

## CHAPTER WL WELSH PONY AND COB DIVISION

(For rules pertaining to Welsh Cobs, see WL128-WL140)

### SUBCHAPTER WL-1 SECTIONS A AND B GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS.

#### WL101 Eligibility.

1. All ponies must be registered in the stud book of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America, Inc. or the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of Canada and must be entered under their full registered name, or, if under one year, be eligible for registration.
2. A registered Welsh Pony recorded with the Federation under a different name, must show in Welsh classes for high score award points under its Welsh name. Welsh points will be awarded if its correct USEF registration number is used and its registered Welsh name is cross-referenced on the USEF certificate.
3. Registered Half-Welsh and Purebred Welsh may only show together in trail, equitation and carriage driving classes.
4. The Welsh Pony and Cob Division Rules are supplemented by the official Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America, Inc. Sanctioned Show Rules Book. Federation rules take precedence. It is the responsibility of judges, stewards, exhibitors and officials to comply with the criteria and intent of the WPCSA Sanctioned Show Rules Book. A current copy of the WPCSA Sanctioned Show Rules Book may be obtained from: WPCSA, 720 Green Street, Stephens City, VA 22655.

#### WL102 Height.

1. In all performance classes, ponies will be divided by height alone. Classes will be divided 12.2 hands and under, and over 12.2 hands but not exceeding 14.2 hands. Ponies may be shown together. If there are (8) eight or more ponies of each height section in a performance class it must be split and the prize money doubled.
2. Welsh ponies may not exceed 14.2 hands. Management shall not permit an animal to be shown in any Welsh performance class at a Federation Licensed Competition unless the person presenting the animal is in possession of a) a measurement card issued by the Federation bearing the date of August 15, 1993 or thereafter; or b) certified measurement card applied for prior to December 1, 1987; or c) a copy of a valid measurement form. Competition management may, at its discretion, confirm any of the foregoing information electronically with the Federation Office. At Regular Competitions, management may not give out an exhibitor's number for an animal showing in a Welsh Pony performance class before the above requirements have been complied with, and charges of rule violations for hearing and determination to Chapters GR6 and GR7 shall result for failure of compliance with this Rule. Purebred Welsh ponies may not exceed 14.2 hands.
3. Welsh Pony measurements to be conducted per Chapter HP, Subchapters HP-9-12.

#### WL103 Type and Conformation.

1. The Welsh Pony is a strong, proud going pony and his competition ring training should be aimed at developing his natural and characteristic action to its best expression. Suitability of the pony and its action for the type of job at hand is essential. General character is hardy, spirited and pony-like.
2. Any color except piebald and skewbald; head small and clean cut, well set on and tapering to the muzzle, a slight dish is desirable; eyes bold, set wide apart, ears well-placed, small and pointed, well up on head; nostrils prominent; jaws and throat clean and finely cut. Neck shall be lengthy, well carried and moderately lean in the case of mares but inclined to be cresty in the case of stallions; shoulders long and sloping well back; withers moderately fine but not "knifey", the humerus upright so that the foreleg is not set in under the body. Forelegs should be set square and true, not tied in at the elbow, with long, strong forearms, well developed knee and short flat bone below. Back and loins should be muscular, strong and well-coupled; girth deep and ribs well-sprung; hindquarters lengthy and fine, not cobby, ragged or goose rumped, with tail well set on and carried gaily; the hindlegs should have large hocks, flat and clean with points prominent, to turn neither inward nor outward, the hindlegs not to be bent, hocks not to be set behind a line from the point of the quarter to the fetlock joint. Pasterns should have medium slope and length, feet well-shaped and round, hoofs dense.

**WL104 Artificial Appliances and Irritants.**

Any pony wearing turnbuckles, equipment or devices other than those permitted in specific classes and any pony showing evidence of the use of ginger or other irritants to produce a higher tail carriage than the natural position shall be disqualified from the class in which it is competing.

**WL105 Shoeing Regulations.**

1. Ponies may be shown barefoot. Foals and yearlings must be shown barefoot. In Breeding classes when Two-Year-Olds are shod, the shoes must be unweighted and the foot natural with frog close to ground; pads and additional weight of any description shall disqualify.
2. The length of toe for Section "A" ponies must not exceed 4"; the shoe excluding nails but including pad must not weigh more than 10 oz. The length of toe for Section "B" ponies must not exceed 4"; the shoe excluding nails including pads must not weigh more than 12 oz. These measurements and weights will in most cases be less depending on the actual size of a pony and the type of competition (See General Rules Chapter 5 and GR804.1.)

