

## **WPCSA Class Specifications For 2016 Show Year**

### **Effective December 1, 2015**

Class Specifications as they must be listed in the prize list and on the Judge's cards. The whole Class Specification not just the Article Number must be included.

#### **WPCSA BREED CLASSES (Article 110.2)**

Animals are to be shown in hand at a walk and a trot except in group classes. Purebred Welsh to be judged 85% on breed type, conformation, way of going, quality and substance and 15% on disposition and manners. Natural reaching action is desired. Half-Welsh & Part Breds to be judged 85% on conformation, way of going, quality and substance and 15% on Welsh breed type, disposition and manners.

#### **WPCSA WELSH ENGLISH PLEASURE (Article 112.3)**

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring on light contact without a martingale. To be judged 75% on performance, manners, movement and style; 25 % on breed type and conformation. Working class to be judged 100% on performance.

#### **WPCSA WELSH WESTERN PLEASURE (Article 112.4)**

To be shown at a walk, jog and lope both ways of the ring without a martingale, on a reasonably loose rein, without undue restraint. To be judged on performance, with emphasis on manners 65%; breed type, conformation and movement 25%; appointments 10%. Working classes are judged 100% on performance.

#### **WPCSA WELSH HUNTER (Article 112.5)**

To be judged 75% on performance, manners, movement and style; 25% on breed type and conformation. Working classes judged 100% on performance. Animals not exceeding 13.2 hands will jump 2'0"; animals exceeding 13.2 shall jump 2'6".

Over fences (o/f): To be shown over a course of a minimum of **six** fences with eight jumping efforts of the required height.

Under saddle (u/s): To be eligible, pony must have shown in and completed an over fence class. To be shown at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. **May be required to hand gallop one way of the ring, but no more than eight animals at one time.**

#### **WPCSA SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER (Article 112.6)**

Division is open to riders 12 years and under. Classes are open to all Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part Bred, mares and geldings. **RIDERS** in this division, including the under saddle class, may not compete over fences in any other division except Short Stirrup equitation. Courses to be set at 18" with a minimum of 4 fences with 8 jumping efforts required. May either trot or canter the course. Over-fence classes must precede the under-saddle class. To be judged 100% on performance. To be eligible for the under-saddle class, animal must have shown in **and completed** an over-fences class. Under-saddle class animals will be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot and canter. Not required to jog for over-fences classes.

## **WPCSA LONG STIRRUP HUNTER (Article 112.7) –Ages 13 to Adult**

Classes are open to all Ponies/Cobs and Half-Welsh/Part Breds. **RIDERS** in this division, including the under saddle class, may not compete over fences in any other division at that show where the fences exceed 18” except Low Hunter. There are no restrictions for animals exhibiting in these classes. Courses to be set at 18" with a minimum of 4 fences and 8 jumping efforts required. Over-fences classes must precede the under-saddle class. To be judged 100% on performance. May trot or canter the course. Not required to jog for over-fences classes.

### **Each Show may offer ONE of the following Low Hunter divisions:**

#### **WPCSA LOW HUNTER 18” Only (Article 112.8)**

Division is open to Ponies/Cobs and Half-Welsh/Part Breds, Juniors and Adults. These **ANIMALS** may not compete in any other over fences division at that show where fence heights exceed 18”. There are no restrictions on the rider **unless they are restricted by other class rules. Long Stirrup riders are eligible if jumping 18” but Short Stirrup riders are not eligible to compete.** Courses to be set at 18" with a minimum of 4 fences with 8 jumping efforts required. Over-fences classes must precede the under-saddle classes. To be judged 100% on performance. May either trot or canter the course. Not required to jog for over-fences classes.

#### **WPCSA LOW HUNTER 18” or 2’ (Article 112.8)**

Division is open to Ponies/Cobs and Half-Welsh/Part Breds, Juniors and Adults. These **ANIMALS** may not compete in any other over fences division at that show where fence heights exceed 18”. There are no restrictions on the rider **unless they are restricted by other class rules. Long Stirrup riders are eligible if jumping 18” but Short Stirrup riders are not eligible to compete.** Courses to be set at 18” or 2’ with a minimum of 4 fences with 8 jumping efforts required. Jumps must be verticals (no cross rails). Riders may choose to jump 18” or 2’. Fence heights are not determined by the height of the animal. No animal may jump both 18” and 2” in this division at the same show. Over-fences classes must precede the under-saddle classes. To be judged 100% on performance. May either trot or canter the course. Not required to jog for over-fences classes

