

WELSH PONY & COB SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA INC JUDGES REGULATIONS
Committee of Management approved Regulations April 2011



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 three 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. Where possible a Judge should accept at least one Judging appointment per year.
7. Because judges are representing themselves and the Society, they should always be punctual and look their best, being correctly and neatly attired. A judge should wear a suitable hat.
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. While conducting a ring, the safety of the competitors, spectators, stewards/marshalls must be the judge's first consideration
10. A judge cannot judge and exhibit in Welsh sections at the same show. (With the exception of Foal Futurity classes & Young Judges competitions.)
11. Judges cannot judge the same section within 100kms radius within a 90 day period.
12. A judge cannot not adjudicate in any class in which immediate members of his family are competing.
13. A judge cannot judge an exhibit, which he or his immediate family has bred.
14. A judge cannot judge a progeny group sired by a stallion or out of a mare owned by the judge.
15. A judge cannot judge an exhibit in hand, under saddle or in harness where the judge or his immediate family have been rewarded in cash or kind for instruction in the previous six months.
16. A judge cannot judge an exhibit owned, produced or driven by a person who they or their immediate family have or had a business partnership (excluding stud fees) within the previous six months.
17. A judge cannot judge an exhibit which they or a member of their immediate family sold to the exhibitor in the 12 months preceding the show or event.
18. A judge cannot judge an exhibit which they or a member of their immediate family have had or have a financial interest in during the previous twelve months.
19. A judge cannot judge an exhibit produced, ridden or driven by a person who has carried out those duties for the judge in the previous twelve months.
20. A judge cannot judge an exhibit owned by an exhibitor for whom he/she has produced exhibits in the previous twelve months.
21. A judge must not accept hospitality from an exhibitor immediately before or during a show.
- **22. In the interests of safety for all at a show, competitors are required to enter and leave a ring at the WALK. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.
- **23. A fall of exhibit or rider/driver in any ridden or harness class will result in disqualification from that class. The rider / driver must not remount / get back into the harness vehicle in the ring.
24. Once a class has been judged, it should not be re-judged.
25. A judge must not refer to a show catalogue or steward's list either before or during judging, nor can a judge be in possession of a show catalogue whilst in the ring.
26. A judge should not discuss any exhibitor's animal's faults with stewards or other competitors.
27. A judge may order any person for improper conduct or any other proper cause.
28. A judge has the discretion to ask a led or performance exhibit and handler / rider / driver to leave the ring if he considers the animal is unruly and/or likely to cause an accident.
29. A judge may withhold an award if, in their opinion, no animal is worthy of the award.
30. A judge may request an exhibit to be measured.
31. A judge may refuse to judge any exhibit they consider to be unsound.
32. A judge may lodge a written complaint concerning the behaviour, demeanour, dress condition and the like (in respect of the exhibitor or exhibit) to the relevant show secretary or secretary of the Society within 30 days.
33. A judge must be prepared to meet any requirements as set down from time to time by the Committee of Management.
34. Exhibits must not be subjected to unnecessary, unreasonable or unjustifiable pain, suffering or injury.
35. Where a Judge is aware the judging of an exhibit is an infringement of the rules listed above then the judge must refrain from judging that exhibit and the exhibit is to leave the ring.
36. **Judges must comply with all legislative or legal requirements to be eligible to judge.**

** denotes *amended or new regulation*

PLAITING: Notice to Judges

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.**

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. Transfer from Section C to Section D - The animal must be inspected by two Society approved inspectors and measure at over 13.2 hh and be of Section D type.
Transfer from Section D to Section C - The animal must be inspected by two Society approved inspectors, be over seven years of age, measured at not exceeding 13.2 hh and be of Section C type.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. The Owner and/or Breeder of a pony which is to be re-inspected will be responsible for any costs incurred by the inspectors.
9. At the time of Inspection the Owner and/or Breeder must be a member of the Society for the animal to be accepted for entry in the Stud Book.
10. Members of the Panel of Inspectors must be entitled to judge / inspect the relevant Section; they must abide by the Rules and Regulations of the WP&CS of Australia Inc.

Height Regulations for inspection of 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.