tapered to a fine point. Longhair Division: tail hair spreads out like a plume.

COAT:

Shorthair Division	short, fine textured, glossy or satin-like, lying close to body.
Longhair Division	medium length, fine, silky, without downy undercoat, lying close to the body, the coat may appear shorter than it is. Hair is longest on the tail.

COAT COLOR:

Solid – In the solid color cat, the coat color should be of uniform density and color from the tip to the root of each hair and from the nose to the tail. The full coat color score (20) should be used to assess the quality and the correctness of the color.

Shaded – The shaded cat has a white, ivory to pale honey or apricot undercoat, with a mantle of colored tipping shading down from the sides, face and tail from dark on the ridge to a color consistent with the undercoat on the chin, chest underside and under the tail.

Smoke – Cat in repose appears solid in color. In motion the color is clearly apparent. Extremities are solid in color, and have a narrow band of white at the base of hairs next to the skin which may be seen only when the fur is parted.



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Parti-Color – A solid* cat with patches of red or softly intermingled areas of red on both body and extremities (presence of several shades of red acceptable; *dilute colors exhibit cream instead of red).

Bi-Color – Bi-Colors should conform to the established standard for their co-existing pattern, with the addition of white feet, legs, underside, chest and muzzle, including an inverted “V” blaze on the face.

Tabby – In the tabby patterned cat, the quality of the pattern is an essential part of the cat. The pattern should match the description for the particular pattern and be well defined. The pattern should be viewed while the cat is in a natural standing position. The remaining ten points are allotted to the correctness of the color, it matches the color description.

Pointed – Body: subtle shading is permissible, but clear color is preferable. Allowance should be made for darker color in older cats as pointed Orientals generally darken with age, but there must be definite contrast between body color and points. Points: mask, ears, feet, legs, and tail dense and clearly defined. All of the same shade. Mask covers entire face including whisker pads and is connected to ears by tracings. Mask should not extend over the top of the head. No white hairs in points.

EYE COLOR:

Green. Pointed and white – blue, Pointed – blue. White and bi-color – blue, green or odd-eyed.

CONDITION:

Condition includes grooming, health condition, weight, coat texture, clean.

PENALIZE:

- ❖ crossed eyes.
- ❖ Incorrect eye color.
- ❖ Palpable and/or visible protrusion of the cartilage at the end of the sternum.

DISQUALIFY:

- ❖ any evidence of illness or poor health.
- ❖ Weak hind legs.
- ❖ Mouth breathing due to nasal obstruction or poor occlusion.
- ❖ Emaciation.
- ❖ Visible kink in tail.
- ❖ Miniaturization.



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- ❖ Locketts and buttons.
- ❖ Incorrect number of toes.
- ❖ Longhair Division: definite double coat (i.e. downy undercoat).
- ❖ The following 8 colors: seal point, seal smoke point, chocolate point, chocolate smoke point, blue point, blue smoke point, lilac point, lilac smoke point.

ORIENTAL CODE AND NUMBERS

Type of Registered Cats	Male Class	Female Class
Longhair Division		
Pedigreed	POLHM	POLHF
Supernova	SOLHM	SOLHF
Shorthair Division		
Pedigreed	POSHM	POSHF
Supernova	SOSHM	SOSHF

Oriental allowable outcross breeds: **Shorthair Division:** Siamese or Colorpoint. **Longhair Division:** Siamese, Colorpoint, Balinese or Javanese.