**WL106 Ring Procedure.**

Only one person shall be allowed in the ring with each pony except in driving classes where each pony may be headed by one attendant properly attired. The attendant must take no action that would affect the performance of any pony. Passengers are allowed in Driving Classes. Assistance in showing from outside the ring is prohibited. Unruly ponies must be excused from the ring. Exhibitors shall be suitably attired. Judges must severely penalize any pony that shows any indication of instability or weakness or any evidence of labored action due to faulty conformation, training, long toes, heavy shoes or improper shoeing. When ponies are shown standing, the toe of at least one hind foot should be no farther back than the point of the rump. Ponies are not to be stretched.

**WL107 Attire (General).**

In all classes, handlers, riders and drivers should be appropriately attired. ("Short" shorts, bare midriffs and flimsy footwear are not acceptable). Those persons who, in the opinion of the judge, are inappropriately attired may be excused from the ring. Protective headgear may be worn in all classes without penalty. See GR801.

**WL108 Driving Attire and Appointments.**

Gentlemen to wear suit or slacks and jacket, shirt, tie, hat, gloves, apron and carry a whip. Ladies to wear slacks, blouse and jacket or tailored suit or dress, hat, gloves and apron, whip must be carried. Junior and adults riding in the competition may wear riding clothes in driving classes but must have gloves, apron and whip. Failure to follow the above rules will be penalized. Period dress is allowed only in Antique Vehicle classes. Drivers under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Drivers may carry passengers. NOTE: In case of extreme heat, jackets may be removed at the discretion of the judge. Appropriate rain gear is permissible.

**WL109 Performance Championships.**

1. When three or more classes are offered in a section, the Championship must be awarded on a point basis, using 5, 3, 2 and 1 values for first through fourth places.
2. Ribbons won in classes with specifications restricting ponies in any manner shall not count toward any Championship unless such classes are complementary and have the same conditions.
3. When a Championship is offered, management shall keep a score card of winnings throughout the competition which shall be prominently displayed. The Champion and Reserve titles shall be awarded to the two of the four ponies which have acquired the most points in Open Performance classes. In addition to these points, only these four ponies shall receive half points for ribbons won in Model Classes.
4. *At the discretion of competition management, ties (except hunter) may either be settled by the flip of a coin or animals may be worked off on the rail using the same judging specifications as in the classes offered in the division. In case of a tie in the hunter division, the championship or reserve will be awarded to the animal that accumulated the most points over fences. If animals have an equal number of points over fences, they must be shown at*

*a walk, trot and canter using the same judging specifications as in the classes offered in the division. BOD 1/13/08 Effective 4/1/08*

### **WL110 Model Classes.**

A Model class open to all Welsh ponies is prohibited. One may be offered, however, in each of the classifications listed below. The Model class must be offered in addition to the required number of the classes for the section and will receive half points. To be shown in halter or bridle without quarter boots. To be judged on type, conformation and finish. To be moved on the line.

## **SUBCHAPTER WL-2 SECTIONS A AND B BREEDING CLASSES.**

### **WL111 General.**

1. Ponies to be shown In-Hand at a walk and trot except in Group classes. To be judged 75% on breed type, conformation, quality and substance; 25% on way of going, disposition and manners. Stallions three years old and over must have all the fully developed physical characteristics of a stallion. Mature stallions must be masculine in appearance. Any question in this regard shall be determined by the official veterinarian. Ponies must be serviceably sound, in good condition and well groomed. To be shown in halter or bridle. Transmissible weakness and unsoundness to be counted against in Breeding classes.
2. Classes will be divided into A and B sections. Ponies will be shown in Section A or Section B based on their registration with the Welsh Pony and Cob Society. Section A and Section B ponies may not be shown together in breeding classes, however they may be shown together in performance and model classes.

### **WL112 Junior Breeding Classes.**

Open to ponies two years old and under. Section A ponies are to wear natural, unbraided or evened mane and natural, unset, ungingered tail. The long hair of the ears may be clipped. Braiding is optional for Section B ponies. Actual age to be taken into consideration in judging foals and yearlings. Section A ponies are to wear natural, unbraided or evened mane and natural, unset, ungingered tail.

### **WL113 Senior Breeding Classes.**

Open to ponies three years old and over. Ponies may be presented in the same manner as they are in classes of the Welsh section in which they perform except that the length of the toe shall not exceed the maximum. (See WL105). However, any ponies wearing spoon cruppers, quarter boots, humane tail braces, switches and wigs or any ponies whose tails have been nicked, inged or put in a tail set for the class entered shall be disqualified. Stallions may be shown in tack. Emphasis shall be on breed characteristics. Natural reaching action is desired.

