

**Article 109.8 Performance Division** A performance division is defined as consisting of two (2) or three (3) classes that have similar general specifications and are open to all animals in that division. Two-class divisions are limited to English Pleasure, Western Pleasure, Walk-Trot/Jog Pleasure, Green English Pleasure, Green Western Pleasure, ~~Rider Opportunity~~ **Novice Rider** English Pleasure, ~~Rider Opportunity~~ **Novice Rider** Western Pleasure, Pleasure Driving, Draft Driving, Roadster, Fine Harness and Formal Driving.

#### **ARTICLE 111 GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS**

The current rules of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) 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 be shown together in Performance classes at Bronze-rated shows and only the follows classes: Equitation, Carriage Driving, Draft Driving, Trail classes, Working Western, Walk-Trot/Jog Pleasure, Green Pleasure, ~~Rider Opportunity~~ **Novice Rider** Pleasure, Dressage Suitability, Drive and Ride, Open Pleasure Classic, Short Stirrup Hunter, 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.

#### **ARTICLE 111.10 DIVISION POINT CLASSES**

**WPCSA ~~Rider Opportunity~~ **Novice Rider** English Pleasure** (A,B,C,D,H,P) Article 112.7  
WPCSA Working ~~Rider Opportunity~~ **Novice Rider** English Pleasure  
WPCSA Conformation ~~Rider Opportunity~~ **Novice Rider** English Pleasure Stake

**WPCSA ~~Rider Opportunity~~ **Novice Rider** Western Pleasure** (A,B,C,D,H,P) Article 112.8  
WPCSA Working ~~Rider Opportunity~~ **Novice Rider** Western Pleasure  
WPCSA Conformation ~~Rider Opportunity~~ **Novice Rider** Western Pleasure Stake

#### **Article 112.7 WPCSA ~~RIDER OPPORTUNITY~~ **NOVICE RIDER** ENGLISH PLEASURE**

**Article 112.7.1 General** Division Open to any entry level or re-entry level rider mounted on ponies/cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred, mares or geldings. Any rider that in the last ten years (prior to the start of the current show year) has competed in any class that requires cantering or loping at more than 30 shows that are recognized by a national organization such as the WPCSA, USEF or USDF, is not eligible for this division. Animals in this division are not eligible for green pony classes. If entries warrant, this division may be split, but an animal may not enter more than one of those splits. Up to three tests may be asked for. (See Article 111.14.)

#### **Article 112.7.2 ~~Rider Opportunity~~ **Novice Rider** English Pleasure Class Specifications**

WPCSA ~~RIDER OPPORTUNITY~~ **NOVICE RIDER** WORKING ENGLISH PLEASURE

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring on light contact. To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged 100% on performance.

WPCSA ~~RIDER OPPORTUNITY~~ **NOVICE RIDER** CONFORMATION ENGLISH PLEASURE STAKE

To be shown at a walk, trot and canter 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 conformation.

**Article 112.8 WPCSA ~~RIDER OPPORTUNITY~~ NOVICE RIDER WESTERN PLEASURE**

**Article 112.8.1 General** Division open to any entry level or re-entry level rider mounted on ponies/cobs/ Half-Welsh/Part-Bred, mares or geldings. Any rider that in the last ten years (prior to the start of the current show year) has competed in any class that requires cantering or loping at more than 30 shows that are recognized by a national organization such as the WPCSA, USEF or USDF, is not eligible for this division. Animals in this division are not eligible for green pony classes. If entries warrant, this division may be split, but an animal may not enter more than one of those splits. Up to three tests may be asked for. (See Article 114.1.)

**Article 112.8.2 ~~Rider Opportunity~~ Novice Rider Western Pleasure Class Specifications**

WPCSA ~~RIDER OPPORTUNITY~~ NOVICE RIDER WESTERN PLEASURE WORKING

To be shown at a walk, jog and lope both ways of the ring on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged 100% on performance.

WPCSA ~~RIDER OPPORTUNITY~~ NOVICE RIDER CONFORMATION WESTERN PLEASURE STAKE

To be shown at a walk, jog and lope both ways of the ring on a reasonably loose rein without undue restraint. To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged on performance, with emphasis on manners 65%; conformation and movement 25%; appointments 10%.

**Article 139.4 AVAILABLE PERFORMANCE AND EQUITATION AWARDS  
PERFORMANCE**

~~Rider Opportunity~~ Novice Rider English Pleasure

~~Rider Opportunity~~ Novice Rider Western Pleasure

## Article 114 WPCSA HUNTER DIVISIONS

### Article 114.1 WPCSA HUNTER

#### Article 114.1.1 Course Postings

~~Course diagrams must be announced and posted near the course at least one hour before scheduled time of class unless they have been illustrated in the Prize List. The plan or diagram of the course must show the obstacles which must be taken in order indicated by numbers. See samples of jump courses and jumps in Appendix B.~~