## **WPCSA PLEASURE DRIVING (Article 113.1)**

To be shown to a suitable two or four-wheeled vehicle or four-wheeled vehicle for pairs, but not a viceroy, racing sulky or fine harness rig. Use of a bike style vehicle with floorboards and a basket is acceptable. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, working trot and trot on and stand quietly and except for tandems, **to back readily.** A properly attired groom or passenger *capable of rendering assistance in case of an emergency* is required for all pairs and tandems; unicorns and four-in-hands require 2 grooms/passengers. Failure to comply will result in elimination from the class. To be judged 75% on performance, manners, movement and style; 25% on breed type and conformation. Working classes are judged 100% on performance.

**Include this general Carriage Driving spec with any of the carriage driving classes offered:**

**WPCSA CARRIAGE DRIVING (Article 113.2)**

**(wire wheeled vehicles may be used if stated in prize list.)** Classes open to Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part Breds. To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. To stand quietly, both on the rail and while lined up, and to rein back. In the slow trot the animal should maintain forward impulsion while showing submission to the bit. A properly attired groom or passenger *capable of rendering assistance in case of an emergency* is required for all pairs and tandems; unicorns and four-in-hands require 2 grooms/passengers. Failure to comply will result in elimination from the class.

**WPCSA CARRIAGE DRIVING TURNOUT (Article 113.2.3)**

To be judged primarily on the performance and quality of each turnout. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. To stand quietly and to rein back. To be judged 70% on the condition, fit and appropriateness of harness and vehicle, neatness and appropriateness of attire and overall impression; 30% on performance, manners and way of going.

**WPCSA CARRIAGE DRIVING WORKING (Article 113.2.3)**

To be judged primarily on the suitability of the animal to provide a pleasant drive. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. To stand quietly both on the rail and while lined up and to rein back. May be asked to execute appropriate tests. To be judged 70% on performance, manners and way of going; 20% on condition and fit of harness and vehicle; 10% on neatness of attire.

**WPCSA OBSTACLE/CONES DRIVING (Article 113.2.3)**

Obstacle/Cones to be judged 100% on performance. Course plan must be announced and posted one hour before competition is to begin. Competitors may walk the course. Martingales and overchecks are prohibited in obstacle classes for all vehicles. Side checks are optional. Failure to comply incurs elimination. Refer to specifications in rulebook (Article 113.2.3) for the type of obstacle/cones classes being offered.

**WPCSA DRAFT DRIVING (Article 113.3)**

Classes open to Ponies/Cobs/half-Welsh/Part Breds. To be shown to suitable four-wheeled vehicle for multiples, or cart for singles or tandems. Utility is stressed for animals, harness and an appropriate wagon for multiple draft driving. draft vehicles. Traditional type carts such as road carts or stud carts are suitable for singles and fifth wheel hitch wagons for multiples. Inappropriate equipment to be penalized. Draft type harness is required. To be shown both ways of the ring at a flat-footed walk and a working trot. To halt, stand quietly and back readily. Individual maneuvers may be requested. A properly attired groom or passenger *capable of rendering assistance in case of an emergency* is required for all pairs

and tandems; unicorns and four-in-hands require 2 grooms/passengers. To be judged 75% on performance, manners, movement and style; 25% on breed type and conformation. Working class to be judged 100% on performance.

#### **WPCSA ROADSTER (12.2 & under) (Article 113.4)**

For Section A and B ponies 12.2 and under. Roadster must enter the ring clockwise at a jog-trot then show at the Road Gait; turn counter clockwise at the jog-trot, show at the Road Gait and then trot at speed. Must stand well while being judged in the line up. In the event of a workoff, entries chosen must work both ways of the ring, as the original routine. To be judged 75% on performance, manners, style and speed in form; 25% on breed type. Working class to be judged 100% on performance.

#### **WPCSA FINE HARNESS (Article 113.5)**

To be shown at an animated walk and a free animated park trot, extreme speed to be penalized. To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged 75% on performance, manners, movement and style, 25% on breed type and conformation. Working classes are judged 100% on performance.

#### **WPCSA FORMAL DRIVING (Article 113.6)**

To be shown both ways of the ring at an animated walk and an animated natural trot. To stand quietly and, except in case of tandems, back readily. A properly attired groom or passenger *capable of rendering assistance in case of an emergency* is required for all pairs and tandems; unicorns and four-in-hands require 2 grooms/passengers. To be judged 75% on performance, manners, movement and style; 25% on breed type and conformation. Working classes are judged 100% on performance.