### **WL114 Recommended Classes.**

1. Filly foals; Yearling Fillies; Two-year-old Fillies; Junior Champion Filly.
2. Colt foals; Yearling Colts; Two-year-old Colts; Junior Champion Colt.
3. Three and Four-year-old Mares; Broodmare Five and Over with foal in current year; Bred Mare Five and Over without foal in current year; Yeld mare Five and Over; Senior Champion Mare.
4. Three- and Four-year-old Stallions; Stallions Five and Over; Senior Champion Stallion.
5. Grand Champion (Junior Champions and Reserves and Senior Champions and Reserves).
6. Supreme Champion (Grand Champion and Reserve from all sections).
7. Geldings Two and under; Geldings Three and Over; Champion Gelding; Supreme Champion Gelding.
8. Get of Sire—three animals by the same sire, combined ownership permitted; Produce of Dam—two animals out of the same Dam, combined ownership permitted; Breeder's Herd—stallion and three mares, all the property of exhibitor, all to be Two-Year-Olds or over.
9. Show Champions and Reserve Champions shall be selected as outlined in GR810.3.
10. See WPCSA Sanctioned Show Rules—Breeding Division

**WL115 General.**

1. Stallions may be shown in Ladies and Junior Exhibitor classes unless the prize list stipulated otherwise.
2. Classes for adult riders must be offered separately from those for junior riders. In all driving classes, Sections C and D classes, and Half-Welsh classes juniors and adults may compete together. Suitability is to be emphasized in all classes. *BOD 1/13/08 Effective 4/1/08*
3. Classes are open to stallions, mares and geldings. To be judged 75% on performance, manners and style; 25% on breed type, conformation, quality and finish with emphasis in the order listed under recommended classes unless otherwise specified. Working classes are to be judged 100% on performance.
4. To be eligible for any Stake class, a pony must have been entered, shown and judged in at least one qualifying class judged under the same specifications. All performance classes will be divided by height. Refer to WL102.2.

**WL116 Qualifying Gaits.**

1. Walk: True, fast, flat-footed, elastic and showy.
2. Trot: Square, straight, open and reaching. Extreme speed penalized except in Roadsters.
3. Canter: Smooth, slow, collected and straight on both leads.

**WL117 Welsh Pleasure Pony Section.**

1. Ponies to wear unset, ungingered tail. Hunter braiding is optional. To be shown with a natural foot and unweighted shoes. Pads may be used but additional weight of any description is prohibited. Any pony wearing a spoon crupper, showing evidence of ginger or set tail, or whose feet and shoes exceed the limits as set forth in WL105 shall be disqualified. To be judged 75% on performance, manners, movement and style; 25% on breed type and conformation.
2. WELSH PLEASURE PONIES ENGLISH EQUIPMENT-CONFORMATION ENGLISH PLEASURE, WORKING ENGLISH PLEASURE, CONFORMATION ENGLISH PLEASURE STAKE. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring without martingale. To be judged 75% on performance, manners, movement and style; 25% on breed type and conformation.
3. WELSH PLEASURE PONIES WESTERN EQUIPMENT-CONFORMATION WESTERN PLEASURE, WORKING WESTERN PLEASURE, CONFORMATION WESTERN PLEASURE STAKE. To be shown at a walk, jog-trot and lope both ways of the ring on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. To be judged on performance, with emphasis on manners 65%; breed type and conformation 25%; appointments 10% (See Rules WS104 and WS105).

**WL118 Welsh Trail Ponies.**

ENGLISH OR WESTERN EQUIPMENT—Class to be divided into Junior and Adult To Ride—Registered ponies, cobs, and Half Welsh are eligible to compete together. To be shown over and through obstacles at a walk, trot or jog and canter or lope. To be judged on performance 100%.

**WL119 Welsh Pleasure Driving Ponies.**

CONFORMATION PLEASURE DRIVING, WORKING PLEASURE DRIVING, CONFORMATION PLEASURE DRIVING STAKE. To be shown to a suitable two- or four-wheeled vehicle, four-wheeled vehicle for Pairs but not a viceroy, racing sulky or Fine Harness rig. 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 quietly. Maiden ponies shall be asked to do a walk and working trot. To be judged 75% on performance, manners, movement and style; 25% on breed type and conformation.

**WL120 Welsh Roadster Pony Section.**

1. Ponies must be 12.2 Hands and under. Ponies to wear long, natural mane and long, unset, ungingered tail. The foretop and first strand behind ear may be braided. To be shown with a natural foot with appropriate shoes for proper balance and speed. Quarter boots or bell boots may be worn. Any pony showing evidence of ginger or a set tail or whose feet and

shoes exceed the limits as set forth in WL105 will be disqualified. Harness, equipment, attire and procedure shall conform to the Roadster Division (Chapter RD) except round reins and round traces are optional.

2. WELSH ROADSTERS PONIES TO BIKE-CONFORMATION ROADSTER TO BIKE, WORKING ROADSTER TO BIKE, CONFORMATION ROADSTER TO BIKE STAKE. To be shown to a miniature two-wheeled bike. Driver to wear stable colors. To be shown at a jog-trot, road gait and then at speed. To be judged 75% on performance, manners, movement, and style; 25% on breed type and conformation.