1. Course diagrams must be posted at least one half-hour before the scheduled start time of classes. The plan or diagram of the course must show the obstacles which must be taken in the order indicated by numbers. An arrow is used on the diagram to indicate the direction in which each obstacle is to be taken.
2. When distances between related fences in all over fences classes, are 100' or less, the distance must be included on the posted course diagram.
3. Distances between related fences should be a minimum of 48' apart and set on multiples of 12'. For example: 60' or 72'.
4. If the area of the courtesy circle is to be restricted by a mandatory line, the line must be indicated on the diagram and a corresponding barrier must be erected on the course.
5. All posted courses must include the numbers of fences to be jumped (i.e. Fences 1-8)

#### Article 114.1.2 Courses and Obstacles

~~Fifty percent (50%) or more of the obstacles must be at least the required height and none may be more than 2" over or under. In Welsh Hunter classes, animals 13.2 and under jump 2' and over 13.2 jump 2'6". Except in the case of inclement weather, broken equipment or similar emergency, a course must not be altered except by written permission of all exhibitors in the class. If one or more original obstacles are rendered unusable during a class and no duplicate exists, management may substitute obstacles, which approximate as nearly as possible the originals. A course is a minimum of six fences with eight jumping efforts. Obstacles should be inviting, not airy, with a ground line and wings. Typical types of fences would be rails or poles (natural or painted), gates, picket fences, stone or brick walls (not real), or brush boxes. Natural brush (evergreen) may be used with a ground line. There should be no striped rails or poles, targets, barrels, or jumper-type jumps. Every course must have at least four different type obstacles, the first obstacle must be a vertical such as brush or rails—no oxers or coops. Distances between fences (lines) should be set on multiples of 12'. For example, 60' or 72'. At least two different courses are required in a division and a change of direction (lead) is recommended. For Short Stirrup and Long Stirrup Hunter Over Fences classes, fences are 12" – 18" cross rails with the middle of the cross rail not exceeding 18". crossrails or verticals are acceptable, but not oxers. Courses for Short Stirrup, Long Stirrup, and Low Hunters should not have bending lines or rollbacks. See sample courses in Appendix B.~~

1. Obstacles should be inviting, not airy, with a ground line and wings.
2. Obstacles must simulate those found in the hunting fields such as natural post and rail, brush obstacles, hedges, split-rail fences, simulated rock or stone walls, white board fence or gate with rail, chicken coop, hedge, oxe, etc. or other jumps designed as hunt field natural obstacles.

3. Chicken coops hinged at the top and free at the bottom, triple bars and hog backs, striped rails, or targets are not allowed.
4. The spread (width) of any jump must not exceed its height. This measurement includes all elements of the jump, such as flowers, brush and ground lines.
5. Courses must consist of a minimum of six (6) fences with eight (8) jumping efforts. Exception: Short Stirrup, Long Stirrup and Green Cross-rail Hunter must consist of a minimum of four (4) fences with eight (8) jumping efforts.
6. Every course must have at least four different types of obstacles, the first obstacle of a course must be a vertical such as brush or rails - no oxers or coops shall be the first fence of a course. Exception: Short Stirrup, Long Stirrup, and Green Cross-rail Hunter have all cross-rails.
7. All obstacles must be set at the required height. The required height may have a variance of no more than 2" over or under. The first fence is to be inviting and may not exceed the required height.
8. Except in case of inclement weather, broken equipment or similar emergency, a course must not be altered except by written permission of all exhibitors in the class. If one or more original obstacles are rendered unusable during a class and no duplicate exists, management may substitute obstacles which approximate, as nearly as possible, the originals.
9. In classes where course requirements have not been met and the violation has not been observed and corrected prior to the third competitor's performance, the class must be completed without altering the course and the results will stand. If the course has been corrected, the competitors who have gone over the course with the violation have the option of re-jumping the course.
10. In all Hunter sections, at least two different courses are required. At least one change of direction (change of lead) is required in every course with the exception of Short Stirrup, Long Stirrup and Green Cross-rail Hunter.
  1. ~~If a Handy Hunter class is offered within a section, the Handy Hunter class and course~~  
~~\_\_\_\_\_ may not be the first class of a section.~~
11. No course may have exhibitors trotting or cantering through the in-gate or out-gate. Any exhibitor that trots or canters through the in-gate or out-gate will be eliminated.
12. A ground line is required on the front side of all obstacles. Flower boxes and brush are acceptable as ground lines.
13. The jumpable portion of all obstacles must be a minimum width of eight feet wide.
14. The top element of all obstacles, except the back rails of oxers, are advised to~~must~~ be securely placed with cups at least 1 1/2 inches deep and 3 inches wide so that a slight rub will not cause a knockdown and must be equally secure for different heights in the same class.
15. Approved safety cups ~~must~~ are advised to be used for the back rail of all oxers.

