

WPCSA Class Specifications for 2026 Show Year

Effective December 1, 2025

Class Specifications as they must be listed on the Judge's cards. The whole Class Specification, not just the Article Number must be included.

WPCSA BREED CLASSES (Article 110.2) 12/1/2017

Animals are to be shown in-hand at a walk and a trot, except in group classes. Purebred Welsh to be judged 85% on breed type, conformation, way of going, quality and substance and 15% on disposition and manners. Natural reaching action is desired. Half-Welsh & Part-Bred to be judged 85% on conformation, way of going, quality and substance and 15% on Welsh breed type, disposition and manners.

WPCSA WELSH ENGLISH PLEASURE (Article 112.1) 12/1/2023

To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring on light contact without a martingale. To stand quietly and back readily. Up to three tests may be asked for (see Article 111.14)

- Working class to be judged 100% on performance.
- Conformation Stake class to be judged 75% on performance, manners, movement and style; 25% on breed type and conformation.

WPCSA WELSH WESTERN PLEASURE (Article 112.2) 12/1/2023

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. Up to three tests may be asked for (see Article 111.14)

- Working class to be judged 100% on performance.
- Conformation Stake class to be judged 65% on performance with emphasis on manners; 25% on breed type, conformation and movement and 10% on appointments.

WPCSA JUNIOR WALK-TROT/JOE PLEASURE (Article 112.3) 12/1/2025

Division is open to riders 17 and under mounted on Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred, 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. Up to three tests may be asked for (see Article 111.14 with modifications made to exclude any cantering/loping). **RIDERS** in this division may not compete in any other classes at this show that require jumping or cantering/loping.

- Working class to be judged 100% on performance.
- Conformation Stake class to be judged 75% on performance, manners, movement and style, 25% on breed type and conformation.

WPCSA ADULT WALK-TROT/JOE PLEASURE (Article 112.4) 12/1/2025

Open to riders 18 and over, mounted on Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred, 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 beginners mount. If entries warrant, the division may be divided by the height of the animal. Up to three tests may

be asked for (see Article 111.14 with modifications made to exclude any cantering/loping). **RIDERS** in this division may not compete in any other classes at this show that require jumping or cantering/loping.

- Working class to be judged 100% on performance.
- Conformation Stake class to be judged 75% on performance, manners, movement and style; 25% on breed type and conformation.

WPCSA GREEN PONY ENGLISH PLEASURE (Article 112.5) 12/1/2023

Open to all riders mounted on Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred, stallions, mares, or geldings that are in their first or second year of showing under saddle at WPCSA Rated shows in classes that require a lope or canter. To be shown at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring on light contact. To stand quietly and back readily. Up to three tests may be asked for. (See Article 111.14.)

- Working class to be judged 100% on performance.
- Conformation Stake class to be judged 75% on performance, manners, movement and style; 25% on breed type and conformation.

WPCSA GREEN PONY WESTERN PLEASURE (Article 112.6) 12/1/2023

Open to all riders mounted on Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred, stallions, mares or geldings that are in their first or second year of showing under saddle at WPCSA Rated shows in classes that require a lope or canter. 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. Up to three tests may be asked for. (See Article 111.14.)

- Working class to be judged 100% on performance.
- Conformation Stake class to be judged 65% on performance with emphasis on manners, 25% on breed type, conformation and movement and 10% on appointments.

WPCSA NOVICE RIDER ENGLISH PLEASURE (Article 112.7) 12/1/2024

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 WPCSA, USEF, or USDF, is not eligible for this division. **ANIMALS** in this division are not eligible for green pony classes. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring on light contact. To stand quietly and back readily.

- Working class to be judged 100% on performance.
- Conformation Stake class to be judged 75% on performance, manners, movement and style; 25% on breed type and conformation.

WPCSA NOVICE RIDER WESTERN PLEASURE (Article 112.8) 12/1/2024

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 WPCSA, USEF, or USDF, is not eligible for this division. **ANIMALS** in this division are not eligible for green pony classes. 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.

