

WELSH PONY & COB SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA INC SHOW REGULATIONS

As at 28th October 2008



- These Regulations must be followed by exhibitors, judges and stewards.
 - Where the word 'exhibit' is used in these Regulations, it should be taken to refer to Section A, B, C, D, E, Foundation Stock or Part Welsh.
 - *Panel Judges may not judge the same section within a 100km radius within a 90 day period.
- * New or amended rule.

GENERAL

1. The exhibitor shall at all times abide by these regulations and other rules and conditions as laid down by the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Australia Inc. (WP&CS).

ELIGIBILITY TO SHOW

2. Show entries without full payment will not be accepted
3. All exhibitors must be financial members of the WP&CS. Membership Cards may be requested and must be shown on demand.
4. No exhibitor may show an exhibit bred by, or leased from the judge or his family in the ring in which the judge is officiating.
5. All exhibits must be registered with the WP&CS and must be shown in the name of the recorded owner or lessee.
6. Proof of registration may be requested and must be shown on demand.
7. All exhibits born in Australia and registered with the WP&CS must be branded or will be ineligible to be shown, with the exception of foals shown prior to 31 July in the breeding season of their birth. These foals must be eligible for registration with the WP&CS but need not be branded.
8. Exhibits entered into stallion or gelding classes must be registered as such with the WP&CS. Geldings are shown as Section E of A, B, C, or D breeding and no height limit applies.
9. All Foundation Stock, Part Welsh and Geldings must have a registered number in the Australian Welsh Stud Book of the WP&CS (Foundation Stock are eligible to compete in their appropriate section).
10. Foals must be eligible for registration with the WP&CS. If shown before registration certificate is issued, exhibitor must lodge with the show secretary: where stallion is not owned by the exhibitor, a copy of the Dam's registration certificate and a copy of the Dam's service certificate: or where the exhibitor owns and/or leases the stallion or mare, a copy of their registration certificates must be provided with details of the date of service.
11. An overseas visiting exhibit registered with a recognised Welsh Society, may be eligible to compete at Welsh run shows whilst in Australia, provided the show secretary is advised of the pending visit, and a copy of the exhibit's registration certificate, with proof of membership with that Society is produced to the show secretary. The exhibitor must be provided with a copy of the show regulations, and must abide by the WP&CS show regulations whilst attending the show.
12. Exhibitors who have a disability, and use a wheel chair or other mobility aid, are able to exhibit at WP&CS shows. At the discretion of the Committee of Management and/or the Show Sub Committee or Judge, or the request of a fellow exhibitor, the exhibits may be judged independently if there are safety concerns. A competent able bodied person (over 16 years of age on the first day of the show) must be present in the ring at all times.

INSURANCE

13. Exhibitors entering exhibits do so entirely at their own risk; it is a condition of entry that no liability of any kind attaches itself to the WP&CS, the Show Sub-committee or members in any respect whatsoever.

SHOW SUB-COMMITTEE ROLE & RESPONSIBILITIES

14. Every exhibitor or competitor shall be bound by and observe the decisions of the Show Sub-committee.
15. The Show Sub-committee reserves the right to adjudicate upon entry or upon any dispute and to make any determination upon any matter relevant to the show. This decision shall be final and not subject to appeal of any kind.
16. The Show Sub-committee reserves the right to disqualify any exhibit that, in its opinion, appears to be in poor condition at the time of showing.
17. The Show Sub-committee reserves the right to combine classes if there are insufficient entries.
18. An official measurer may be in attendance. Current EFA, Hack Council and Royal Show height certificates will be accepted.

