

# MEASUREMENT GUIDE

## Guidelines for Hunter/Jumper/Welsh Measurements



### BEFORE THE COMPETITION

- ✓ Confirm that your horse/pony needs to be measured. Welsh competitions accept a WPCSA permanent measurement, or 2 copies of a temporary measurement card issued by WPCSA.
- ✓ Confirm the date, time, and location where the measurements will be taking place. If you have questions, please contact competition management, or refer to the competition prize list.
- ✓ The horse/pony must be entered into the competition before it can be measured.
- ✓ It is the responsibility of the Owner to have the horse/pony accustomed to the application of a measurement stick.
- ✓ Animals may be presented with or without shoes regardless of how it is shown.
- ✓ The owner must be an active USEF member/USHJA member.

### ELIGIBILITY FOR MEASUREMENT CARDS

- Animals 6 years old or older will receive a **Standard card** which does not need to be renewed. Animals measured in December immediately preceding the calendar year in which they turn six will be issued a measurement card that does not have to be renewed.
- Animals 5 years old and under will receive a **Temporary card** and must be measured each year until they turn 6 years old. Temporary cards expire at the end of the competition year (November 30<sup>th</sup>).

### HUNTER/JUMPER/WELSH HEIGHT SECTIONS

Horses that measure 16.2 or over will receive Standard measurement card, regardless of age.

- **Large Junior Hunter:** over 16.1 hands, or any horse without a Federation measurement card
- **Small Junior Hunter:** 16.1 hands and under, with a Federation measurement card
- **Small Hunter:** over 14.2 hands but does not exceed 16.0 hands
- **Large Pony:** over 13.2 hands but does not exceed 14.2 hands
- **Medium Pony:** over 12.2 hands but does not exceed 13.2 hands
- **Small Pony:** does not exceed 12.2 hands
- **Welsh Section A:** may not exceed 12.2 hands
- **Welsh Section B:** may not exceed 14.2 hands
- **Welsh Roadster Pony:** must be 12.2 hands and under
- **Welsh Section C (Cob Type):** may not exceed 13.2 hands
- **Welsh Section D (Cob):** exceeds 13.2 hands with no upper limit

### WHO WILL BE CONDUCTING MEASUREMENTS?

The measurement is performed by the **Category 1 (C1) Steward for Hunter/Jumper** or **Category 2 (C2) Steward for Welsh**; The Competition Vet will need to be present for both. The animal will be jogged for soundness. If the Vet is unavailable, the measurement will be for competition only and no card will be issued. Competition only measurements must be performed by the Steward and a Judge or another Steward officiating at the competition.

### BEFORE THE MEASUREMENT

- Consult the prize list or contact show management for measurement schedule at the competition.
- Horse/Pony must be entered to compete.
- It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure that the horse/pony is prepared for measurement.
  - Horse/Pony should be calm and relaxed and accustomed to the application of a measurement stick.
  - Shoes should be removed if measuring barefoot.
- The trainer who signs the entry blank must furnish the horse/pony information and must be 18 years old or older.

## PRESENTATION OF ANIMAL

- The animal must stand square with its front legs vertical to the ground and the back of hocks vertical with the point of the quarters.
- The poll must be in the same horizontal plane as withers and no lower.
- The measurement surface must be a level concrete or paved surface. If no suitable surface is available, measurement will be for competition only.

## DURING THE MEASUREMENT

- The Steward will review the form with the trainer. Any missing or incorrect information will be corrected.
- The Steward will conduct the measurement and complete the measurement form.
- The Veterinarian will verify the age and soundness of the horse/pony.
  - If sound, the measurement will proceed.
  - If lame, the animal cannot show at that competition and no measurement may be conducted.
- The measurement form will be uploaded or submitted online to USEF and a verification emailed to the owner.

## APPEALS, RE-MEASUREMENTS, AND PROTESTS

- An owner or trainer who questions the accuracy of an initial measurement may appeal a measurement. An **Appeal** can be filed **within 14 days of receipt of measurement card**. A request received after that period will be considered a **Re-measurement**.
- An Appeal measurement will be scheduled with a Testing Vet and all expenses and **fees must be paid by the appellant**. Blood and urine samples will be taken. The owner will supply a list of at least three competitions with a three-week notice of the start date, and the Federation will select a location as convenient as possible. If the appeal is upheld, a new card will be issued, and the animal can begin competing in the new division.
- A Re-measurement is filed after the time from for an Appeal has passed and can only be requested **once during a horse/pony's lifetime**.
  - If the owner requests to move to a **larger height section**, the animal is immediately eligible to show in the new section and no drug testing is required.
  - If the owner requests to move to a **lower height section**, the animal will be drug tested and is ineligible to show in height restricted divisions for 90 days.
- An owner/trainer may protest the height of only one horse/pony competing in a class in which he/she is also competing.
  - The protest must be filed with the Steward at least one hour prior to the end of the competition day on the day of the height restricted class.
  - Per HJ136, to be classified as a protest, there must be concern that the pony is too large for the division that is height restricted. Any Protest requests to move down a division will not be considered.
- The animal is required to be presented within one hour of their last class on the day of the protest.
- The protest fee is \$100 and non-refundable.