- Working class to be judged 100% on performance.
- Conformation Stake class to be judged 65% on performance with emphasis on manners, 25% on breed type, conformation and movement and 10% on appointments.

WPCSA OPEN ENGLISH PLEASURE CLASSIC (Article 113.1) 12/1/2023

Open to all riders mounted on Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred, stallions, mares or geldings. To be shown at the walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring on light contact. To be judged 75% on performance, manners, movement and style; 25% on breed type and conformation. To stand quietly and back readily. Up to three tests may be asked for. (See Article 111.14).

WPCSA OPEN WESTERN PLEASURE CLASSIC (Article 113.2) 12/1/2023

Open to all riders mounted on Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred, stallions, mares or geldings. To be shown at the 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 65% on performance with emphasis on manners, 25% on breed type, conformation and movement and 10% on appointments. Up to three tests may be asked for. (See Article 111.14).

WPCSA WELSH HUNTER (Article 114.1) 12/1/2024

To be judged 75% on performance, movement and style; 25% on breed type and conformation. Working classes judged 100% on performance. Animals not exceeding 13.2 hands will jump 2'0"; animals exceeding 13.2 shall jump 2'6". Over-fence classes must precede the under-saddle class.

Over fences (o/f): To be shown over a course of a minimum of **six** fences with eight jumping efforts of the required height.

Under saddle (u/s): To be eligible, pony must have shown in and completed an over fence class. To be shown at the walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. **May be required to hand gallop one way of the ring, but no more than eight animals at one time.**

Each Show may offer *ONE* of the following Low Hunter divisions:

WPCSA LOW HUNTER 18" Only (Article 114.2) 12/1/2024

Division is open to Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred, Juniors and Adults. The same equine/rider combination in this division, including the Under Saddle class, may not compete in the regular WPCSA hunter divisions. Long Stirrup and Short Stirrup riders are eligible to compete if jumping 18". To be judged 100% on performance. Courses to be set at 18" with a minimum of 6 fences with 8 jumping efforts. Fences must be verticals. Not required to jog for over-fences classes. Over-fences classes must precede the under-saddle classes. To be eligible for the under-saddle class, animal must have shown in **and completed** an over-fences class. Under-saddle class animals will be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot, and canter.

WPCSA LOW HUNTER 18" or 2' (Article 114.2) 12/1/2024

Division is open to Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred, Juniors and Adults. The same equine/rider combination in this division, including the Under Saddle class, may not compete in the regular WPCSA hunter divisions. Long Stirrup and Short Stirrup riders are eligible to compete if jumping 18". To be judged 100% on performance. Courses to be set at 18" or 2' with a minimum of 6 fences with 8 jumping efforts required. Fences must be verticals. Riders may choose to jump 18" or 2'. Fence heights are not determined by the height of the animal. No animal may jump both 18" and 2' in this division at the same show. Not required to jog for over-fences classes. Over-fences classes must precede the under-saddle classes. To be eligible for the under-saddle class, animal must have shown in **and completed** an over-fences class. Under-saddle class animals will be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot and canter.

WPCSA SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER (Article 114.3.2) 12/1/2024

Division is open to riders 12 years and under. Classes are open to all Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred, mares and geldings. **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. To be judged 100% on performance. Fences to be cross-rails not to exceed 18" at the center. Courses to be a minimum of 4 fences with 8 jumping efforts required. Not required to jog for over-fences classes. Over-fence classes must precede the under-saddle class. To be eligible for the under-saddle class, animal must have shown in **and completed** an over-fences class. Under-saddle class animals will be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot and canter.

WPCSA LONG STIRRUP HUNTER (Article 114.3.3) – Ages 13 to Adult 12/1/2024

Classes are open to all Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred. **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. To be judged 100% on performance. Fences to be cross-rails not to exceed 18" at the center. Courses to be a minimum of 4 fences and 8 jumping efforts required. Not required to jog for over-fences classes. Over-fences classes must precede the under-saddle class. To be eligible for the under-saddle class, animal must have shown in **and completed** an over-fences class. Under-saddle class animals will be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot, and canter.