16. A separate rail is required as a top element for all obstacles including walls, gates, and planks, and coops.

### Article 114.1.3 ~~In and Outs~~ Height of Obstacles

~~An in and out is considered as two obstacles in the required number of obstacles. It must never be used at the start of a course. When a range of fence heights is allowed in a class or section, the minimum height must be used unless a higher height is specified in the prize list. In all cases, The spread (width) of any jump may not exceed its height and must be measured including flowers, brush and ground lines.~~

1. Short Stirrup Hunter: ~~12"~~Cross-rails not to exceed 18" at center
2. Long Stirrup Hunter: ~~12"~~Cross-rails not to exceed 18" at center"~~Cross-Rails. Set as cross rails with the middle of the \_\_\_\_\_ cross rail not to exceed 18"~~
3. Green Cross-rails Hunter: ~~12"~~Cross-rails not to exceed 18" at center
4. Low Hunter: 18" or 2' Verticals. No oxers
5. Regular Hunter: 2'0" for animals 13.2 hands and under  
2'6" for animals over 13.2 Hands

**Article 114.1.4 Tack, Equipment & Attire** ~~Regulation snaffles, pelhams and full bridles, all with cavesson nose bands are recommended. A judge must penalize for non-conventional types of bits or nosebands. Whips must be no longer than 30" (76cm) including the lash. Martingales of any type are prohibited in Under Saddle or hack classes.~~

1. An English bridle with a cavesson nose band is required. Judges may penalize, but may not eliminate, an animal that competes in an unconventional bridle or bit including, but not limited to, hunter gags, kimberwickes, etc.
2. Judges must eliminate an animal that competes in illegal bits or nosebands. Illegal bits include, but are not limited to, three rings, gags (other than the hunter gag), et cetera... Illegal nosebands include, but are not limited to, drop, flash and figure eight nosebands.
3. Curbs: When using a curb with any leverage bit, it must be constructed of loose links, joints, and/or lie smooth against the jaw of the horse and be free of twists, sharp objects or anything inhumane. A curb may be wrapped or inserted into a cover for the comfort of the horse. A curb may not be used in conjunction with wire, metal, rawhide, metal "keepers", or any other substance except for attachment of curb to the bit.
4. When ~~e~~Penalties return to the ring to jog for soundness and stand for conformation, they must be unsaddled and wearing the same bridle that was used during the over fences portion of the competition.
5. Martingales
  - a. Martingales of any type are prohibited in under saddle, hack and tie-breaking classes.

- b. Standing martingales used in the conventional manner are allowed for all over fences classes. All other martingales are considered illegal.
  - c. A judge must eliminate an animal that competes in a martingale other than a standing martingale used in the conventional manner.
  - d. Cable or metal tie downs are prohibited ~~for use on ponies.~~
6. All artificial appliances, including but not limited to nasal strips, nose nets, belly bands, boots, wraps and bandages are prohibited. In the case of inclement weather competition management may permit the use of bell boots.
7. Any rider competing and or riding anywhere on the competition grounds with their stirrup, stirrup leather, fender, or foot tied and/or secured in any manner (including but not limited to magnetic stirrups or tape) will be eliminated from the entire competition.
8. Competitors are prohibited from carrying a whip that is longer than 30" (75cm) while jumping or schooling over fences. A rider may not carry more than one whip. Whips that are weighted at the end are prohibited. No exhibitor may carry a whip longer than 30" while competing.
9. All riders must wear protective headgear in accordance with Article 106. Protective headgear must be in compliance with the accepted testing standards published on the USEF website. Protective headgear must carry the applicable quality testing tag and/or label.
10. Any exhibitor may wear a protective vest, either body protecting or inflatable, specifically designed for use in equestrian sport in any division or class without penalty from the judge. It is recommended that the vest pass or surpass the current ASTM standard F1937 or be certified by the Safety Equipment Institute.
11. While competing in a jumping class, if a rider's chin strap becomes unfastened, the rider may stop, refasten the chin strap and continue their round without penalty or elimination. A judge may, but is not required, to stop a rider and ask them to refasten a chin strap which has become unfastened, again without penalty to the rider.
12. Conventional attire following the tradition of fox hunting is encouraged and preferred. It is further recommended that the rider's attire does not distract from the performance of the horse and rider. Judges shall not eliminate a rider for unconventional attire except for safety. Shirts must have a choker, similar collar or tie. Breeches may be buff, canary, tan, rust or white.
- ~~13. Formal Attire. Riders are required to wear scarlet or dark coats; white shirts with white stock; white, buff or canary breeches. Members of the Armed Services or the Police may wear the Service Dress Uniform.~~
- ~~14.~~13. Inappropriate attire. When management permits Hunter or Hunter Seat Equitation riders to ride without jackets, riders must wear traditional, short, or long-sleeved riding shirts with chokers or ties. ~~Polo shirts and full chaps are not permitted.~~

~~15. Management or Judge may eliminate an exhibitor who is inappropriately attired.~~

~~16.14. Boots/shoes worn while riding anywhere on the competition grounds must have a distinguishable heel.~~

~~17.15. Competitors must display the correct number which must be clearly visible while performing in any class unless otherwise stated in the prize list. Competitors with an incorrect or missing entry number may be penalized at the discretion of the judge.~~

~~6. Competitors must display the correct number which must be clearly visible while performing in any class unless otherwise stated in the prize list. Competitors may be penalized at the discretion of the judge.~~