#### **WPCSA SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION (Article 114.1)**

Division is open to riders 12 years & under mounted on Ponies/Cobs/ Half-Welsh/Part Breds, mares and geldings. To be judged 100% on hands, seat, control and suitability of mount.

Over Fences (o/f): Courses to be set at 18" with a minimum of 4 fences with 8 jumping efforts required. Animals may either trot or canter the entire course. The o/f class must precede the under saddle class.

Under saddle (u/s): Animals must walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. **RIDERS** entering these classes, including the under saddle class, may not compete over fences in any other division except Short Stirrup Hunter.

#### **WPCSA HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION (Article 114.3)**

Classes open to Ponies/Cobs/ Half-Welsh/Part Breds. To be judged on the rider's appearance, seat, hands and control of their mount. Animals 13.2 and under jump 2'; animals over 13.2 jump 2'6".

Over Fence (o/f) classes: to be shown over a minimum of six obstacles.

Under saddle (u/s) classes: to be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Test may be required.

### **WPCSA SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION (Article 114.4)**

Classes open to Ponies/Cobs / Half-Welsh/Part Breds. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring and to be judged on the rider's appearance, seat, hands and control of their mount. Tests may be required.

### **WPCSA STOCK SEAT EQUITATION (Article 114.5)**

Classes are open to Ponies/Cobs / Half-Welsh/Part Breds. Riders to be judged on seat, hands, performance of animal, appointments of animal and rider and suitability of animal to rider. Riders enter the ring at a walk or jog and are judged at a flat-footed four beat walk, two-beat jog and a three-beat lope both ways of the ring. All competitors are required to back a straight line during the line up. Tests may be required.

### **WPCSA LEADING REIN (Article 115.1)**

Section A, B, C or Half-Welsh/Part Breds, mare or gelding, 12.2 hands and under, to be ridden by junior exhibitors at least four, but not more than eight, years of age. To be shown on light contact and led by an adult. See rules for attachment of leading rein. No chain leadlines allowed. To be shown at a walk, on the right rein (clockwise), to line up and stand quietly. Ponies will be called out individually to stand, walk out and trot or jog back past the judge. **Ponies to be judged** on manners, suitability, breed type, conformation and turn-out. This is not an equitation class. **There are no restrictions for the pony or rider.**

### **WPCSA CHILD'S FIRST PONY (Article 115.2)**

Section A, B, C and Half-Welsh/Part Breds, mare or gelding 12.2 hands and under, to be ridden by junior exhibitors at least four, but no more than 10, years of age. Riders to be suitably dressed in Hunt, Saddle or Western attire including protective headgear. Ponies to be shown at a walk and trot or jog, both ways of the ring. **Ponies to be judged** on performance, manners and suitability. Conformation, way of going, manners, suitability and turnout to be emphasized. This is not an equitation class. **There are no restrictions for the pony or rider.**

### **WPCSA TRAIL (Article 115.3)**

Open to all Ponies/Cobs / Half-Welsh/Part Breds. Junior and adult (separate divisions are to be offered for juniors and adults). English or Western equipment. To be shown over and through obstacles at a walk, optional trot or jog and optional canter or lope. To be judged 100% on performance. ~~Juniors not to side pass or lope/canter over loose rails.~~

### **WPCSA LEADLINE WALK (Article 115.4)**

Classes open to riders 7 & under mounted on Ponies/Cobs / Half-Welsh/Part Breds, mares and geldings. See rules for attachment of leading rein. No chain leadlines allowed. Judged on equitation and suitability of mount at a walk. To stand quietly. To be led by an adult or a junior age 12 or over. Both handler and rider to be appropriately attired. English or Western attire is acceptable. No chain leadlines. **RIDERS** ineligible for other ridden classes except costume, leading rein, leadline walk-trot, and leadline walk-trot poles.

### **WPCSA LEADLINE WALK-TROT (Article 115.4)**

Classes open to riders 7 & under mounted on Ponies/Cobs / Half-Welsh/Part Breds, mares and geldings. See rules for attachment of leading rein. No chain leadlines allowed. Judged on equitation and suitability of mount at a walk and trot/jog. To stand quietly. To be led by an adult or a junior age 12 or over. Both handler and rider to be appropriately attired. English or Western attire is acceptable. No chain leadlines. **RIDERS** ineligible for other ridden classes except costume, leading rein, leadline walk and leadline walk-trot poles.