WPCSA GREEN CROSS-RAIL HUNTER (Article 114.3.4) 12/1/2024

Division is open to riders mounted on Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred 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. To be judged 100% on performance. Fences to be cross-rails not to exceed 18" at the center. Courses to be a minimum of 4 fences and 8 jumping efforts required. Not required to jog for over-fences classes. Over-fences classes must precede the under-saddle class. To be eligible for the under-saddle class, animal must have shown in **and completed** an over-fences class. Under-saddle class animals will be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, trot, and canter.

WPCSA PLEASURE DRIVING (Article 115.1) 12/1/2020

To be shown to a suitable two or four-wheeled vehicle or four-wheeled vehicle for pairs, but not a viceroy, racing sulky or fine harness rig. Use of a bike style vehicle with floorboards and a basket is acceptable. 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 readily**. Classes limited to junior drivers shall be asked to do a walk and working trot, to stand quietly and **back readily**. A properly attired groom or passenger *capable of rendering assistance in case of an emergency* is required for all pairs and tandems; unicorns and four-in-hands require 2 grooms/passengers. Failure to comply will result in elimination from the class.

- Working class to be judged 100% on performance.
- Conformation Stake class to be judged 75% on performance, manners, movement and style; 25% on breed type and conformation.

Include this general Carriage Driving spec with any of the carriage driving classes offered:

WPCSA CARRIAGE DRIVING (Article 115.2) 12/1/2017

(Wire wheeled vehicles may be used if stated in prize list). Classes open to Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred. To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and strong trot. To stand quietly, both on the rail and while lined up, and to rein back. In the slow trot, the animal should maintain forward impulsion while showing submission to the bit. A properly attired groom or passenger *capable of rendering assistance in case of an emergency* is required for all pairs and tandems; unicorns and four-in-hands require 2 grooms/passengers. Failure to comply will result in elimination from the class.

WPCSA CARRIAGE DRIVING TURNOUT (Article 115.2.3)

To be judged primarily on the performance and quality of each turnout. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. To stand quietly and to rein back. To be judged 70% on the condition, fit and appropriateness of harness and vehicle, neatness and appropriateness of attire and overall impression; 30% on performance, manners and way of going.

WPCSA CARRIAGE DRIVING WORKING (Article 115.2.3)

To be judged primarily on the suitability of the animal to provide a pleasant drive. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and strong trot. To stand quietly both on the rail and while lined up and to rein back. May be asked to execute appropriate tests. 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.

WPCSA OBSTACLE/CONES DRIVING (Article 115.2.3)

Obstacle/Cones to be judged 100% on performance. Course plan must be announced and posted one hour before competition is to begin. Competitors may walk the course. Martingales and overchecks are prohibited in obstacle classes for all vehicles. Side checks are optional. Failure to comply incurs elimination. Refer to specifications in rulebook (Article 113.2.3) for the type of obstacle/cones classes being offered. See Article 115.2.2.7 for definition of break in gait.

WPCSA DRAFT DRIVING (Article 115.3) 12/1/2020

Classes open to Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred. To be shown to suitable four-wheeled vehicle for multiples, or cart for singles or tandems. Utility is stressed for animals, harness and draft vehicles. Traditional type carts such as road carts or stud carts are suitable for singles and fifth wheel hitch wagons for multiples. Inappropriate equipment to be penalized. Draft type harness is required. To be shown both ways of the ring at a flat-footed walk and a working trot. To halt, stand quietly and back readily. Individual maneuvers may be requested. A properly attired groom or passenger *capable of rendering assistance in case of an emergency* is required for all pairs and tandems; unicorns and four-in-hands require 2 grooms/passengers.

