Rule Changes Approved for the 2021 Show Year

➢ Two-class “Pleasure” Divisions

Two-class “Pleasure” divisions have been approved for 2021 on a trial basis for one year. Divisions affected include English Pleasure and Western Pleasure (Junior and Adult, all Sections and Half Welsh/Part Breds), Pleasure Driving Singles and Multiples (all Sections and Half Welsh/Part Breds), Fine Harness, Roadster, Formal Driving & Draft Driving Singles and Multiples.

There has been a huge amount of interest and input for moving to this format. So much so, that it was felt that it could be offered on a trial basis for one year as the standard for all shows and all divisions currently with three similar classes.

A two-class division will consist of one Working class and one Conformation/Stake class with the same class specifications in the current rulebook.

In two-class divisions, the ribbon winners in each class will continue to receive a single set of points in both the Working and Conformation/Stake class.

The championship will receive the standard WPCSA championship points based on the results from the two classes. Ties will be broken by placings in the Conformation/Stake class.

For shows with USEF sanctioning, three classes and a championship may still be offered. For these shows, only the Working and Conformation/Stake class and a separate WPCSA championship will be pointed with WPCSA.

Two-class divisions offer many advantages to the Welsh show community including more flexibility in show scheduling, improved welfare of our animals, more interest to new exhibitors and spectators and the possibility of offering new and diverse classes to showcase our talented breed. We look forward to receiving suggestions for new class offerings for our pointed show program.

A summary of the new two-class “Pleasure” divisions that is effective immediately for a one-year trial period for the 2021 show season:

- WPCSA will only point two pleasure classes per division. This includes ALL sections of English and Western Pleasure, All sections of Pleasure Driving (Singles and Multiples), Fine Harness, Roadster, Formal Driving, Draft Driving (Singles and Multiples) as well as our NEW Junior Walk-Trot Pleasure division
- Each pleasure division will consist of a Working class and a Conformation Stake class, using our existing specs, and each class will continue to receive a single set of points
- Champion and Reserve will still be awarded and pointed based on the results from these two classes, with ties broken by the placings in the Conformation Stake
- USEF shows will still be able to offer the additional Conformation class but it will not be pointed by WPCSA and should not be counted toward the WPCSA championship at the show. USEF shows will also need to offer an additional championship covering all three classes necessary for full USEF points.
Eliminate age restriction for Western bits

Article 112.4 *WPCSA WELSH WESTERN PLEASURE*

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 single or double jointed, 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 ½" 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.)

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
Mechanical hackamore
Bosals on any pony aged six or older
Cavesson type nosebands (Exception: Permitted in leadline (Article 115.4.4) and Leading Rein (Article 115.1)
Martingales
Tie downs
Bandages or boots of any type
Whips or crops of any kind

Junior Walk-Trot/Jog Pleasure (NEW)

Article 112.9 * WPCSA WALK-TROT/JOG PLEASURE *

Article 112.9.1 General Division is open to riders 17 and under mounted on ponies/cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Breds, mares or geldings using English or Western tack. To be shown at the walk and trot/jog both ways of the ring on light contact. To stand quietly and back readily. Animals must exhibit manners, obedience and suitability as a child’s mount. If entries warrant, the division may be divided by the height of the animal.

To be judged 75% on performance, manners, movement and style, 25% on breed type and conformation. Working class to be judged 100% on performance. Up to three tests may be asked for (see Article 112.2 with modifications made to exclude any cantering).

RIDERS in this division may not compete in any other classes at this show that require the canter.

Article 112.9.2 Class Specifications

WPCSA WORKING WALK-TROT/JOG PLEASURE
To be shown at the walk and trot/jog both ways of the ring on light contact. To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged 100% on performance.

**WPCSA CONFORMATION WALT-TROT/JOG PLEASURES STAKE**
To be shown at the walk and trot/jog both ways of the ring on light contact. To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged 75% on performance, manners, movement and style, 25% on breed type and conformation.

➢ **Make the Leadline classes pointed classes, remove note about championships**

**Article 115.4 *WPCSA LEADLINE***
Classes open to riders 7 & under mounted on ponies/cobs/Half-Welsh/Part Bred mares and geldings. 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 and leading rein. No championships for this division. Year-end participatory awards will be given in lieu of high score awards. in addition to high score awards for each of the three classes.

