



WPCSA OPEN AWARDS PROGRAM

GUIDELINES & AWARD DIVISIONS

The Welsh Pony & Cob Society of America (WPCSA) recognizes Welsh Ponies, Welsh Cobs and half/part-bred Welsh competing in events against all breeds with two special award programs - the WPCSA Year-End Open Awards and the Welsh Medallion Award program. Open Competition participants are automatically entered in both programs when they submit results.

The WPCSA Year-End Open Award presents a year-end award for outstanding performance by a registered Welsh or half/part Welsh in several sections within the program's eight major divisions as well as year end awards for top-scoring junior exhibitors. Year-end awards are tabulated on an annual basis during the competition year, which runs from November 30 of the previous year to December 1st of the current year.

The Welsh Medallion Award is a lifetime award presented to each Welsh or half/part-bred Welsh Pony/Cob meeting medallion requirements. Participants may take as many years as needed to earn Medallion points. Each participant receives an official bronze, silver or gold medallion award when they have accumulated the necessary points in their division.

Medallions are presented in eight areas: Show (Open); Competitive Trail Riding/Driving, Endurance, Dressage, Eventing, Working Western, Carriage Pleasure Driving and Combined Driving.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

To be eligible for these awards, participating animals must be registered with WPCSA. Both the owner and exhibitors of the pony/cob must be current WPCSA members Both the event (show) and the class entered must be open to all breeds. Welsh shows and classes specific to only Welsh do not count. Results must be submitted on the appropriate entry forms, which are available on the web site along with appropriate documentation as described for each division Entry forms may be duplicated by the participants. WPCSA will not accept event results from prior years or incomplete entry forms Results will be randomly audited. If there is a significant difference between the number of points reported by the owner and the results reported by the show secretary, the entry will not be accepted and the animal will not be eligible for the program the following year All decisions by WPCSA are final.

All Open Competition entries must include a per show fee of \$5 per animal per event. The show fee must accompany each show form sent for the animal. There is a \$10 annual nomination fee for each animal entered in the Open Awards program.

A pony/cob/half-part Welsh may be entered in the Open Award program at any time during the competition year prior to December 1st. *Points will be added to the animal's file as they are earned. All results must be postmarked within 30 days of the completion of the show or event. Points must be submitted before December 1st of each year. Points submitted from shows occurring after December 1st will be applied to the following year.* By submitting forms early, owners help speed the tabulation process.

To be eligible for the WPCSA Year-End Open Awards and the Welsh Medallion Award program, ponies/cobs/half-part Welsh **must show under their full WPCSA registered name.**

YEAR-END AWARDS: The Year-End Award recognizes animals compiling the most points in each division during the year (except for Dressage, which is based on median scores.) Ribbons are awarded to the Champion and Reserve Champion in each of the eight (8) divisions as well as the sub-categories within each division. Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons are awarded to the top two high score junior exhibitors in eight (8) divisions. Recipients will receive their ribbons at the AGM. The champions in each division will be recognized on the WPCSA website and in the Welsh Review.

I. Open Shows (awards in each category)

- A. English Pleasure (includes English pleasure, hunt seat pleasure, roam hack, bridle path hack, saddle seat pleasure and dressage seat.)
- B. Western Pleasure
- C. Pleasure Driving
- D. Hunter/Jumper (includes hunter divisions with at least ONE (1) class over fences and jumper classes.)
- E. Equitation - English
- F. Equitation - Western
- G. Trail - all seats
- H. Open Halter
- I. General (all other performance classes not listed above including but not limited to the following: games, roadster, races, fine harness, dressage classes judged by non-USDF judges, etc.)

II. Competitive Trail Riding

- A. Limited Distance
- B. Medium Distance
- C. Extended Distance
- D. Novice/Competitive Pleasure

III. Endurance

- A. General
- B. Limited Distance

III. Dressage (awards at each level)

- A. Beginner Dressage
- B. Training Level
- C. First Level
- D. Second Level
- E. Third Level
- F. Fourth Level
- G. Prix St. Georges
- H. Intermediate I
- I. Intermediate II
- J. Grand Prix

V. Western Dressage (Same basic rules as English Dressage with awards at each level)

- A. Intro/Basic
- B. Levels 1, 2, & 3 (combined)

VI. Eventing

VII. Working Western (Reining, Cutting, Team Penning, Roping, Working Cowhorse, Cowboy Mounted Shooting, Obstacle (Trail) Challenges)

- A. Sanctioned
- B. Non-sanctioned

VIII. Carriage Pleasure Driving

- A. Singles
- B. Pairs/Tandems
- C. Unicorns/Four-in-Hands

IX. Combined Driving

- A. Singles
- B. Pairs/Tandems
- C. Unicorns/Four-in-Hands

X. Junior Exhibitor Year-End Awards

- A. Show (Open)
- B. Competitive Trail
- C. Endurance
- D. Dressage
- E. Eventing
- F. Working Western
- G. Carriage Driving
- H. Combined Driving