- Working class to be judged 100% on performance.
- Conformation Stake class to be judged 75% on performance, manners, movement and style; 25% on breed type and conformation.

WPCSA ROADSTER (12.2 & Under) (Article 115.4) 12/1/2020

For Section A and B ponies, 12.2 and under. Roadster must enter the ring clockwise at a jog-trot then show at the Road Gait; turn counter clockwise at the jog-trot, show at the Road Gait and then trot at speed. Must stand well while being judged in the line up. In the event of a workoff, entries chosen must work both ways of the ring, as the original routine.

- Working class to be judged 100% on performance.
- Conformation Stake class to be judged 75% on performance, manners, style and speed in form; 25% on breed type and conformation.

WPCSA FINE HARNESS (Article 115.5) 12/1/2020

To be shown at an animated walk and a free animated park trot, extreme speed to be penalized. To stand quietly and back readily.

- Working class to be judged 100% on performance.
- Conformation Stake class to be judged 75% on performance, manners, movement and style, 25% on breed type and conformation.

WPCSA FORMAL DRIVING (Article 115.6) 12/1/2020

To be shown both ways of the ring at an animated walk and an animated natural trot. To stand quietly and, except in case of tandems, back readily. A properly attired groom or passenger *capable of rendering assistance in case of an emergency* is required for all pairs and tandems; unicorns and four-in-hands require 2 grooms/passengers.

- Working class to be judged 100% on performance.
- Conformation Stake class to be judged 75% on performance, manners, movement and style, 25% on breed type and conformation.

WPCSA OPEN PLEASURE DRIVING CLASSIC (Article 116.1) 12/1/2021

Open to all drivers with Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred, stallions, mares or geldings. To be judged both ways of the ring at a walk, working trot, and trot-on. To stand quietly, both on the rail and while lined up and to rein back readily. To be judged 75% on performance, manners, movement and style; 25% on conformation. 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 eight. Classes may only be split randomly for safety, but may not be split by any other criteria.

WPCSA DRIVE AND RIDE (Article 116.2) 12/1/2021

Open to all riders/drivers with Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred, stallions, mares or geldings. The entry may be driven by one person and ridden by another, but no more than three people total (including grooms) may assist in the ring. To be shown to a suitable two or four-wheeled vehicle and shown both ways of the ring at a walk, working trot, and trot on and stand quietly and to back readily. Then to be unhitched in the ring and tacked in either English or Western gear. Then shown at a walk, trot/jog, and canter/lope both ways of the ring on light contact. To stand quietly and back readily. Each section to count equally and be judged 100% on performance, manners, movement and style. If entries warrant, this class may be split, but an animal may not enter more than one of those splits.

WPCSA CARRIAGE DRIVING REINSMANSHIP (Article 116.3) 12/1/2021

A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the ability and skill of the driver. To be shown at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and strong trot. Shall be required to rein back. All drivers chosen for a work off may be worked at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to execute a figure of eight and/or perform other appropriate tests. Either the one or two-handed method of driving is acceptable. In order to evaluate a driver's versatility, the judge may request a test involving driving with one hand. Judged 75% on handling of reins and whip, control, posture and overall appearance of driver; 25% on the condition of harness and vehicle and neatness of attire.

WPCSA SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION (Article 117.1.2) 12/1/2024

Division is open to riders 12 years & under mounted on Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred, mares and geldings (no stallions). To be judged 100% on hands, seat, control and suitability of mount.

Over Fences (o/f): Courses to be cross-rails not to exceed 18" at the center with a minimum of 4 fences with 8 jumping efforts required. The o/f class must precede the under saddle class.

Under saddle (u/s): Animals must walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. **RIDERS** entering these classes, 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 Stirrup Equitation riders may enter Low Hunter and jump 18". Short Stirrup Equitation may be combined with Long Stirrup Equitation as long as no stallions are in the Under Saddle class.