### **WPCSA LEADLINE WALK-TROT POLES (Article 115.4)**

Classes open to riders 7 & under mounted on Ponies/Cobs / Half-Welsh/Part Breds, mares and geldings. See rules for attachment of leading rein. No chain leadlines allowed. Judged on equitation and suitability of mount. To be ridden once around a course of four poles on the ground entirely at a walk or entirely at a trot/jog. Poles are to be placed at a minimum of 4 feet off the rail, two on each side of the ring, simulating a hunter course. The poles should be placed far enough away from the entrance gate to provide an adequate sized area to do an opening and closing circle. To be led by an adult or a junior age 12 or over. Both handler and rider to be appropriately attired. English or Western attire is acceptable. No chain leadlines. **RIDERS** ineligible for other ridden classes except costume, leading rein, leadline walk and leadline walk-trot.

### **WPCSA WALK (Article 115.5)**

Classes open to riders 11 & under mounted on Ponies/Cobs / Half-Welsh/Part Breds, mares and geldings. Judged on equitation and suitability of mount. English or Western attire is acceptable. **RIDERS** ineligible for other ridden classes except costume, leading rein, child's first pony, walk-trot and walk-trot poles. To walk both ways of the ring.

### **WPCSA WALK-TROT (Article 115.5)**

Classes open to riders 11 & under mounted on Ponies/Cobs / Half-Welsh/Part Breds, mares and geldings. Judged on equitation and suitability of mount. To walk and trot/jog both ways of the ring. Possible test to include: walk, trot/jog, turn, halt and rein back at spots marked. English or Western attire is acceptable. **RIDERS** ineligible for other ridden classes except costume, leading rein, child's first pony, walk and walk-trot poles.

### **WPCSA WALK-TROT POLES (Article 115.5)**

Classes open to riders 11 & under mounted on Ponies/Cobs / Half-Welsh/Part Breds, mares and geldings. Judged on equitation and suitability of mount. To be ridden once around a course of four poles on the ground entirely at a walk or entirely at a trot/jog. Poles are to be placed at a minimum of 4 feet off the rail, two on each side of the ring, simulating a hunter course. The poles should be placed far enough away from the entrance gate to provide an adequate sized area to do an opening and closing circle. English or Western attire is acceptable. **RIDERS** ineligible for other ridden classes except costume, leading rein, child's first pony, walk and walk-trot.

### **WPCSA JUNIOR WELSH HANDLER (Article 115.6)**

Class open to juniors handling Ponies/ Cobs/ Half-Welsh/ Part Breds mares and geldings. Judged on the ability and skill of the Junior in handling their animal as in the breed ring. The show qualities of the animal shall not be considered, although cleanliness and grooming can be considered. Exhibitors enter to the left so as not to obscure the judge's view. The judge evaluates the ability of the junior to follow directions, use space wisely, and execute the requested patterns. Juniors should appear "ring wise", be alert to the judging progression and be prepared for changes in the judging routine.

### **WPCSA RIDDEN COB WELSH CLASSIC SEC. C & D (Article 115.7)**

This class is for registered Welsh Cobs and Welsh Ponies of Cob Type 4 years of age and over. To be judged 50% on conformation and 50% on performance. Entries shall enter the arena in a clockwise direction. To be shown on both reins as a group at the walk, trot, and canter with animation. The required individual performance must show all four gaits (the gallop need only be shown in one direction). Each animal will then be stripped and judged for conformation judging, showing at the walk and trot, in hand, by the rider. Once an entry has been judged for conformation it may be retacked. Class is an English class only. No Western, Saddle Seat or Side Saddle tack or attire. Qualified UK or American Judge to officiate.

### **WPCSA RIDDEN WELSH CLASSIC SEC. A&B (Article 115.7)**

This class is for registered Welsh Ponies, Section A & B, 4 year of age and over. To be judged 50% on conformation and 50% on performance. Entries shall enter the arena in a clockwise direction. To be shown on both reins as a group at the walk, trot, and canter with animation. The required individual performance must show all four gaits (the gallop need only be shown in one direction). Each animal will then be stripped and judged for conformation judging, showing at the walk and trot, in hand, by the rider. Once an entry has been judged for conformation it may be retacked. Class is an English class only. No Western, Saddle Seat or Side Saddle tack or attire. Qualified UK or American Judge to officiate.

