

Article 105.3 Attire In all classes, exhibitors should be appropriately and safely dressed in conservative attire, including entry number. Those persons, who in the opinion of the judge, are inappropriately attired, may be penalized. Competitors with an incorrect or missing entry number may be penalized at the discretion of the judge. Any identifying name or farm logo in the show ring is strongly discouraged.

Article 110.11 Standard Breeding Divisions/Classes

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~~Half- Welsh/Part Bred Junior, Senior and Grand Championships may be offered. Geldings are included in these championships.~~ The breeding divisions are: Fillies 2 and Under, Colts/Geldings 2 and Under, Senior Mares and Senior Stallions/Geldings. Division champions may be offered if more than one class in a division is offered. Otherwise, Junior and Senior Champions may be offered. A Grand Champion and Reserve is chosen from the champions and reserves of the divisions or from the Junior and Senior champions and reserves or when no divisions, from the first and second place winners of the two classes. ~~Geldings are included in these championships.~~

-----See revised Class Charts at the end of this document-----

ARTICLE 111 GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

The current rules of the United States Equestrian Federation shall be the general guidelines. Shows holding both USEF and WPCSA sanctioned classes should cross-reference the USEF Rule Book to verify compliance for USEF rated classes.

Ponies and cobs may not be shown together in performance classes except at bronze-rated shows and in draft, equitation, carriage driving, short stirrup hunter, trail classes, long stirrup hunter and low hunter. Ponies and cobs may also be shown together in leading rein and child's first pony but must not exceed the height restrictions for these two classes.

The Welsh Pleasure and Welsh Hunter divisions may be divided by the riders' age as long as both complementary divisions are offered. The two divisions are defined as follows: rider 12 and under and rider 13 through 17 years (rider must not have reached 18th birthday by December 1 of current show year).

Once the prize list has been published, classes/divisions cannot be added or combined. Compatible performance classes/divisions may be combined if there are three or fewer entries in any of the classes/divisions. However, they If classes are split, there must be a minimum of three entries in each class. Performance classes must be split if entries warrant (See Article 111.1.)

Performance broodmares may not be accompanied by their foals in the performance ring.

Article 112.4.3 Appointments Entries must be penalized for incomplete appointments but not necessarily disqualified, the severity of which is at the discretion of the judge.

Riders to wear a long-sleeved shirt or top with a visible collar of any type. A zipper is permissible under the shirt post with the buttons or snaps being visible on the shirt post. A one piece long-sleeved equitation suit is acceptable provided it includes any type of collar. Trousers or pants are to be worn with a belt under the loops. Riders to wear protective headgear (required for juniors) or western hats. Protective headgear need not be of western type. Boots of

western style to be worn. Gloves, ~~and~~ western chaps and a belt are strongly suggested. Spurs are optional. A vest, jacket, coat and/or sweater may also be worn.

Entries will show with a stock or side saddle but silver equipment will not count over a good working outfit.

Article 112.4.4 Bits/Bridles Entries may use any standard Western bit. A standard Western bit is defined as having a shank with a maximum length overall of 8-1/2 inches. The mouthpiece will consist of a metal bar 3/8" to 3/4" varying from the straight bar to a full spade. Jointed mouthpieces are permitted.

Entries may use a standard snaffle bit only if animals are five years old and under. A standard snaffle bit is defined as a center jointed single, rounded, unwrapped smooth mouthpiece of 3/8" to 3/4" in diameter metal as measured from ring to 1" in from the ring with a gradual decrease to the center of the snaffle. The rings may be from 2" to 4" outside diameter of either the loose type, eggbutt, dee or center mounted without cheeks. If a curb strap or chain is used, it must be attached below the reins. Also, it must lie flat, be at least 1/2" in width and have no other wire, rawhide, or other substance used with it.

Hackamores are permitted in any class on animals five years old and under. A hackamore consists of a bosal round in shape and constructed of braided rawhide or leather and must have a flexible non-metallic core. Attached reins may be of hair, rope or leather. No other material of any kind is to be used in conjunction with a hackamore i.e., steel, metal or chains. (Exception: smooth plastic electrical tape is acceptable.)