WPCSA LONG STIRRUP EQUITATION (Article 117.1.3) 12/1/2024

Division is open to riders 13 years - Adults mounted on Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Breds. To be judged 100% on hands, seat, control and suitability of mount.

Over Fences (o/f): Courses to be cross-rails not to exceed 18" at the center with a minimum of 4 fences with 8 jumping efforts required. The o/f class must precede the under saddle class.

Under saddle (u/s): Animals must walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. **RIDERS** entering these classes, 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". Long Stirrup Equitation riders may enter Low Hunter and jump 18". Long Stirrup Equitation may be combined with Short Stirrup Equitation as long as no stallions are in the Under Saddle class.

WPCSA HUNTER SEAT EQUITATION (Article 117.3) 12/1/2017

Classes open to Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred. To be judged on the rider's appearance, seat, hands and control of their mount. Animals 13.2 and under jump 2'; animals over 13.2 jump 2'6".

Over Fence (o/f) classes: To be shown over a minimum of six obstacles.

Under saddle (u/s) classes: To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring. Test may be required.

WPCSA SADDLE SEAT EQUITATION (Article 117.4) 12/1/2017

Classes open to Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred. To be shown at a walk, trot, and canter both ways of the ring and to be judged on the rider's appearance, seat, hands and control of their mount. Tests may be required.

WPCSA STOCK SEAT EQUITATION (Article 117.5) 12/1/2017

Classes are open to Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred. Riders to be judged on seat, hands, performance of animal, appointments of animal and rider, and suitability of animal to rider. Riders enter the ring at a walk or jog and are judged at a flat-footed four beat walk, two-beat jog, and a three-beat lope both ways of the ring. All competitors are required to back a straight line during the line up. Tests may be required.

WPCSA LEADLINE WALK (Article 117.6) 12/1/2023

Classes open to riders 7 & under mounted on Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred, mares and geldings. The leading rein to be attached to the cavesson on the English bridle or to a noseband, cavesson or halter with a Western bridle while leaving control of the pony to the child. No chain leadlines allowed. Judged on equitation and suitability of mount at a walk. To stand quietly. 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, leading rein, leadline walk-trot/jog, and leadline walk-jog poles.

WPCSA LEADLINE WALK-TROT/JOE (Article 117.6) 12/1/2023

Classes open to riders 7 & under mounted on Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred, mares and geldings. The leading rein to be attached to the cavesson on the English bridle or to a noseband, cavesson or halter with a Western bridle while leaving control of the pony to the child. No chain leadlines allowed. Judged on equitation and suitability of mount at a walk and trot/jog. To stand quietly. 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, leading rein, leadline walk and leadline walk-trot/jog poles.

WPCSA LEADLINE WALK-TROT/JOE POLES (Article 117.6) 12/1/2023

Classes open to riders 7 & under mounted on Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred, mares and geldings. The leading rein to be attached to the cavesson on the English bridle or to a noseband, cavesson or halter with a Western bridle while leaving control of the pony to the child. No chain leadlines allowed. 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/jog. Poles are to be placed at a minimum of 4 feet off the rail, two on each side of the ring. The poles should be placed far enough away from the entrance gate to provide an adequately sized area to start the course. 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, leading rein, leadline walk, and leadline walk-trot/jog.

WPCSA WALK EQUITATION 12 & Under (Article 117.7) 12/1/2025

Classes open to riders 12 & under mounted on Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred, mares and geldings. Judged on equitation and suitability of mount. English or Western attire is acceptable. **RIDERS** in these classes may not compete in any other classes at this show that require jumping or cantering/loping. To walk both ways of the ring. Year-end high score award will be given.

WPCSA WALK-TROT/JOE EQUITATION 12 & Under (Article 117.7) 12/1/2025

Classes open to riders 12 & under mounted on Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred, mares and geldings. Judged on equitation and suitability of mount. To walk and trot/jog both ways of the ring. Possible test to include: walk, trot/jog, turn, halt and rein back at spots marked. English or Western attire is acceptable. **RIDERS** in these classes may not compete in any other classes at this show that require jumping or cantering/loping. Year-end high score award will be given.

