

**WPCSC WELSH PONY & COB DIVISION
RULE CHANGES
(Effective January 1st, 2008)**

ARTICLE SR401

7. Welsh Mountain Ponies, Section A, and Welsh Ponies, Section B, may not be shown together EXCEPT in the YOUNG RIDER, HUNTER and ADULT Divisions. Welsh Ponies of Cob Type, Section C, and Welsh Cobs, Section D, may show together if there are not enough animals of one Section to make a full Division. All four Sections may show together in the Young Rider, Hunter and Adult Divisions, provided the animal and the rider meet the class requirements as specified in a Show's Prize List.

CHANGED TO:

7. Welsh Ponies of Cob Type, Section C, and Welsh Cobs, Section D, may show together if there are not enough animals of one Section to make a full Division. All four Sections may show together in the Young Rider, Hunter and Adult Divisions, as specified in a Show's Prize List.

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8. Welsh Mountain Ponies, Section A, and Welsh Ponies, Section B, are to be ridden by a Junior who has not reached his or her eighteenth (18th) birthday as of January 1st of the current year. Welsh Ponies of Cob Type, Section C, and Welsh Cobs, Section D, shall be ridden by a Junior or an Adult, unless otherwise specified in a Prize List.

CHANGED TO:

8. Welsh Mountain Ponies, Section A, Welsh Ponies, Section B, Welsh Ponies of Cob Type, Section C, and Welsh Cobs, Section D can be ridden by either a Junior or an Adult.

ARTICLE SR401

ADD RULE #15

15. Junior exhibitors must wear approved protective headgear (ASTM/SEI) at all times whenever mounted or in a driven vehicle while on the show grounds. 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.

Adult riders in all classes where jumping is required and when jumping anywhere on the show grounds must wear approved protective headgear (ASTM/SEI).

The Show Committee must bar riders without protective headgear from entering the ring for classes in which protective headgear is required and may bar any entry or person from entering the ring if not suitably presented to appear before an audience.

The WPCSC strongly encourages all riders and drivers, both junior and adult, to wear protective headgear (ASTM/SEI) in all divisions and classes. Protective headgear is not to be penalized by the judge in any class or division.

ARTICLE SR402

6. Children wearing Western attire shall use Western tack. Western tack includes a stock saddle and a western bridle with a simple, legal, western bit. Hackamores or bosals should NOT be used in BEGINNER RIDER CLASSES. A saddle blanket may be used under the stock saddle. Tie-downs are not allowed. Silver on equipment shall not count over a good working outfit. Riders shall wear a Western hat or protective headgear with harness. Protective headgear with harness is not required to be of Western style. A long-sleeved shirt with collar, necktie, kerchief or bolo tie, trousers or pants, chaps, shotgun chaps, or chinks, and Western boots or laced shoes with a heel shall be worn. A one-piece long-sleeved equitation suit with a collar is acceptable.

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ARTICLE SR405

9. Animals are to be shown with a stock saddle and a Western bridle using a simple snaffle or other legal Western bit. If a chinstrap is used, it must be leather or nylon, shall lie flat, and have no wire or other substance used with it. A saddle blanket is optional under the stock saddle. Tie-downs are prohibited. Silver on equipment shall not count over a good working outfit.

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ADD 10.

10. Entries may use any standard Western bit. A standard bit is defined as having a shank with a maximum length overall of 8 ½ inches. The mouthpiece will consist of a metal bar 5/16 inches to ¾ inches 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 mouth mouthpiece of 5/16 inches to ¾ inches in diameter as measured from the ring 1 inch in from the ring with a gradual decrease in the center of the snaffle. The rings may be from 2 inch to 4 inch 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 ½ inch in width and have no other wire, rawhide, or other substances 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.

A leather chinstrap or curb strap is mandatory on any bit with a shank. They must lie flat and be at least ½ inch in width. Roller leather chinstraps or twisted curb chains are strictly prohibited. No wire, rawhide, metal or other substances may be used in conjunction with or as part of the leather chinstrap or curb chain. Rounded, rolled, braided or rawhide curb straps are prohibited.

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

ARTICLE SR407

ADD: #3

3. RIDDEN WELSH

RIDDEN WELSH CLASSIC SECTION C & D. This class is for registered Welsh Cobs and Welsh Ponies of Cob Type, 4 years of age and over. To be judged 50% on performance and 50% on conformation. To be shown at the walk, trot, canter and gallop, displaying Welsh movement as described in the breed description. An individual performance showing all gaits on each rein by each participant will be required (the gallop need only be shown one direction). Each animal will then be stripped for conformation judging. In case of a tie, the animal with the higher riding score will take precedence. Split by age of rider before Section of entry.

RIDDEN WELSH CLASSIC SECTION A & B. This class is for registered Welsh Ponies, Section A or B, 4 years of age and over. To be judged 50% on performance and 50% on conformation. To be shown at the walk, trot, canter and gallop, displaying Welsh movement as described in the breed description. An individual performance showing all gaits on each rein by each participant will be required (the gallop need only be shown one direction). Each animal will then be stripped for conformation judging. In case of a tie, the animal with the higher riding score will take precedence. Class may be split for junior riders and senior riders if entries warrant. Split by age of rider before Section of entry.

ARTICLE SR501

HARNESS/VEHICLE

6. Martingales are permitted only if appropriate for the vehicle being used. Side checks are permitted.

CHANGED TO:

Change to: Martingales are permitted only if appropriate for the vehicle being used (i.e. standing martingales are only appropriate for a Stanhope Gig or George IV Phaeton). Over checks are not allowed, except in Fine Harness, Roadster and Formal Driving.

ARTICLE SR501

RECOMMENDED PLEASURE DRIVING CLASSES

NOVICE: Animal not to have won more than three (3) first place ribbons in Welsh Pleasure Driving.

CHANGED TO:

NOVICE: Animal not to have won more than three (3) first place ribbons under three different judges in Welsh Pleasure Driving.