#### **WL121 Welsh Formal Driving Pony Section.**

1. Ponies to wear long, natural mane and long, natural unset, ungingered tail. The foretop and first strand behind ears may be braided. The foot must be natural with unweighted shoes. Pads may be used but additional weight of any description is prohibited. Any pony wearing quarter boots, a spoon crupper, humane tail brace or false tail, showing evidence of ginger or a set tail or whose feet and shoes exceed the limits as set forth in WL105 shall be disqualified. To be shown to a suitable four-wheeled vehicle. Type of harness is optional but must include a cavesson.

2. WELSH FORMAL DRIVING PONIES-CONFORMATION FORMAL DRIVING, WORKING FORMAL DRIVING, CONFORMATION FORMAL DRIVING STAKE. To be shown both ways of the ring at animated, natural trot and animated walk. To stand quietly and, except for Tandems, to back readily. To be judged 75% on performance, manners, movement and style; 25% on breed type and conformation.

#### **WL122 Welsh Fine Harness Pony Section.**

1. Ponies to wear long, natural mane and long, unset, ungingered tail. The foretop and first strand behind the ears may be braided. A spoon crupper or humane tail brace and wig or switch are optional. Quarter boots may be worn. To be shown to a viceroy or miniature fine harness rig. Light harness with snaffle bit and over check is required.

2. WELSH FINE HARNESS PONIES-CONFORMATION FINE HARNESS, WORKING FINE HARNESS, CONFORMATION FINE HARNESS STAKE. To be shown at a free animated park trot, extreme speed to be penalized and at an animated walk. To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged 75% on performance, manners, movement and style; 25% on breed type and conformation.

#### **WL123 Welsh Draft Harness Pony Section.**

1. Utilitarian usefulness is stressed for ponies, harness and wagon. Ponies to wear long natural mane and tail. Braiding with decorations optional. Tails not to be docked. Clipping of fetlocks optional. If shod, shoeing must conform with WL105. To be shown to a suitable four-wheeled vehicle except a cart may be used for singles and tandems. Heavy draft type harness with collars and breeching. Full harness and lead bars on lead teams optional. No one may assist the driver in any way except in the event of an emergency. Passengers are permitted. Sections A, B, C and D may be combined within a hitch and within a class.

2. WELSH DRAFT HARNESS PONIES-CONFORMATION DRAFT, WORKING DRAFT, CONFORMATION DRAFT STAKE. Single and multiple hitches (2,3,4) may not compete together in the same class. Separate divisions may be offered for 2, 3 and 4 hitches (2, 3, 4).

3. For Singles, Pairs, Tandem, Unicorn, four pony hitch, six pony hitch. To be shown both ways of the ring at a working trot and flat footed walk. To Halt, stand quietly and back readily. Individual maneuvers may be requested. To be judged 75% on manners, usability and performance; 25% on breed type, suitability and conformation. Fancy equipment not to count over a neat suitable working outfit.

#### **WL124 Welsh Carriage Driving Section.**

1. Open to Sections A, B, C, D and Half Welsh. Wire wheeled vehicles may be used if stated in the prize list. General rules are the same as Welsh Pleasure Driving except where noted. To be shown at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and trot on. To stand quietly and rein back. All entries chosen for a workout may be worked both ways of the arena at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to execute a figure of eight and/or perform other appropriate tests. A division will consist of any three of the below named classes.

2. CARRIAGE DRIVING TURNOUT. To be judged 40% on performance, manners and way of going; 30% on the condition, fit and appropriateness of harness and vehicle; 15% on neatness and appropriateness of attire; 15% on overall impression.
3. CARRIAGE DRIVING WORKING. 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.
4. OBSTACLE-TIME COMPETITION. Not to exceed 20 obstacles (pairs of cones topped with tennis balls). Faults add seconds to total time. Fastest time wins.
5. OBSTACLE-DOUBLE JEOPARDY. One driver negotiates a course to its end; then passes the reins to partner who drives the course in reverse to the finish (beginning). Fastest time wins.
6. OBSTACLE-FAULT AND OUT. Drive a course until obstacle is dislodged. Time stops at that point. Fastest time completing the course or fastest time completing the most obstacles wins.
7. OBSTACLE-PROGRESSIVE. Pairs of cones with decreasing clearance between wheel hub and cone: #1—20", #2—16", #3—12", #4—8", #5—4", #6—2". Trot required. Fastest time wins. Two points for each obstacle cleared. Time stops with dislodged ball on obstacle.
8. OBSTACLE-GAMBLERS CHOICE. Driven over a course where obstacles each carry a specific point value according to difficulty. Obstacles may be driven in any order and any direction. Each obstacle may be driven twice but not in succession. Most points accumulated in given time wins.
9. OBSTACLE-CROSS-COUNTRY. Driven over an outside course of approximately 1km (.6 mile) including natural and artificial obstacles that might be encountered on a country drive (water, bridge, log, piles hay rolls, etc.) Specific time allowed. Scored on a low fault basis.
10. See USEF Rule Book Chapter CP, Carriage Pleasure Driving Division for complete rules.