ELIGIBILITY FOR CLASSES

19. Exhibits must be shown in the Section of the WP&CS Stud Book in which they are registered.
20. Part Welsh are only eligible to compete in classes especially provided for them or classes marked.
21. Part Welsh exhibits are ineligible to compete against pure Welsh animals in Welsh led, Welsh ridden, Welsh harness classes, Welsh championships and Supremes in shows run under WP&CS show rules and regulations.
22. A Brood Mare is a mare which has foaled, has a foal at foot or is in foal in the current breeding season. Brood mares without a foal at foot must be in possession of a Pregnancy Certificate to foal in the current breeding season.
23. A novice brood mare is a mare that has not won a first place in a brood mare class at a Welsh Society run show.
24. Foals from FS and FS1 mares are ineligible to be shown.
25. All stallions and colts must be entire and may be subject to a veterinary inspection at any time during the show at the discretion of the Show Sub-committee or designated officials.
26. A Novice Ridden Exhibit is an exhibit not to have won 1st place under saddle at any show at close of entry.
27. A Leading Rein Pony is 12 hh or under and is to be ridden by a child 3 years and under 8 years of age on the first day of the show.
28. A First Ridden Pony cannot exceed 12.2 hh, and is to be ridden by a child 5 years and under 12 years of age on the first day of show.
29. Stallions and colts are not eligible to compete in Costume, Fancy Dress, Leading Rein, First Ridden or Junior Handler/Ridden classes.

CONDUCT OF EXHIBITORS

30. Once a class has commenced no exhibit may leave the ring unless so instructed by the ring official.
31. There is to be no change of handler once a class has commenced without the permission of the judge.
32. The judge's decision is final.

PLAITING OF EXHIBITS

33. At all WP&CS run shows and events Led Section A, B, C, D & E exhibits must be exhibited unplaited.

PLAITING OF EXHIBITS (continued)

34. Open Leading Rein, Open First Ridden, Show Hunters and Children's Open Ridden Exhibits are judged as an Open Exhibit, ie, plaited and trimmed. (Part Welsh are eligible.)

35. Welsh Leading Rein, Welsh First Ridden, Welsh Hunter, Ridden Welsh, Children's Welsh Ridden and Welsh Harness are to be exhibited with manes and tails unplaited. (Part Welsh are ineligible.)

WELFARE OF EXHIBITS

36. All exhibits must compete drug free. Random swabbing may take place in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the WP&CS which are in accordance with EFA standards.

37. Random DNA testing may take place at all WP&CS run shows, as a condition of entry all exhibits when selected must be DNA tested.

38. Exhibits must not be subjected to unnecessary, unreasonable or unjustifiable pain, suffering or injury.

39. All foals are to be haltered in the ring and must not be bitted.

40. *All Welsh foals must be exhibited with manes and tails unplaited and must not be clipped (trimming is permissible). Part Welsh foals, clipping & plaiting is optional.

41. Foals under the age of three weeks and their dams cannot be shown.

42. All colts 2 years and over must be bitted in the ring.

43. A brood mare with a foal at foot is ineligible for ridden classes.

44. *Welsh Exhibits 3 years old and under must not be body clipped for showing purposes. Welsh Exhibits 4 years and over which have been clipped for winter activities can be shown. Fresh body clipping for shows is not permissible. Part Welsh clipping is optional.

Judges must pay special attention to this.

45. Exhibits competing under saddle or in harness must be three years old or over. Exhibits competing in jumping must be four years and over.

WELFARE OF EXHIBITORS

46. Riders, drivers and handlers of stallions and colts are to be 16 years and over on the first day of the show.

47. *Riders at Society conducted shows and events must be 3 years and over on the first day of the show. Riders must be 5 years and over on the first day of the show to compete independently.

48. The wearing of Approved Helmets is compulsory for riders of all ages when riding at all times, whilst mounted, at any WP&CS function. Approved Helmets are current Australian, New Zealand, European or American standards.

49. In children's events dressage whips and spurs are not permitted. Hacking canes and crops are acceptable. A snaffle bit only may be used.

50. Length of whips are not to exceed 75 centimetres excluding tails in all classes excluding dressage.

51. Leading rein handler to be 16 years and over on the first day of the show.

52. A fall of exhibit or rider in any ridden class will result in disqualification from that class. The rider must not remount in the ring.