**Article 114.1.5 General** ~~Welsh Hunter rules generally follow the USEF Pony Hunter rules unless otherwise stated. Shows conducting dual USEF/WPCSA sanctioned shows should consult the USEF Rule Book to assure compliance. Animals to wear unset, ungingered tail. To be shown with a natural foot and unweighted shoes. Pads may be used, but additional weight of any kind is prohibited. 33 Except where noted, to be judged 75% on performance, manners, movement and style; 25% on breed type and conformation. A Hunter Division must consist of two (2) Over Fences classes and one Under Saddle class. No more than two rounds may be ridden back to back. Classes using back to back rounds must be jogged and pinned separately. If a jump order is used, it must be posted at least one-half hour before the class.~~

1. Performance, soundness and manners are to be emphasized in all classes. Extreme speed is to be penalized.
2. A performance starts when the competitor enters the ring and ends when the competitor exits the ring.
3. An eliminated rider must leave the ring immediately.
4. In cases of broken equipment or loss of shoe while competing, the rider or handler may choose to continue without penalty. If they decide to stop to address the situation that rider/handler will be eliminated. In the case of the jump(s) falling over due to weather or act of God, the rider must remain in the ring until receiving instructions from the judge or be eliminated. In this instance, the decision of the judge(s) is final.
5. To compete in the Hunter Under Saddle class the animal must have shown in and completed at least one Over Fences class within the division.
- ~~6. Welsh Hunter Division must consist of a minimum of two (2) of the following Over Fences and one conformation Hunter Under Saddle class:~~
  - ~~a. Working Hunter Over Fences~~
  - ~~b. Handy Hunter Over Fences~~
  - ~~c. Conformation Hunter Over Fences~~

~~d.—Conformation Hunter Stake Over Fences~~

~~7.—To compete in the Hunter Under Saddle class the animal must have shown in **and completed** at least one Over Fences class within the division.~~

~~Article 114.1.6 Judging Performance Soundness, manners and suitability of an animal for the rider are to be emphasized in all classes. Extreme speed is to be penalized. Suitability is determined by the height and weight of the rider as related to the size of the animal. Judges must penalize, but not necessarily eliminate an entry not having such manners and suitability. When judging a class where conformation counts 25% (Under Saddle or Over Fences classes), breed type should be considered with the conformation. When the class is held in a ring, the performance starts as the competitor enters and ends when he/she leaves. Judges must penalize unsafe jumping and bad form over fences, whether touched or untouched. Circling once upon entering the ring and once upon leaving is permissible. In all classes over fences, the judge must line up competitors on merit of performance before considering conformation or soundness, including two more entries than the number of ribbons offered if there are sufficient entries without major faults. In cases of broken equipment or loss of shoe while competing, the competitor may choose to continue without penalty. If they decide to stop to address the situation they will be eliminated.~~

~~Article 114.1.7 Soundness All animals must be serviceably sound. All animals being considered for an award must be jogged for soundness with rider dismounted. (Exception: Under Saddle classes)~~

~~Article 114.1.8 Faults in Over Fences~~

~~1) The following faults are scored according to the judge's opinion and depending on severity or division, may be considered minor or major faults:~~

- ~~a. Rubbing the jump~~
- ~~b. Swapping leads in a line or in front of a jump~~
- ~~c. Late or incomplete lead changes~~
- ~~d. Kicking up or out~~
- ~~e. Spooking~~
- ~~f. Pinning ears or ringing tail~~
- ~~g. Jumping out of form~~
- ~~h. Jumping off the center line of jump~~
- ~~i. Poor presentation of animal or rider~~
- ~~j. Bucking and/or playing~~
- ~~k. Eliminating a stride in a line with a related distance~~
- ~~l. Striking off on a wrong lead on the courtesy circle (May be corrected with either a simple or flying change of lead.)~~

~~2) The following are considered major faults and must be penalized.~~

- ~~a. Knockdown~~
- ~~b. Refusals~~
- ~~c. Refusal or stopping while on course~~



- d. Dangerous jumping
- e. Addressing a jump—coming to a stop in front of a jump in order to show the jump to the animal
- f. Completely missing a lead change
- g. Adding or eliminating a stride in an in and out
- h. Breaking stride or trotting while on course (Exceptions—Where posted on course diagram i.e. trot jumps, steep banks, etc. and also as outlined above—
- i. Striking off on a wrong lead on the courtesy circle)

#### Article 114.1.9 Elimination

- a. Three refusals
- b. Off course
- c. Jumping course before it is reset
- d. Bolting from the ring
- e. Fall of animal and/or rider (rider shall not remount in the ring)
- f. Stopping for loss of shoe or broken equipment

Article 114.1.10 Scoring A quantitative method of scoring Hunter Over Fences classes must be used. A scoring card may have numbered boxes that allows the judge to mark how the animal performs over each fence. A system of symbols that describes an animal's performance is helpful and each judge will probably develop his/her own. Some examples are: Ñ = A good fence ∩ Good Jump CL = Close ^ Chip ` = Quick → Sped up R = Refusal ® Refusal The scoring card should have an area for comments on movement, style over fences, and general impressions. These comments are usually in symbolic form. After marking the description of a Pony/Cob's performance at each fence, between fences, and other comments, the judge then may give the total round a numerical grade. Examples are: Nicely executed with good pace and jumping style, consistent throughout 80+ Sufficient to fairly good. A few minor mistakes 70-79 Fairly bad. Poor quality, missing lead changes, poor jumping 60-69 Bad performance, bolting, dangerous jump, extreme speed 50-59 Trotting on course 55 Rail down 45 First refusal or extra circle on course 40 Second refusal or extra circle on course 30

#### Article 114.1.6 Faults

1. The following faults are scored according to the judge's opinion and depending on severity or division, may be considered minor or major faults.