**WL125 Welsh Hunter and Jumper Pony Section.**

1. The rules of the Open Hunter Pony Division shall apply to all Welsh Hunter Ponies except that breed type shall be considered in Conformation classes and stallions may be shown, *and championships will be awarded based on WL109*. Braiding is optional. In Hunter and Jumper classes ponies not exceeding 13.2 hands shall jump 2', ponies exceeding 13.2 but under 14.2 hands shall jump 2'6". Junior riders in all classes cannot have reached their 18th birthday as outlined in General Rules, GR116. *BOD 1/13/08 Effective 4/1/08*
2. For "A" and "B" rated Hunter sections a competition must offer two Over Fences and one Under Saddle Class. Two of the performance classes must be judged 25% on conformation and breed type. Minimum prize money for an "A" rated section is \$150 and for a "B" rated section is \$50.

**WELSH HUNTER PONY—WORKING HUNTER OVER FENCES, CONFORMATION HUNTER STAKE OVER FENCES, CONFORMATION HUNTER UNDER SADDLE.**

3. Ponies shown in a Welsh Hunter section may also be shown by an Adult in a Welsh Adult to Ride section at the same competition.

**WL126 Welsh Pony Leading Rein Class.**

*Open to Sections A, B, C and Half-Welsh.* 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 to be led by an adult. The leading rein to be attached to the cavesson while leaving the control of the pony to the child. To be shown at a walk, on the right rein, to line up and stand quietly. Ponies will be called out individually to stand, walk out and trot back past the judge. Riders to be suitably dressed in Hunt, Saddle or Western attire. Ponies to be judged on conformation, way of going, manners, suitability and turn-out. This is not an equitation class. If entries are sufficient, classes may be divided 12 hands and under and over 12 hands but not exceeding 12.2 hands. *BOD 1/13/08 Effective 4/1/08*

**WL127 Welsh Child's First Pony Class.**

*Open to Sections A, B, C and Half-Welsh.* Mare or Gelding, 12.2 hands and under, to be ridden by junior exhibitors, at least four but not more than ten years of age. To be shown on light contact. Ponies to be shown at a walk and trot in both directions. Riders to be suitably dressed in Hunt, Saddle or Western attire. Ponies to be judged on performance and sound-

ness. Conformation, way of going, manners, suitability and turn-out to be emphasized. If entries are sufficient, classes may be divided 12 hands and under and over 12 hands but not exceeding 12.2 hands. *BOD 1/13/08 Effective 4/1/08*

## **SUBCHAPTER WL-4                      SECTIONS C AND D WELSH COB.**

### **WL128 Eligibility.**

All must be registered in the Stud Book of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America, Inc. or the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of Canada and must be entered under their full registered name, or, if under one year, be eligible for registration. Registered Half-Welsh and Purebred Welsh may only show together in trail, equitation, and carriage driving classes.

### **WL129 Height.**

Whenever possible, classes should be divided into "C" and "D" Sections. "C" Section shall be referred to as Welsh Pony of Cob Type and shall not exceed 13.2 hands. "D" Section shall be referred to as Welsh Cob, and shall exceed 13.2 hands with no upper height limit. Sections "C" and "D" may be shown together in breeding and performance classes but may not be shown with Sections "A" or "B". If there are eight or more "C" Cobs and eight or more "D" Cobs in a performance class the class must be split and the prize money doubled. "C" and "D" Cobs must be measured in accordance with General Rules Chapter 5, Subchapter 5-A.

### **WL130 Type and Conformation.**

General Character. Strong, hardy and active with pony character and as much substance as possible. Color: Any color except piebald or skewbald. Head: Full of quality and pony character. A coarse head and Roman nose is most objectionable. Eyes: Bold, prominent and set widely apart. Ears: Neat and well set. Neck: Lengthy and well carried. Moderately lean in the case of mares but inclined to be cresty in the case of stallions. Shoulders: Strong but well laid back. Forelegs: Set square and not tied in at the elbows. Long strong forearms. Knees well developed with an abundance of bone below them. Pasterns of proportionate slope and length. Feet well shaped. Hooves dense. A moderate quantity of silky feather is not objected to but coarse, wiry hair is a definite objection. Middlepiece: Back and loins, muscular, strong and well-coupled. Deep through the heart and well ribbed up. Hindquarters: Lengthy and strong. Ragged or drooping quarters are objectionable. Tail well set on. Hindlegs: Second thighs, strong and muscular. Hocks large, flat and clean, with points prominent, turning neither inward nor outward. The hindlegs must not be too bent and the hock not set behind a line falling from the point of the quarter to the fetlock joint. Pasterns of proportionate slope and length. Feet well shaped. Hooves dense. Action: Free, true and forceful. The knee should be bent and the whole foreleg should be extended straight from the shoulder and as far forward as possible in the trot. Hocks flexed under the body with straight and powerful leverage.