PROTESTS

53. An exhibitor may lodge a protest against a competitor/judge. Protests must be lodged in writing with the Show Secretary within 3 hours of the disputed action, accompanied by a fee of \$100, which will be forfeited if not upheld. In the first instance protests

must be dealt with by the Show Sub-committee which may refer the matter to the Committee of Management. Any person who has a protest lodged against him or her has the right of reply. Any expenses incurred by any party to the said protests shall be borne by that party.

WORKING HUNTER

54. No change of saddlery is allowed between phases or during phases. Boots, bandages and protective pads on exhibits' legs or feet are permissible in the jumping phase only. Open to all Welsh and Part Welsh exhibits. Open to stallions. Plaiting is not required. Both phases to be judged individually and consecutively by each judge.

Any exhibit disqualified from Phase 1 does not proceed to Phase 2.

Classes *

1. Novice Maximum height 1'6" (45cm)
 2. Under 12 hh Maximum height 1'6" (45cm)
 3. 12 hh & under 13 hh Maximum height 2' (60cm)
 4. 13 hh & under 14 hh Maximum height 2'6" (75cm)
 5. 14 hh & under 15 hh Maximum height 3'(90cm)
 6. Over 15 hh Maximum height 3'6" (105cm)
- Champion & Reserve Champion Working Hunter
(Winners of Novice Class not eligible)

MARKING

Phase 1

Jumping To be judged on jumping style and manners

Jumping 50 pts

Style & Manners 10 pts

Penalties Phase 1

Knockdown 10

First Refusal 15

Second Refusal 20

Third Refusal Disqualification

Fall of horse or rider either phase Disqualification

Phase 2

Flat: To be judged on conformation, manners and freedom of action

Conformation and freedom of action 30 pts

Manners 10 pts

Total 100 pts

In the event of a tie, the total from Phase 1 will take precedence, followed by Manners score, then conformation score. If there is still a tie, the Judge's decision is Final. No penalty is incurred if the lower pole on the same vertical plane is lowered. If an exhibit turns its quarters to a fence or has a complete turn around, both constitute a refusal. If an exhibit jumps the incorrect fence it will be eliminated. Exhibits displaying continued disobedience or exhibits leaving the ring whether the rider is mounted or dismounted will be eliminated.

The Jumping phase will be completed first; any exhibit eliminated or disqualified will be eliminated from the competition.

GUIDELINES TO JUDGES & EXHIBITORS RE: PLAITING

Notice to Judges and Exhibitors

There appears to be some confusion relating to the plaiting of Welsh exhibits at shows.

For clarification, the following regulations apply:

At shows conducted by the WP&CS, all exhibits shown in led and ridden Welsh classes must be shown unplaited. This does not include Part Welsh.

At agricultural and horse shows that state they are being judged under the WP&CS Show regulations, exhibits in led and ridden Welsh classes must be unplaited.

At all other shows where the WP&CS has no jurisdiction, this rule cannot be enforced. At these shows plaited exhibits should not be penalised.

NOTE: WP&CS Medals will only be allocated to shows which are judged by a member of the WP&CS Judges' Panel and are judged under the show regulations of the WP&CS.