- a. Rubbing the jump
- b. Swapping leads in a line or in front of a jump
- c. Late lead changes
- d. Spooking
- e. Kicking up or out
- f. Jumping out of form
- g. Jumping off the center line of jump
- h. Bucking and/or playing
- i. Striking off on a wrong lead on the courtesy circle. (May be corrected with either a simple or flying change of lead)

2. The following are considered major faults.

- a. Knockdown
  - b. Refusal
  - c. Stopping while on course
  - d. Crossing the track. A track is established once a horse has landed from a fence or completes a required test and follows the horse until the consecutive fence is jumped or the next test is executed. Upon completion of each consecutive fence or performance of the next test, the track is erased. Crossing a track between obstacles and/ or required tests shall constitute a disobedience and will be penalized by the judge(s)
  - e. Dangerous jumping
  - f. Addressing a jump - coming to a stop in front of a jump in order to show the jump to the horse.
  - g. Completely missing a lead change
  - h. Breaking stride or trotting while on course
3. The following constitute elimination. An eliminated rider must leave the ring immediately.
- a. Three refusals
  - b. Off course
  - c. Jumping course before it is reset
  - d. Bolting from the ring
  - e. Fall of horse and/or rider (rider shall not remount in the ring)
  - f. Stopping for loss of shoe or broken equipment
  - g. Trotting or cantering through the in-gate or out-gate. (Entering and exiting the show arena must be done through the walk)

**Article 114.1.7 Conformation and Soundness** In Conformation Hunter classes animals are to be judged 75% on performance, movement and style; 25% on breed type and conformation. Working and Handy Hunter classes are judged 100% on performance, movement and style.

1. Animals must be stripped for conformation judging in any class. Exception: Under Saddle classes.
- ~~2.—All over fences classes require entries to be jogged for soundness except Short Stirrup, Long Stirrup, Green Cross-rail and Low Hunters.~~
- ~~3.—When jogging for soundness, exhibitors will line up on merit of performance prior to consideration of conformation including two more entries than the number of ribbons.~~
- 4.2. In classes when a jog is required, all animals being considered for an award must jog for soundness. Entries will be jogged together, unmounted, without a saddle, in the judge's order of preference including two more animals than the number of ribbons if there are sufficient entries. Conformation, if required for the class, will be judged in the line-up. Animals that are unsound will be eliminated and ineligible for an award in that class. The judge's decision regarding soundness is final.
- 5.3. ~~Ponies~~ Entries may be asked to re-jog at the judge's discretion. An ~~pony~~ entry may not leave the ring until the jog has been declared official by the judge, or it will be eliminated.

~~A pony that is unruly, one that breaks away from the handler or one whose actions threaten to endanger the rider, handler, other exhibitors or their entries will be eliminated.~~

~~6.4. An entry pony may not be eliminated for receiving outside assistance in the jog. In classes restricted to the age of a rider, the entry must be jogged by an appropriate rider. Ponies a junior must jog the pony for soundness.~~

~~7. Ponies must return to the ring untacked to jog for soundness and to stand for conformation wearing the same bridle as shown over fences.~~

~~Article 114.1.11 Over Fences Classes To be shown over a course of a minimum of six (6) fences with eight (8) jumping efforts of the required height. Judged on performance and soundness. Manners and suitability of an animal to rider will be emphasized. Extreme speed is penalized.~~

**Article 114.1.8 Under Saddle Classes** In order to show in the Under Saddle class, the animal must have shown in and completed an Over Fences class. In Under Saddle Classes, animals are shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Light contact with animal's mouth is required. Animals should be alert, responsive and move freely. They should not be eliminated for slight errors. Judges may ask animals to hand gallop collectively, one way of the ring. No more than eight will be asked to hand gallop at one time. **The hand gallop may not be asked for in Short Stirrup, Long Stirrup or Green Cross-rails Hunter.** To be judged 75% on performance, manners, movement and style; 25% on breed type and conformation.

~~Article 114.1.13 Welsh Hunter Class Specifications Over Fences classes must precede the Under Saddle class.~~

#### **Article 114.1.9 \*WPCSA WORKING HUNTER\***

**Article 114.1.9.1 General** Classes are open to all Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred stallions, mares and geldings. Exception: Stallions are not eligible in Short Stirrup Hunter.