### **WL131 Artificial Appliances and Irritants.**

Any Cob wearing turnbuckles, equipment or devices other than those permitted in specific classes and any Cob showing evidence of the use of ginger or other irritants to produce a higher tail carriage than the natural position shall be disqualified from the class in which it is competing.

### **WL132 Shoeing Regulations.**

Cobs may be shown barefoot. Foals and yearlings must be shown barefoot. In all classes the foot should be natural in appearance with the frog close to the ground. The length of the toe for Section "C" and "D" cobs must be proportional to the size of the animal. The shoe excluding nails but including pad must not weigh more than 18 oz. These measurements and weight will in most cases be less depending on the actual size of a Cob and the type of competition.

### **WL133 Ring Procedure.**

Only one person shall be allowed in the ring with each Cob, except in driving classes where each Cob may be headed by one attendant, properly attired. The attendant must take no action that would affect the performance of any Cob. Assistance in showing from outside the ring is prohibited. Passengers are allowed in driving classes. Unruly Cobs must be excused

from the ring. Judges must severely penalize any Cob that shows any indication of instability or weakness or any evidence of laboring action due to faulty conformation, training, long toes, heavy shoes, or improper shoeing. When Cobs are shown standing, the toe of at least one hind foot should be no farther back than the point of the quarter. Stretched Cobs must be disqualified.

**WL134 Attire (General).**

In all cases, handlers, riders and drivers should be appropriately attired. Those persons who in the opinion of the judge are inappropriately attired, may be excused from the ring. Protective headgear may be worn in all classes without penalty. See General Rules, GR318.

**WL135 Driving Attire and Appointments.**

Gentlemen to wear suit or slacks and jacket, shirt, tie, hat, gloves, apron and carry a whip. Ladies to wear slacks, blouse and jacket or tailored suit or dress, hat, gloves and apron, and carry a whip. Junior and adults riding in the competition may wear riding clothes in driving classes but must have gloves, apron and whip. Failure to follow the above rules will be penalized. Period dress is allowed only in Antique Vehicle classes. Drivers under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. In case of extreme heat, jackets may be removed at the discretion of the judge. Appropriate rain gear is permissible.

**WL136 Championships.**

Ribbons won in classes restricting Cobs in any manner shall not count toward any Championship unless such classes are complementary and have the same conditions. When a Championship is offered, management shall keep a score card of winnings throughout the competition which shall be prominently displayed. The Champion and Reserve titles shall be awarded to the two of the four Cobs which have acquired the most points in Open Performance classes. In addition to these points, only these four Cobs shall receive half points for ribbons won in Model classes. In case of a tie, the Champion or Reserve shall be awarded to the Cob that has accumulated the highest number of points in performance classes. If the scores remain tied, the Champion or Reserve shall be worked off on the rail using the same judging specifications as in the Open classes.

**SUBCHAPTER WL-5 SECTIONS C AND D WELSH COB BREEDING CLASSES.**

**WL137 General.**

Cobs to be shown In-Hand at a walk and trot except in group classes. Stallions three years old and over must have all the fully developed physical characteristics of a stallion. Mature stallions must be masculine in appearance. Any question in this regard shall be determined by the official veterinarian. Cobs must be serviceably sound, in good condition and well groomed. To be shown in halter or bridle. Stallions may be shown in tack. Transmissible weakness or unsoundness to be counted against in Breeding classes. No Cob, except geldings, may be shown in a Group class unless it is being shown in a Singles Breeding class at the same competition. Actual age to be taken into consideration in judging foals and yearlings. Cobs may be shown with full, natural or evened mane. The entire mane may not be braided, however, one single braid behind the ear is permissible. Tail to be unset and ungingered. A bridle path, if necessary, shall not exceed two inches. Any Cobs wearing spoon cruppers, quarter boots, humane tail braces, switches and wigs or any Cobs whose tails have been docked, nicked, gingered or put in a tail set for the class entered shall be disqualified. Emphasis shall be on breed characteristics. Natural reaching action is desired. To be judged 75% on breed type, conformation, quality and substance; 25% on way of going, disposition and manners.

**WL138 Recommended Classes.**

1. Filly foals; Yearling Fillies; Two-year-old Fillies; Junior Champion Filly.
2. Colt foals; Yearling Colts; Two-year-old Colts; Junior Champion Colt.
3. Three- and Four-year-old Mares; Broodmare Five and Over with foal in current year; Bred Mare Five and Over without foal in current year; Yeld mare Five and over; Senior Mare Champion.
4. Three- and Four-year-old Stallions; Stallions Five and Over, Senior Stallion Champion.