WPCSA WALK-TROT/JOG POLES EQUITATION 12 & Under (Article 117.7) 12/1/2025

Classes open to riders 12 & under mounted on Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred, mares and geldings. 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/jog. Poles are to be placed at a minimum of 4 feet off the rail, two on each side of the ring. The poles should be placed far enough away from the entrance gate to provide an adequately sized area to start the course. English or Western attire is acceptable. **RIDERS** in these classes may not compete in any other classes at this show that require jumping or cantering/loping. Year-end high score award will be given.

WPCSA WALK EQUITATION 13 - 17 (Article 117.7) 12/1/2025

Classes open to riders 13 - 17 mounted on Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred, mares and geldings. Judged on equitation and suitability of mount. English or Western attire is acceptable. **RIDERS** in these classes may not compete in any other classes at this show that require jumping or cantering/loping. To walk both ways of the ring. Year-end high score award will be given.

WPCSA WALK-TROT/JOG EQUITATION 13 - 17 (Article 117.7) 12/1/2025

Classes open to riders 13 - 17 mounted on Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred, mares and geldings. Judged on equitation and suitability of mount. To walk and trot/jog both ways of the ring. Possible test to include: walk, trot/jog, turn, halt and rein back at spots marked. English or Western attire is acceptable. **RIDERS** in these classes may not compete in any other classes at this show that require jumping or cantering/loping. Year-end high score award will be given.

WPCSA WALK-TROT/JOG POLES EQUITATION 13 - 17 (Article 117.7) 12/1/2025

Classes open to riders 13 - 17 mounted on Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred, mares and geldings. 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/jog. Poles are to be placed at a minimum of 4 feet off the rail, two on each side of the ring. The poles should be placed far enough away from the entrance gate to provide an adequately sized area start the course. English or Western attire is acceptable. **RIDERS** in these classes may not compete in any other classes at this show that require jumping or cantering/loping. Year-end high score award will be given.

WPCSA WALK-TROT/JOG ADULT EQUITATION (Article 117.8) 12/1/2025

Class open to riders 18 years of age and older on Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred. English or Western attire is acceptable. Riders in this class may not compete in any other classes at this show that require jumping or cantering/loping. 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. Year-end high score award for the class will be given.

WPCSA JUNIOR WELSH HANDLER (Article 117.9) 12/1/2017

Class open to juniors handling Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred, mares and geldings. Judged on the ability and skill of the Junior in handling their animal as in the breed ring. The show qualities of the animal shall not be considered, although cleanliness and grooming can be considered. Exhibitors enter to the left, so as not to obscure the judge's view. The ring procedure should be the same routine used when judging standard halter classes. The judge evaluates the ability of the junior to follow directions, use space wisely, and execute the requested patterns. Juniors should appear "ring wise", be alert to the judging progression and be prepared for changes in the judging routine. This is not a showmanship class and a showmanship pattern should not be used.

WPCSA TRAIL (Article 118) 12/1/2025

Open to all Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred ridden by Juniors or Adult under English or Western equipment with appropriate rider attire (separate divisions are to be offered for juniors and adults). To be shown over and through obstacles at a walk, trot or jog, and canter or lope right and left lead. The course will include natural obstacles typically encountered on a trail such as negotiating a gate, carrying objects from one part of the arena to another, over logs or simulated brush, crossing a bridge and backing through obstacles. Rail work shall not be required. To be judged 100% on performance over and between obstacles, with emphasis on manners, response to the rider and quality of movement.

WPCSA IN-HAND TRAIL (Article 118) 12/1/2025

Open to Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred, led by juniors or adults under English, Western or breed-class tack with handlers suitably attired for equipment chosen. To be led over and through obstacles at the walk and Trot/Jog only. Tests which may be required are: negotiating a gate, carrying objects from one part of the arena to another, over logs or simulated brush, crossing a bridge, backing through obstacles, and performing over any reasonable conditions encountered along the trail. If entries warrant, this class may be split for Animals 2 & Under and Animals 3 & Over. If entries warrant the Animals 3 & Over can be split by Junior and Adult Exhibitor. To be judged 100% on performance.