JUDGES REGULATIONS

Committee of Management approved Regulations August 2008

1. The Committee of Management may from time to time and at any time appoint a List of Judges comprising such persons as it sees fit, to adjudicate events at Royal, District and other shows where the objects and interests of the Society are promoted and encouraged.
2. The Committee of Management may from time to time and at any time:
 - 2.1 appoint a person to the List of Judges; and
 - 2.2 remove any person from the List of Judges.
3. A person who accepts appointment to the List of Judges agrees to be bound by these Judges' Regulations and by the Regulations of the Society as a condition of their appointment.
4. At least once every two years, a judge must attend a Judges Seminar run under the Society's auspices. Failure to do so could lead to the judge being removed from the List of Judges.
5. The Committee of Management may at any time remove a person from the List of Judges if that person has, in the Society's opinion, not observed these Regulations or the Regulations of the Society or their conduct is in any respect not in the best interest of the Society.
6. A judge should reply promptly to an invitation to judge at a show and, having made the commitment, honour it. If you are, at short notice, unable to officiate, you should inform the show secretary immediately.
7. Because judges are representing themselves and the Society, they should always be punctual and look their best, being correctly and neatly attired.
8. A judge's conduct and behaviour should be beyond reproach and a judge must exhibit propriety and integrity when judging events, and be unbiased and fair.
9. A judge should not judge and physically exhibit in Welsh sections at the same show.
10. Judges may not judge the same section within 100kms radius within a 90 day period.
11. A judge should not adjudicate any class in which immediate members of their family are competing.
12. A judge should not judge an exhibit, which they have bred.
13. A judge should not accept hospitality from an exhibitor immediately before or during a show.
14. While conducting a ring, the safety of the competitors, spectators, stewards/marshallers must be the judge's first consideration.
15. Once a class has been judged, it should not be re-judged.
16. A judge must not refer to a show catalogue either before or during judging, nor can a judge be in possession of a show catalogue whilst in the ring.
17. A judge should not discuss any exhibitor's animal's faults with stewards or other competitors.
18. A judge may order any person or animal from an event for improper conduct or any other proper cause.
19. A judge may withhold an award if, in their opinion, no animal is worthy of the award.
20. A judge may request an animal to be measured.
21. A judge may refuse to judge any animal they consider to be unsound.
22. A judge may lodge a written complaint concerning the behaviour, demeanour, dress condition and the like (in respect of the exhibitor or animal) to the relevant show secretary or secretary of the Society.
23. A judge must be prepared to meet any requirements as set down from time to time by the Committee of Management.
24. Exhibits must not be subjected to unnecessary, unreasonable or unjustifiable pain, suffering or injury.

STATEMENT TO INSPECTORS

1. Inspectors must be totally conversant with the descriptions of each Section as laid down in the Stud Book and **must not deviate from these descriptions.**
2. Inspectors must adhere to the printed heights as listed below, and must ensure that ponies are measured in the proper manner.
3. Foundation Stock Ponies are eligible for inspection from 9 months of age, providing they meet the height requirements of their Section.
4. Inspectors of FS1 and FS2 animals are particularly asked to pay close attention to the type and conformation of each pony and must communicate with the Society if they have any doubts of its worthiness, or if they decide it cannot be accepted. Details of breeding, colour, markings, brand and ownership must be forwarded to the Secretary.
5. If an application is not accepted the Owner and/or Breeder must be informed of their right of appeal as per the Society's Regulations.
6. In the event of an objection being lodged by the Owner and/or Breeder of a pony the Committee of Management will appoint two inspectors to re-inspect the animal.
7. The Owner and/or Breeder of a pony which is to be re-inspected will be responsible for any costs incurred by the inspectors.
8. At the time of Inspection the Owner and/or Breeder must be informed the stock will only be accepted for entry in the Stud Book after the Owner and/or Breeder have become Members.
9. Members of the Panel of Inspectors must abide by the Regulations and Regulations of the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Australia Inc.

Height Regulations for inspection of FS, FS1 & FS2 animals-

Section A Must not exceed 12.0hh

Section B Must have attained the height of 12.0hh before requesting an inspection.

Yearlings not to exceed 12.3hh

2 year Olds not to exceed 13.0hh

3 year Olds not to exceed 13.1hh

Section C Must have attained the height of 12.0hh before requesting an inspection.

Section D Must have attained the height of 13.2hh before requesting an inspection.