➢ **Clarifications**

- **Add false tails to Disqualifications and breeding divisions/appearance**
  Article 107 DISQUALIFICATIONS
  1. Any animal wearing turnbuckles, spoon cruppers, quarter boots, humane tail braces, switches, false tails or wigs. (Exception: fine harness and roadster - see Articles 113.4 and 113.5.)

- **Add gingered tails to Disqualifications**
  Article 107 DISQUALIFICATIONS
  3. Any animal whose tail has been nicked, docked, gingered or put in a tail set.

- **Add ‘Equitation’ to the Walk-Trot division, remove note about championships**
  **Article 111.9 Point Classes**
  **EQUITATION CLASSES**
  WPCSA Walk-Trot 12 & Under; 13-17 WPCSA Walk-Trot Equitation
  Article 115.5 WPCSA Walk-Trot Poles Equitation

**Article 115.5 *WPCSA WALK-TROT EQUITATION***
Classes open to riders 12 & under or 13-17 mounted on ponies/cobs/Half-Welsh/Part Bred mares and geldings. English or Western attire is acceptable. Riders ineligible for other ridden classes except costume, leading rein or child’s first pony. No championships for this division. Year-end high score awards will be given.

**Article 115.5.1 Walk-Trot Class Specifications**
WPCSA WALK EQUITATION
Judged on equitation and suitability of mount. To walk both ways of the ring.
WPCSA WALK-TROT 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.
WPCSA WALK-TROT POLES EQUITATION
This class is designed to be a beginning hunter class for the very young riders. 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 or jog. Poles are to be placed at a minimum of four 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.
• Remove ‘Bleeding Mouth’ for Western Pleasure chart on judging criteria
   Article 112.4.8 Western Pleasure Judging Criteria
   Elimination: Fall of a pony or rider, Not under control, Rearing, Two hands on reins (except snaffle/hackamore ponies), Kicking, Illegal equipment, Lameness, Cueing pony in front of cinch, bleeding mouth

• Remove ‘willing to walk’ in Roadster rule
   Article 113.4.1 General
   Animals should be shown on the rail at all times except when passing and should go to the far end of every corner without side reining; should be light mouthed, capable of being taken up at any time, willing to walk and stand well when being judged in the center of the ring.

• Clarify appointments in Saddle Seat Equitation
   Article 114.4.2 Appointments
   Entries shall be shown in Pelham bits or full bridles (curb and snaffle). Pelham bits are permitted in saddle seat equitation. Martingales or similar tie-downs are prohibited. Saddles should be flat English-type. Forward seat, western and side saddles are prohibited.

• Clarify rules about where judges and TDs can stay
   Article 130 JUDGE’S RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONDUCT
   9. Judges may not reside with any exhibitor, member of show committee/show management or person whose immediate family is an exhibitor within one month preceding the show or during the show. Judges may not have any business dealings with any exhibitor within a three month period prior to the show being judged, with the exception of stallion service.

   Article 134 CONDUCT OF THE TECHNICAL DELEGATE
   4. TDs may not reside with any exhibitor, member of show committee/show management or person whose immediate family is an exhibitor within one month prior to the show or during the show.

• Add to judges responsibilities and to TDs responsibilities
   Article 130 JUDGE’S RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONDUCT
   14. Judges must be on the grounds at least 20 minutes before their first class.

   Article 134 CONDUCT OF THE TECHNICAL DELEGATE
   1. TDs must be on the grounds at least 30 minutes before their first class.

• Update Available Performance and Equitation Awards

   Article 136.4 AVAILABLE PERFORMANCE AND EQUITATION AWARDS

   Working Western (A/B/C/D/ Half-Welsh/Part Bred, Junior or Adult)

   EQUITATION
   Hunt Seat Equitation (Adult, Junior)
   Stock Seat Equitation (Adult, Junior)
   Saddle Seat Equitation (Adult, Junior)
   Short Stirrup Equitation
   Walk Equitation (12 & under, 13-17)
   Walk-Trot Equitation (12 & under, 13-17)
Walk-Trot Poles  *Equitation (12 & under, 13-17)*
Leadline Walk (all participants)
Leadline Walk-trot (all participants)
Leadline Walk-trot Poles (all participants)