A leather chin strap or curb chain is mandatory on any bit with a shank. They must lie flat and be at least 1/2" in width. Rolled leather chin straps or twisted curb chains are strictly prohibited. No wire, rawhide, metal or other substance may be used in conjunction with or as part of the leather chin strap or curb chain. Rounded, rolled, braided or rawhide curb straps are prohibited.

When hackamores or snaffle bits are used, rider is to ~~may~~ use both hands. Both hands must be visible to the judge.

Article 112.4.5 Reins Reins may be any standard western rein. However, any rein design which increases the effective length of the shank of a standard western bit is prohibited.

Only one hand may be used on the reins and hands may not be changed except to negotiate an obstacle in a Trail class. Hand is to be around the reins. When using split reins, the ends are to fall on the side of your reining hand. One finger is permissible between the reins. When using romal reins or when ends of split reins are held in the hand not being used for reining, no finger between reins is permissible. The position of the hand not being used for reining is optional, but it should be kept free of the animal and equipment and held in a relaxed manner. Reins are to be carried immediately above or slightly in front of the saddle horn.

When hackamores or snaffle bits are used, rider is to ~~may~~ use both hands. Both hands must be visible to the judge.

112.4.6 Prohibited Bits/Equipment:

Roping bits with both reins connected to a single rein at center of cross bar

Snaffle bits on any pony aged six or older

Hackamores on any pony aged six or older

Slip bits

Gag bits

Rigid donut mouthpiece bits

Flat polo mouthpiece bits

Hackamore bits

Bosals on any pony aged six or older

Cavesson type nosebands

Martingales

Tie downs

Bandages or boots of any type

Whips or crops of any kind

Article 112.8 * WPCSA LOW HUNTER*

Classes are open to all ponies/cobs/Half-Welsh/Part Bred. This division is open to juniors and adults. **ANIMALS** 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". There are no restrictions for riders exhibiting in these classes **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 have a minimum of 4 fences with 8 jumping efforts. Show management may offer the division either as 18" only or a choice of 18" or 2'. If a choice of 18" or 2' is given, the jumps must be verticals (no cross rails). No animal may jump both 18" and 2" in this class at the same show. Fence heights are not determined by the height of the animal. Over-fence classes to 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.

Article 113.2 *WPCSA CARRIAGE DRIVING*

Classes are open to all ponies/cobs/Half-Welsh/Part Bred. A Welsh Carriage Driving division will consist of three classes, one turnout, one working and one obstacle, **or any combination thereof** but at least one class must be on the rail. Also see Article 116.7 Reinsmanship and ~~Article 116.8 Carriage Driving Freestyle Reinsmanship which are~~ **is** not pointed for WPCSA purposes. ~~but are being considered as USEF new rule changes.~~
In this division an entry is defined as a combination of animal(s), vehicle and driver and must be assigned a specific entry number. A change of any part of the combination constitutes a different entry and must be assigned a separate number. In the event that a vehicle is disabled or judged unsafe to start or continue, management may authorize substitution of another vehicle without issuing a new number.

Article 113.3.6 Welsh Draft Driving Class Specifications (Indicate if for Singles, Multiples, or Both)

Article 115.3 *WPCSA TRAIL* (Performance)

English or Western equipment. Open to all ponies/cobs/Half-Welsh/Part Bred. Trail classes must be offered separately for juniors and adults. 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. Trail entries are required to work over and through obstacles. No animal may enter the trail course area until the course and judge are ready. Riders will be permitted to inspect the course on foot during the Judge's instructions prior to the start of the class. Tests which may be required are negotiating the gate, carrying objects from one part of arena to another, riding through water, over logs or simulated brush, riding down into and up out of ditch without lunging, crossing a bridge (no rocking or moving bridges permitted), backing through obstacles, sidepassing, mounting and dismounting from either side and performing over any reasonable conditions encountered along the trail. However, unnatural obstacles, such as fire extinguishers, perforated plywood in water boxes, exotic animals or unsafe elements such as hay bales, should be avoided. Course to include a minimum of six obstacles and a maximum of eight obstacles except in the case of damaged obstacles. ~~Juniors will not side pass or lope/canter over loose rails.~~

Article 136.9 Half-Welsh/Part Bred Award of Honour

The Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America opened their Registry to the Half-Welsh on March 2, 1971 and to Part Breds in 2012. In 1992, the show results from the WPCSA Recognized Shows were entered into the computer for all Purebred Welsh and the Half-Welsh. Therefore the starting date for the Half-Welsh Award of Honour was January 1992 with Part Breds joining in 2012.