SWABBING REGULATIONS



Committee of Management approved Swabbing Regulations 07/04/08

Exhibitors shall be aware that any animal competing in classes at Shows conducted by the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of Australia Inc. is liable to random swabbing.

Any Welsh/Part Welsh pony or Cob that is exhibited at a Society conducted Show may be tested to determine whether any prohibited substance has been administered.

Any Welsh/Part Welsh pony or Cob that has been exhibited at a Society Show, which is found by the Committee of Management to have had administered to it any prohibited substance as defined in the following paragraph may be disqualified.

The following substances are declared as prohibited substances:

- a. Substances capable at any time of acting on one or more of the following mammalian body systems:-
The central and/ or peripheral nervous systems, the cardiovascular system, the respiratory system, the alimentary digestive system, the muscular- skeletal system, the uro- genital system and the endocrine system.
- b. Substances falling within the following categories of substances:-
Acidifying agents, adrenergic blocking agents, adrenergic stimulants, alkalinising agents, anabolic agents, analgesics agents, anti- arrhythmic agents. Anticholinergic agents, anticoagulants, antidepressants, antihistamines, antihypertensives, anti- inflammatory agents. Blood coagulants, bronchodilators, bronchospasm relaxants, buffering agents, central nervous system stimulants, cholinergic agents, corticosteroids, depressants, diuretics, general anaesthetics, haematopoietic agents, hormones (including tropic hormones) and their synthetic counterparts, hypnotics, local anaesthetics, muscle relaxants, neuromuscular agents. Plasma volume expanders, respiratory stimulants, sedatives, tranquillisers, vasodilators, and vitamins administered by injection.

Procedures for testing of Prohibited Substance:-

1. Procedures for testing will involve both "random" and "spot" tests on exhibits. At the discretion of the Show Committee there will be testing of exhibits prior to competing or at the completion.
2. The Exhibitor or Agent will be informed that the horse is to be swabbed and the horse will be escorted by an official from the arena to the swabbing stall. If a minor then a guardian is to be present at all times during the whole procedure.
3. The horse will be led into the swabbing box, where it will be identified through means of exhibit number and the Exhibitor or Agent may be asked to produce a registration certificate.
4. The collection of the sample will be carried out by a Veterinary Officer, with a Show Committee representative and the Exhibitor or Agent present at all times.
5. If the collection of urine sample has not been completed within 30 minutes, a blood sample shall be taken from the jugular vein.
6. In both cases the samples must be divided into two parts hereinafter referred to as Sample A and Sample B.
7. Once the samples of urine/ blood have been collected they will be capped and sealed in sample bottles. Numbered adhesive labels are signed by the attending Veterinary Officer and countersigned by the rider, owner, exhibitor or representative. Exhibit number must also appear on the label. These labels will be placed on each of the samples.
8. If the result of Sample A is negative then the laboratory may forthwith destroy Sample B.
9. If after testing by the analytical laboratory Sample A returns a positive test showing a prohibited substance, the Exhibitor or Agent will be notified in writing as soon as possible after completion of the show. A duplicate copy of the letter will be forwarded with the original letter by person to person certified mail. The Exhibitor or Agent must acknowledge receipt of the notification on the duplicate copy.
10. The notification letter will detail what further tests the Exhibitor or Agent may request together with any right of appeal. Broadly however, within seven days of receiving such notification letter, the rider, owner or representative will be permitted to request a re- test of the remaining samples by a referee laboratory. The Exhibitor or Agent is given the option to watch the 2nd analysis if so desired. The cost of the re-test is borne by the rider, owner, exhibitor or agent.
11. After seven days of notification of the positive swab, the right to have a further test will lapse. The remaining samples will be retested by the original specialist analytical laboratory and then destroyed.

If the presence of prohibited substances is confirmed by laboratory analysis, then penalties will apply.

The kits may be purchased from Racing Analytic Service, Ascot Vale, Melbourne at a cost of approx. \$110.00 each. There is also the cost of the attending Veterinary Officer.