### **WPCSA RIDDEN WELSH CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS (Article 115.7)**

To be judged 50% on conformation and 50% on ridden performance. Open to first and second place winners from the Ridden Welsh A/B Classic and the Ridden Welsh C/D Classic. There is no entry fee for this class. Places will be awarded for the Best Ridden and the Reserve Best Ridden. Any animal in this class is eligible to be named the Best Ridden. Entries shall enter the arena In a clockwise direction. The Judge shall request all four gaits (walk, trot, canter, gallop) in at least one direction, but animals need not show in both directions. The judge shall consider the size of the ponies/cobs, ages of riders, safety of arena when determining whether to have the animals perform as a group or individually. Individual pattern is optional at the judge's discretion. Entries shall not be stripped as conformation score from the qualifying class shall be carried forward.

### **WPCSA WALK-TROT ADULT EQUITATION (Article 115.8)**

Class open to riders 18 years of age and older on ponies, cobs, Half-Welsh or Part Breds. English or Western attire is acceptable. Riders ineligible for any other WPCSA pointed ridden class at that show. Judged on equitation and suitability of mount. To walk and trot or jog both ways of the ring. Possible tests to include: walk, trot or jog, turn, halt and rein back at spots marked.

### **PLEASE PROMINANTLY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR SHOW PROGRAM:**

- Removing the bridle from an animal harnessed to a vehicle, or leaving an animal unattended while hitched, anywhere on the show grounds, will result in instant elimination and removal from the show grounds
- Junior exhibitors must wear approved protective headgear (ASTM/SEI) at all times whenever mounted or in a driven vehicle at all times while on the show ground. Harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place.



## **NON-POINTED:**

### **WALK-TROT TRAIL (Article 116.6)**

Open to riders 11 & under mounted on Ponies/Cobs / Half-Welsh/Part Breds, mares and geldings. To be shown over and through obstacles at a walk, optional trot or jog and optional canter or lope. To be judged 100% on performance. Pattern will not include a side passes or loping/cantering over loose rails.

### **GREEN HUNTER (Article 116.3)**

Open to all Ponies/Cobs / Half-Welsh/Part Breds that have not shown over fences at the regulation height or higher for their respective sections. Open to juniors and adults. To be judged 100% on performance.

Over fences (o/f): Course to include a minimum of 8 jumping efforts. May either trot or canter the entire course. Animals not exceeding 13.2 hands shall jump 18"; over 13.2 and up to and including 14.2 hands shall jump 2'0"; over 14.2 hands shall jump 2'3".

Under Saddle (u/s): Animals shall show at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Under saddle class must follow the over fences classes. Judges may **NOT** ask for a hand gallop.

### **CARRIAGE DRIVING REINSMANSHIP (Article 116.7)**

A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the ability and skill of the driver. To be shown at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. Shall be required to rein back. Drivers chosen for a work off may be worked at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to execute a figure of eight and/or perform other appropriate tests. A properly attired groom or passenger *capable of rendering assistance in case of an emergency* is required for all pairs and tandems; unicorns and four-in-hands require 2 grooms/passengers. Judged 75% on handling of reins and whip, control, posture and overall appearance of driver; 25% on the condition of harness and vehicle and neatness of attire.

- **PLEASE PROMINANTLY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR SHOW PROGRAM:**

Removing the bridle from an animal harnessed to a vehicle, or leaving an animal unattended while hitched, anywhere on the show grounds, will result in instant elimination and removal from the show grounds

Junior exhibitors must wear approved protective headgear (ASTM/SEI) at all times whenever mounted or in a driven vehicle at all times while on the show ground. Harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place.

- **FOR SHOWS THAT POST PRIZE LISTS ON-LINE:**

Show Management of any WPCSA sanctioned show that posts prize list on-line must notify prospective exhibitors via US Postal Service of the availability of printed prize list (i.e. post card) or by e-mail. Upon request, printed prize list must be sent to the exhibitor in a timely fashion.

Notice Example:

Dear Exhibitor,

Due to the increase in printing, postage and handling, we will not be mailing our show prize list out. They will be available on our website, along with entry forms.

Feel free to down-load the information and entry form you need. Our website is [www.welshshow.org](http://www.welshshow.org).

If you do not have access to a computer, please call-1-000-000-0000 to request a printed copy.

Sincerely,  
Welsh Show Management

- **RULES COMMITTEE QUALIFICATIONS:**

All your rule committee members must be members of the WPCSA and must have immediately available a current rule book.