~~**Article 114.1.9.2 Working Hunter Class Specifications** Specifications The WPCSA Working Hunter Division must consist of a minimum of two (2) of the following Over Fences and one Under Saddle class or a maximum of four (4) of the following Over Fences and one Under Saddle class.~~

WPCSA WORKING HUNTER OVER FENCES

~~WPCSA HANDY HUNTER OVER FENCES~~

WPCSA CONFORMATION HUNTER OVER FENCES

WPCSA CONFORMATION HUNTER STAKE OVER FENCES

WPCSA CONFORMATION HUNTER UNDER SADDLE

#### **Article 114.2 \*WPCSA LOW HUNTER\***

**Article 114.2.1 General** 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.~~ **The same equine/rider combination in this division, including the Under Saddle class, may not compete in the regular WPCSA**

**hunter divisions.** Courses to have a minimum of 6 obstacles with 8 jumping efforts required. A ground line is required on the front of all obstacles. Flower boxes and brush are acceptable as ground lines. No oxers or combinations (in and outs). Fences must be verticals. Show Management may offer the division either as 18" only or a choice of 18" or 2'. 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. Not required to jog for Over Fences classes. In order to show in the Under Saddle class, the animal must have shown in and completed in one Low Hunter Over Fences class.

In the Under Saddle class, animals are shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Judges may ask competitors to hand gallop collectively, one way of the ring. No more than eight (8) will be asked to hand gallop at one time.

#### **Article 114.2.2 Low Hunter Class Specifications**

WPCSA LOW WORKING HUNTER OVER FENCES  
WPCSA LOW WORKING HUNTER STAKE OVER FENCES  
WPCSA LOW WORKING HUNTER UNDER SADDLE

#### **Article 114.3 Cross-rail Hunter Divisions**

**Article 114.3.1 General** Fences to be cross-rails not to exceed 18" at the center. A ground line is required on the front side of all obstacles. Flower boxes and brush are acceptable as ground lines but the height may not exceed the height of the center of the 'X'. Courses to be set with a minimum of four (4) obstacles with eight (8) jumping efforts required.

To be judged 100% on performance. Not required to jog for Over Fences classes. Over Fences classes must precede the Under Saddle class. In order to show in the Under Saddle class, the animal must have shown in and completed an Over Fences class.

In the Under Saddle class, exhibitors are to be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Judges may not ask for a hand gallop.

If entries warrant divisions may be split but an animal may not enter more than one of those splits within any one division.

#### **Article 114.3.2 \*WPCSA SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER\***

**Article 114.3.2.1 General** Division is open to riders 12 years and under. Classes are open to all Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred mares and geldings (no stallions). RIDERS in this division (including the Under Saddle class), may not compete in any other WPCSA Over Fences division or class at the same show where the fences exceed 18". If cross entering Low Hunters, rider must select the 18" option. ~~There are no restrictions for animals exhibiting in these classes.~~ Animals in this division are not eligible for the Green Cross-rail Hunter division.

If there are fewer than three (3) entries in the competition, Short Stirrup Hunter may be combined with Long Stirrup Hunter as long as no stallions are in the division.

#### **Article 114.3.2.2 Short Stirrup Hunter Class Specifications**

WPCSA SHORT STIRRUP WORKING HUNTER OVER FENCES

WPCSA SHORT STIRRUP WORKING HUNTER STAKE OVER FENCES  
WPCSA SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER WORKING UNDER SADDLE

**Article 114.3.3 \*WPCSA LONG STIRRUP HUNTER\***

**Article 114.3.3.1 General** For riders age 13 – Adults. Classes are open to all Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/PartBred. If entries warrant, classes may be split into riders aged 13 – 17 and Adults. RIDERS in this division, including the Under Saddle class, may not compete in any other WPCSA Over Fences division or class at the same show where the fences exceed 18". If cross entering Low Hunters, rider must select the 18" option. ~~There are no restrictions for animals exhibiting in these classes.~~ Animals in this division are not eligible for the Green Cross-rail Hunter division.

If there are fewer than three (3) entries in the competition, Long Stirrup Hunter may be combined with Short Stirrup Hunter as long as no stallions are in the division.

**Article 114.3.3.2 Long Stirrup Hunter Class Specifications**

WPCSA LONG STIRRUP WORKING HUNTER OVER FENCES  
WPCSA LONG STIRRUP WORKING HUNTER STAKE OVER FENCES  
WPCSA LONG STIRRUP WORKING HUNTER UNDER SADDLE

**Article 114.3.4 \*WPCSA GREEN CROSS-RAILS HUNTER\***

**Article 114.3.4.1 General** Division is open to riders mounted on Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/PartBred in their first or second year of showing over fences at WPCSA rated shows. ANIMALS in this division are not eligible to show in Short and Long Stirrup Hunter and Short and Long Stirrup Equitation Over Fences.

**Article 114.3.4.2 Green Cross-rail Hunter Class Specifications**

WPCSA GREEN CROSS-RAILS WORKING HUNTER OVER FENCES  
WPCSA GREEN CROSS-RAILS HUNTER STAKE OVER FENCES  
WPCSA GREEN CROSS RAILS HUNTER UNDER SADDLE

## **Article 117.1 Short Stirrup and Long Stirrup Equitation**

**Article 117.1.1 General** To be judged 100% on hands, seat and control, ~~and suitability~~ of mount. Riders in this division (including the Under Saddle class) may not compete **in any other WPCSA over fences division or classes at the same show where the fences exceed 18"**. Short and Long Stirrup Equitation riders may enter low hunter and jump 18". ~~over fences in any other divisions except Short Stirrup Hunter.~~

**Fences to be cross-rails not to exceed 18" at the center.** A ground line is required on the front side of all obstacles. Flower boxes and brush are acceptable as ground lines **but the height may not exceed the lowest point of the cross-rail.** Courses to be set ~~at 18"~~ with a minimum of **four (4)** obstacles with **eight (8)** jumping efforts required.