5. Grand Champion (Junior Champions and Reserves and Senior Champions and Reserves).
6. Supreme Champion (Grand Champions and Reserves from all sections).
7. Geldings Two and Under, Geldings Three and Over; Champion Gelding, Supreme Champion Gelding.
8. Get of Sire—three animals by the same sire, combined ownership permitted; Produce of Dam—two animals out of the same Dam, combined ownership permitted; Breeder's Herd—stallion and three mares, all the property of exhibitor, all to be Two-year-olds and Over.
9. Show Champions and Reserve Champions shall be selected as outlined in GR810.3.
10. See WPCSA Sanctioned Show Rules - Breed Division.

## **SUBCHAPTER WL-6**

## **SECTION C AND D WELSH COB PERFORMANCE CLASSES.**

### **WL139 General.**

The Welsh Cob is strong and proud going and his competition ring training should be aimed at developing his natural and characteristic action to its best expression. Suitability of the Cob and its action for the type of job at hand is essential. Open to Stallions, Mares and Geldings. To be judged 75% on performance, manners, and style; 25% on breed type, conformation, quality, and finish with emphasis in the order listed under recommended classes unless otherwise specified. Working classes are to be judged 100% on performance. See WPCSA Sanctioned Show Rules—Performance Division. Stallions may be shown in Ladies and Junior Exhibitor classes unless the prize list stipulates otherwise. Qualifying Gaits:

1. Walk: True, fast, flat-footed, elastic and showy.
2. Trot: Square, straight, open, reaching and powerful. Extreme speed penalized.
3. Canter: Smooth, slow, collected and straight on both leads.

### **WL140 Recommended Classes.**

To be eligible for any Stake class, a Cob must have been entered, shown and judged in at least one qualifying class judged under the same specifications. When three or more classes are offered in a section, the Championship must be awarded on a point basis, using 5, 3, 2 and 1 values for first through fourth places. A Model class open to all Welsh Cobs is prohibited. One may be offered, however, in each of the classifications listed below. The Model class must be offered in addition to the required number of classes for the section and will receive half points. To be shown in halter or bridle without quarter boots. To be judged on type, conformation and finish. To be moved on the line. Suitability to be emphasized in all classes. If separate classes in the Section C and D Welsh Cob division are not offered for Junior and Adult riders, then they may show together. Juniors and Adults may also compete together in driving and Half-Welsh classes.

1. Welsh Cob Pleasure Section. Cobs to wear unset, ungingered tail. Hunter braiding is prohibited. To be shown with a natural foot and unweighted shoes. Pads may be used but additional weight of any description is prohibited. Any Cob wearing a spoon crupper, showing evidence of ginger or set tail, or whose feet and shoes exceed the limits as set forth in WL132 shall be disqualified. To be judged 75% on manners, performance and style; 25% on breed type and conformation.
  - a. WELSH COB PLEASURE ENGLISH EQUIPMENT-CONFORMATION ENGLISH PLEASURE, WORKING ENGLISH PLEASURE, CONFORMATION ENGLISH PLEASURE STAKE. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring without martingale. To be judged 75% on manners, performance and style; 25% on breed type and conformation.
  - b. WELSH COB PLEASURE WESTERN EQUIPMENT-CONFORMATION WESTERN PLEASURE, WORKING WESTERN PLEASURE, CONFORMATION WESTERN PLEASURE STAKE. To be shown at a walk, jog-trot and lope both ways of the ring on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. To be judged on performance, with emphasis on manners 65%; breed type and conformation 25%; appointments 10% (See WS105).
2. WELSH COB TRAIL ENGLISH OR WESTERN EQUIPMENT—Class to be divided into Junior and Adult to Ride. Sections A, B, C, D, and registered Half Welsh are eligible to compete together. To be shown over and through obstacles at a walk, trot or jog and canter or lope. To be judged on performance 100%.

3. WELSH COB PLEASURE DRIVING-CONFORMATION PLEASURE DRIVING, WORKING PLEASURE DRIVING, CONFORMATION PLEASURE DRIVING STAKE. To be shown to a suitable two- or four-wheeled vehicle, four-wheeled vehicle for Pairs but not a viceroy, racing sulky or Fine Harness rig. 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 quietly. Maiden Cobs shall be asked to do a walk and working trot. To be judged 75% on manners, performance and style; 25% on breed type and conformation.