This award is given for those animals who have excelled in the show ring. Their Purebred/**Half**-Welsh sire or dam will also be awarded for their progeny accomplishments.

Individual Half-Welsh/Part Bred Award of Honour; an animal must earn 1500 points of which at least 500 points must result from breeding classes and 500 points from performance classes.

Purebred/**Half**-Welsh Sire Half-Welsh/Part Bred Award of Honour: A sire must accumulate 2500 points through his Half-Welsh/Part Bred progeny. At least five of his Half-Welsh/Part Bred progeny must have earned 300 points each in breeding and/or performance.

Purebred/**Half**-Welsh Dam Half-Welsh/Part Bred Award of Honour: A dam must accumulate 1500 points through her Half-Welsh/Part Bred progeny. At least three of her Half-Welsh/Part Bred progeny must have earned 300 points each in breeding and/or performance.

Article 136.10 Half-Welsh/Part Bred Award of Distinction (AOD)

Awards of Distinction are divided into three categories for Half-Welsh/Part Bred animals and their purebred/**Half**-**Welsh** sires or dams, matching those of the Award of Honour:

- Individual Award of Distinction: Half-Welsh/Part Bred accumulating a total of 4000 points.
- Purebred/**Half**-Welsh Sire Award of Distinction: A sire whose Half-Welsh/Part Bred progeny accumulate a total of 15,000 points.
- Purebred/**Half** Welsh Dam Award of Distinction: A dam whose Half-Welsh/Part Bred progeny accumulate a total of 8,000 points.

Article 136.11 Half-Welsh/Part Bred Order of the Centaur (OC)

The Order of the Centaur is reserved for Half-Welsh/Part Bred animals who have excelled through their own show ring performance, for their purebred/**Half**-Welsh sires or dams and for the breeders/owners of these animals.

The Individual Order of the Centaur will be awarded to ponies/cobs who accumulate a total of 10,000 points.

The Purebred/**Half**-Welsh Sire Order of the Centaur will be awarded to pony/cob stallions:

- a) Whose Half-Welsh/Part Bred progeny accumulate a total of 25,000 points or
- b) Who have three Half-Welsh/Part Bred progeny with an AOD.

The Purebred/**Half** Welsh Dam Order of the Centaur will be awarded to pony/cob mares:

- a) Whose Half-Welsh/Part Bred progeny accumulate a total of 15,000 points or
- b) Who have two progeny with an AOD.

The Breeder/Owner Order of the Centaur: Those breeder/owners who were either listed as breeder on the original registration application or the last recorded owner at the time awards are made for:

Fifteen AOH or Ten AOD or 4 OC. Breeder and owner status counts will be combined but there must be a total of the required number of animals (i.e. being both owner and breeder of an animal counts as only one animal).

Article 115.6 WPCSA JUNIOR WELSH HANDLER

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Class may be split by age of exhibitor as follows (~~12 and Under and 13 to 17~~) if entries warrant:

WPCSA JUNIOR WELSH HANDLER, 12 & UNDER

WPCSA JUNIOR WELSH HANDLER, 13 TO 17

Either or both of the classes above may be further split by age if entries warrant. They may be split randomly if there are 10 or more entries.

Article 115.8 *WPCSA WALK-TROT ADULT EQUITATION*

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. Year end high score award for the class will be given.

Article 115.8.1 Walk-Trot Adult Equitation Class Specifications

WPCSA WALK-TROT ADULT EQUITATION

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.