In the Equitation under saddle class, exhibitors are to be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Judges may not ask for a hand gallop.

### **Article 117.1.2 \*WPCSA SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION\***

**Article 117.1.2.1 General** Division is open to riders 12 years and under mounted on Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred mares or geldings **(no stallions)**. **If there are fewer than three (3) entries in the competition, Short Stirrup Equitation may be combined with Long Stirrup Equitation as long as no stallions are in the Under Saddle class.**

#### **Article 117.1.2.2 Short Stirrup Equitation Class Specifications**

WPCSA SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION OVER FENCES ~~Over fences, animals may either trot or canter the entire course.~~

WPCSA SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION UNDER SADDLE  
~~Animals must walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring.~~

### **ARTICLE 117.1.3 \*LONG STIRRUP EQUITATION\***

**Article 117.1.3.1 General** Division is open to riders 13-Adults. Classes are open to all Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred.

If there are fewer than three (3) entries in the competition, Long Stirrup Equitation may be combined with Short Stirrup Equitation as long as no stallions are in the Under Saddle class.

#### **Article 117.1.3.2 Long Stirrup Equitation Class Specifications**

WPCSA LONG STIRRUP EQUITATION OVER FENCES

WPCSA LONG STIRRUP EQUITATION UNDER SADDLE

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**ARTICLE 111.10 DIVISION POINT CLASSES**

**WPCSA Green Cross-rails Hunter**  
(A,B,C,D,H,P)  
Article 114.3.4

WPCSA Green Cross-rails Working Hunter (Over Fences)  
WPCSA Green Cross-rails Hunter Stake (Over Fences)  
WPCSA Green Cross-rails Hunter Under Saddle

**ARTICLE 111.11 EQUITATION CLASSES**

**WPCSA Long Stirrup Equitation**  
13 – Adult  
Article 117.2

WPCSA Long Stirrup Equitation Over Fences  
WPCSA Long Stirrup Equitation Under Saddle

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Remove Article 119.3 WELSH GREEN HUNTER and all of its' sub-articles

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**Article 139.4 AVAILABLE PERFORMANCE AND EQUITATION AWARDS**

**PERFORMANCE**

Green Cross-rails Hunter

**EQUITATION**

Long Stirrup Equitation

## WPCSA Hunter Divisions

Existing Rules					
DIVISION	RIDER	ANIMAL	HEIGHT	RESTRICTIONS	OTHER NOTES
114.1 Hunter	Junior & Adult	A/B, C/D & H/P	13.2 & under: 2' Over 13.2: 2'6"		
114.2 Short Stirrup Hunter	12 & Under	ABCDHP mares/geldings	18"	Riders: No other over fences except SS Equitation over Fences	May trot or canter the course.
114.3 Long Stirrup Hunter	13 - Adults	ABCDHP	18"	Riders: No classes where fences exceed 18" except Low Hunter	May trot or canter the course.
114.4 Low Hunter	Juniors & Adults	ABCDHP	Choice: 18" or 2'	Animals: No other classes where fences exceed 18". No SS riders, LS riders eligible	May trot or canter the course. Choice of 18" or 2'
119.3.12 Green Hunter (Non-Point division)	Junior & Adult	ABCDHP	13.2 & under: 18' Over 13.2-14.2: 2' Over 14.2: 2'3"	Have not shown at WPCSA regulation height for their section prior to Dec 1 of current competition year. Once an animal breaks its green status it will not retain its green status by moving into another Hunter Pony Section.	

Proposed Rule Changes					
DIVISION	RIDER	ANIMAL	HEIGHT	RESTRICTIONS	OTHER NOTES
114.1 Hunter (Regular)	Junior, Adult	A/B, C/D & H/P	13.2 & under: 2' Over 13.2: 2'6"		
114.2 Low Hunter	Juniors & Adults	ABCDHP	Choice of 18" or 2' Verticals	No animal/rider combination in Low Hunter may show in regular WPCSA hunter division at same show	Take out <del>May trot or canter the course.</del>
114.3.2 Long Stirrup Hunter	13 - Adults	ABCDHP	18" Cross-rails*	Riders: No classes where fences exceed 18". May go in Low Hunter and jump 18"	Take out <del>May trot or canter the course.</del>
114.3.3 Short Stirrup Hunter	12 & Under	ABCDHP mares/geldings	18" Cross-rails*	Riders: No classes where fences exceed 18". May go in Low Hunter and jump 18"	Take out <del>May trot or canter the course.</del>
Make a pointed division: 114.3.4 Green Cross-rails Hunter	Juniors & Adults	ABCDHP	18" Cross-rails*	Open to animals in their first or second year of showing over fences at WPCSA rated shows. Animals not eligible for short or long stirrup.	