4. Welsh Cob Formal Driving Section. Cobs to wear long, natural mane and long, natural unset, ungingered tail. The foretop and first strand behind ears may be braided. The foot must be natural with unweighted shoes. Pads may be used but additional weight of any description is prohibited. Any Cob wearing quarter boots, a spoon crupper, humane tail brace or false tail or showing evidence of ginger or a set tail or whose feet and shoes exceed the limits as set forth in WL129 shall be disqualified. To be shown to a suitable four-wheeled vehicle. Type of harness is optional but must include a cavesson.

a. WELSH COB FORMAL DRIVING-CONFORMATION FORMAL DRIVING, WORKING FORMAL DRIVING, CONFORMATION FORMAL DRIVING STAKE. To be shown both ways of the ring at animated, natural trot and animated walk. To stand quietly and, except for Tandems, to back readily. To be judged 75% on performance, manners and style; 25% on breed type and conformation.

5. Welsh Cob Draft Harness Section. Utilitarian usefulness is stressed for Cobs, harness and wagon. Cobs to wear long natural mane and tail. Braiding with decorations optional. Tails not to be docked. Clipping of fetlocks optional. If shod, shoeing must conform with WL132. To be shown to a suitable four-wheeled vehicle except a cart may be used for singles and tandems. Heavy draft type harness with collars and breeching. Full harness and lead bars on lead teams optional. No one may assist the driver in any way except in the event of an emergency. Passengers are permitted. Sections A, B, C, D may be combined within a hitch and within a class.

WELSH COB DRAFT HARNESS-CONFORMATION DRAFT, WORKING DRAFT, CONFORMATION DRAFT STAKE. Single and multiple hitches (2,3,4) may not compete together in the same class. Separate divisions may be offered for 2, 3, and 4 hitches. For Singles, Pairs, Tandem, Unicorn, four pony hitch, six pony hitch. To be shown both ways of the ring at a working trot and flat-footed walk. To halt, stand quietly and back readily. Individual maneuvers may be requested. To be judged 75% on manners, usability and performance; 25% on breed type, suitability and conformation. Fancy equipment not to count over a neat suitable working outfit.

6. Welsh Carriage Driving Section. Open to Sections A, B, C, D and Half Welsh. Wire wheeled vehicles may be used if stated in the prize list. General rules are the same as Welsh Pleasure Driving except where noted. To be shown at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and trot on. To stand quietly and rein back. All entries chosen for a workout may be worked both ways of the arena at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to execute a figure of eight and/or perform other appropriate tests. A division will consist of any three of the below named classes.

a. CARRIAGE DRIVING TURNOUT. To be judged 40% on performance, manners and way of going; 30% on the condition, fit and appropriateness of harness and vehicle; 15% on neatness and appropriateness of attire; 15% on overall impression.

b. CARRIAGE DRIVING WORKING. 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.

c. OBSTACLE-TIME COMPETITION. Not to exceed 20 obstacles (pairs of cones topped with tennis balls). Faults add seconds to total time. Fastest time wins.

d. OBSTACLE-DOUBLE JEOPARDY. One driver negotiates a course to its end; then passes the reins to partner who drives the course in reverse to the finish (beginning). Fastest time wins.

e. OBSTACLE-FAULT AND OUT. Drive a course until obstacle is dislodged. Time stops at that point. Fastest time completing the course or fastest time completing the most obstacles wins.

f. OBSTACLE-PROGRESSIVE. Pairs of cones with decreasing clearance between wheel hub and cone: #1—20", #2—16", #3—12", #4—8", #5—4", #6—2". Trot required.

Fastest time wins. Two points for each obstacle cleared. Time stops with dislodged ball on obstacle.

g. **OBSTACLE-GAMBLERS CHOICE.** Driven over a course where obstacles each carry a specific point value according to difficulty. Obstacles may be driven in any order and any direction. Each obstacle may be driven twice but not in succession. Most points accumulated in given time wins.

h. **OBSTACLE-CROSS-COUNTRY.** Driven over an outside course of approximately 1km (.6 mile) including natural and artificial obstacles that might be encountered on a country drive (water, bridge, log, piles hay rolls, etc.) Specific time allowed. Scored on a low fault basis.

i. See USEF Rule Book Chapter CP, Carriage Pleasure Driving Division for complete rules.

7. **Welsh Cob Hunter and Jumper Section.** The rules of the Open Hunter Pony Division shall apply to all Welsh Hunter Cobs except that breed type shall be considered in Conformation classes and stallions may be shown. Braiding is optional. Fence heights for Sections C and D cobs shall conform to the rules of the Open Hunter Pony Division except fence heights for Section C's (not exceeding 13.2) shall be 2'0"; for Section D's exceeding 13.2 shall be 2'6". **WELSH COB HUNTER—WORKING HUNTER OVER FENCES, CONFORMATION HUNTER STAKE OVER FENCES, CONFORMATION HUNTER UNDER SADDLE.** *BOD 1/13/08 Effective 4/1/08*