Article 117.2 National and Regional Titles The WPCSA offers the following show titles: Eastern Regional, Central Regional, Western Regional and American National. For awarding these titles, the country is divided into three zones: Eastern, Central and Western (see map inside back cover). The American National Title is awarded on a rotating basis in the following order: Eastern zone, Central zone, and Western zone. The American National will be held in conjunction with the Tulsa State Fair for a probationary period of four years (2012—2015). There will be one Titled show in each of the three zones (Eastern, Central and Western). If one of these shows is the American National, the other two will be designated Regional shows; otherwise all three will be Regional shows. Titled shows will be named from regional applicants by the board.

Competitors at Titled shows with 100 or more animals will receive quadruple points. If a Titled show has less than 100 animals triple points will be awarded.

No other sanctioned shows may be held during the American National dates.

In addition to the general requirements of gold shows, the following apply: a) prize money offered must not be less than \$600; b) an article must be submitted by either the judge or show management for the WPCSA Yearbook; c) the Half-Welsh/Part Bred division must consist of a minimum of 2 years and under, 3 years and over, a grand championship, and 2 performance divisions; d) American National shows must offer 12 performance divisions and the National-Regional Titled shows must offer 10 performance divisions; e) must have held a show previously that met all the criteria to qualify as a gold-rated show f) American Nationals must be held at a facility with lights and g) National shows are required to have a Steward or Technical Delegate recognized by USEF or another organization or a WPCSA Technical Delegate.

~~There can only be one Supreme Champion for the National title (i.e., American National Champion). Shows must indicate on application and in prize list which official will judge the National breeding division.~~

Division	Classes for Gold & Silver Shows as They Must Appear in Prize List/Premium Book For Regional/National Points				
*Geldings	WPCSA Geldings 2 & Under WPCSA Geldings 3 & 4 Yr Old WPCSA Geldings 5 & Over Champion Gelding	or	WPCSA Geldings 2 & Under WPCSA Geldings 3 & Over Champion Gelding	or	WPCSA Geldings All Ages (No Champion)
<p>*Senior Halter classes may be split should entries warrant to 3 & 4 year olds, 5-10 year olds and 11 years and over.</p> <p>Only Bronze rated shows may offer breed classes that exhibit geldings in the same classes as mares, stallions, colts, or fillies. (See Bronze show standards on page 67.)</p>					

**Classes for the Half-Welsh/Part Bred Divisions as They Must Appear in the Prize List/Premium Book
For Regional/National Points**

A Grand Champion and Reserve is chosen from the champions and reserves of the divisions or from the Junior and Senior champions and reserves
or when no divisions, from the first and second place winners of the two classes.

WPCSA Filly Foals WPCSA Yearling Fillies WPCSA 2 Yr Old Fillies Junior Filly Champion			O R	WPCSA Yearling & Under Fillies WPCSA 2 Year Old Fillies Junior Champion Filly			O R	WPCSA Fillies 2 & Under WPCSA Colts/ Geldings 2 & Under Junior Champion			O R	WPCSA Half- Welsh/Part Bred 2 & Under WPCSA Half- Welsh/Part Bred 3 & Over
WPCSA Colt/ Gelding Foals WPCSA Yearling Colts/ Geldings WPCSA 2 Year Old Colts/ Geldings Junior Colt/ Gelding Champion				O R	WPCSA Yearling & Under Colts/ Geldings WPCSA 2 Year Old Colts/ Geldings Junior Champion Colt/ Gelding			O R	WPCSA Mares 3 & Over WPCSA Stallions/ Geldings 3 & Over Senior Champion			
WPCSA 3/4Yr Old Mares WPCSA Broodmares 5 & Over WPCSA Yeld Mares 5 & Over Senior Champion Mare			O R		WPCSA Broodmares 3 & Over WPCSA 3/4 Yeld Mares WPCSA Yeld Mares 5 & Over Senior Champion Mare				O R	WPCSA 3/4 Year Old Mares WPCSA Mares 5 & Over Senior Champion Mare		
WPCSA 3\4 Year Old Stallion/ Gelding WPCSA Stallions/ Geldings 5 & Over Senior Champion Stallion/ Gelding												