\*Crossrails not to exceed 18" at the center



**Article 120.2 National and Regional Titles** There will be one Titled show in each of the six regions (Northeast, Southeast, North Central, South Central, Northwest and Southwest). The South Central titled show will be the American National show. Titled shows will be named from regional applicants by the Board of Directors.

One titled show in each of the zones (East, Central and West) will have the opportunity to receive quadruple points. The American National will be the show for the Central Zone. Competitors at these shows ~~the American National show~~ with ~~100~~ 150 or more animals will receive quadruple points. If these shows have ~~the American National show has~~ less than ~~100~~ 150 animals, triple points will be awarded.

#### **Article 124.1 Gold Standard Show**

1. A minimum of ~~40~~ 50 purebred Welsh and/or Half-Welsh/Part-Bred in classes specifically limited to them.

#### **Article 124.2 Silver Standard Show**

1. A minimum of 25 purebred Welsh and/or Half-Welsh/Part-Bred in classes specifically limited to them.

~~1.~~ 2. \$50 fee for Provisional Silver Sanctioning (\$100 for double-judged Silver rating).

~~2.~~ 3. Minimum of \$200 prize money offered across at least two divisions.

~~3.~~ 4. Minimum of three Welsh performance divisions. A WPCSA division must contain the two or three point classes as described in the specifications section of this book and a championship based on points. Additional pointed and/or non-pointed classes may be added at the discretion of show management.

~~4.~~ 5. Minimum of 6 breeding classes must be offered.

~~5.~~ 6. Minimum of WPCSA Approved or Provisional Judge.

~~6.~~ 7. All shows are required to have an appropriately attired Ringmaster or Ring Steward to assist the judge. This person must be capable of rendering assistance.

## **Adding New Lifetime Award – Order of the Griffin (OG)**

Do we give them retro-actively? Yes, to the animals that have already received their Individual Order of the Dragon or have already obtained 7000 points.

## **Article ~~139.6~~ 139.7 Legion of Merit (LOM)**

This prestigious award is reserved for those outstanding purebred animals who over their lifetime consistently excelled either in the show ring or in a purebred Welsh breeding program. This dual purpose award recognizes both the individual animal's performance and the performance of their progeny.

The Legion of Merit, established in 1987, is based on the accumulation of points earned at WPCSA Sanctioned Shows. The classes that count are the same as ones that are used for the purebred WPCSA High Score awards, except those that are awarded to the rider.

For an individual Legion of Merit Award, an animal must earn 1500 points of which at least 500 points must result from breeding classes and 500 points from performance classes.

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Sire Legion of Merit: A sire must accumulate 2500 points through his progeny. At least five of his progeny must have earned 300 points each in breeding and/or performance.

Dam Legion of Merit: A dam must accumulate 1500 points through her progeny. At least three of her progeny must have earned 300 points each in breeding and/or performance.

## **Article ~~139.7~~ 139.8 Award of Excellence (AOE)**

Awards of Excellence are divided into three categories for purebred animals, matching those of the Legion of Merit:

- Individual Award of Excellence: Ponies/Cobs accumulating a total of 4000 points.
- Sire Award of Excellence: Pony/Cob stallions whose progeny accumulate a total of 15,000 points.
- Dam Award of Excellence: Pony/Cob mares whose progeny accumulate a total of 8,000 points.

## **Article 139.9 Purebred Order of the Griffin (OG)**

The Order of the Griffin Award is for purebred animals who have excelled through their own show ring performance in breed and/or performance classes.

The Individual Award of the Griffin is for purebred Ponies/Cobs accumulating a total of 7000 points.

#### **Article ~~139.8~~ 139.10 Order of the Dragon (OD)**

The Order of the Dragon is reserved for purebred Ponies/Cobs who have excelled through their own show ring performance and for those whose offspring have excelled in such a way as to have allowed the sire/dam to have a significant and lasting impact on the breed and for the breeders/owners of these animals.

The Individual Order of the Dragon will be awarded to Ponies/Cobs who:

- a) Accumulate a total of 10,000 points or
- b) Win an individual AOE and a sire or dam AOE.

The Sire Order of the Dragon will be awarded to Pony/Cob stallions:

- a) Whose progeny accumulate a total of 25,000 points or
- b) Who have three progeny with an AOE.

The Dam Order of the Dragon will be awarded to Pony/Cob mares:

- a) Whose progeny accumulate a total of 15,000 points or
- b) Who have two progeny with an AOE.

The Breeder/Owner Order of the Dragon: 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 LOM or Ten AOE or 4 OD Ponies/Cobs. 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 ~~139.9~~ 139.11 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 ~~139.10~~ 139.12 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 139.12 Half-Welsh/Part-Bred Order of the Griffin (OG)**

The Order of the Griffin Award is for Half-Welsh and Part-Bred animals who have excelled through their own show ring performance in breed and/or performance classes.

The Individual Award of the Griffin is for Half-Welsh/Part-Bred animals accumulating a total of 7000 points.

### **Article ~~139.11~~ 139.13 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).