WPCSA LEADING REIN (Article 119.1) 12/1/2025

Section A, B, C, or Half-Welsh/Part-Bred, mares or geldings, 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 led by an adult. The leading rein to be attached to the cavesson on the English bridle or to a noseband, cavesson or halter with a Western bridle while leaving control of the pony to the child. No chain leadlines allowed. To be shown at a walk, on the right rein (clockwise), to line up and stand quietly. Ponies will be called out individually to stand, walk out and trot or jog back past the judge. Ponies to be judged on manners, suitability, breed type, conformation and turn-out. This is not an equitation class. **There are no restrictions for the pony or rider.**

WPCSA CHILD'S FIRST PONY (Article 119.2) 12/1/2025

Section A, B, C, and Half-Welsh/Part-Bred, mares or geldings, 12.2 hands and under, to be ridden by junior exhibitors at least four, but no more than 10, years of age. Riders to be suitably dressed in Hunt, Saddle, or Western attire including protective headgear. Ponies to enter the ring on the right rein (clockwise) and be shown at a walk and trot or jog, both ways of the ring. Ponies to be judged on performance, manners and suitability. Conformation, way of going, manners, suitability and turnout to be emphasized. This is not an equitation class. **There are no restrictions for the pony or rider.**

WPCSA RIDDEN WELSH CLASSIC SECTIONS A & B (Article 119.3) 12/1/2025

This class is for registered Welsh Ponies, Section A & B, 4 years of age and over. To be judged 50% on conformation and 50% on performance. Entries shall enter the arena in a clockwise direction. To be shown on both reins as a group at the walk, trot, and canter with animation. The required individual performance must show all four gaits (the gallop need only be shown in one direction). Each animal will then be stripped and judged for conformation judging, showing at the walk and trot, in hand, by the rider. Once an entry has been judged for conformation it may be retacked. Class is an English class only. No Western, Saddle Seat, or Side Saddle tack or attire. Qualified UK or American Judge to officiate.

WPCSA RIDDEN COB WELSH CLASSIC SECTIONS C & D (Article 119.3) 12/1/2025

This class is for registered Welsh Cobs and Welsh Ponies of Cob Type, 4 years of age and over. To be judged 50% on conformation and 50% on performance. Entries shall enter the arena in a clockwise direction. To be shown on both reins as a group at the walk, trot, and canter with animation. The required individual performance must show all four gaits (the gallop need only be shown in one direction). Each animal will then be stripped and judged for conformation judging, showing at the walk and trot, in hand, by the rider. Once an entry has been judged for conformation it may be retacked. Class is an English class only. No Western, Saddle Seat, or Side Saddle tack or attire. Qualified UK or American Judge to officiate.

WPCSA RIDDEN WELSH CLASSIC – HALF-WELSH/PART-BRED (Article 119.3) 12/1/2025

Open to all riders mounted on registered Half-Welsh/Part-Bred, 4 years of age and over. To be judged 50% on conformation and 50% on performance. Entries shall enter the arena in a clockwise direction. To be shown on both reins as a group at the walk, trot, and canter with animation. The required individual performance must show all four gaits (the gallop need only be shown in one direction). Each animal will then be stripped and judged for conformation judging, showing at the walk and trot, in hand, by the rider. Once an entry has been judged for conformation it may be re-tacked. Class is an English class only. No Western, Saddle Seat, or Side Saddle tack or attire. Qualified UK or American Judge to officiate.

WPCSA RIDDEN WELSH CLASSIC CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS (Article 119.3) 12/1/2025

To be judged 50% on conformation and 50% on ridden performance. Open to first and second place winners from the Ridden Welsh A/B Classic, the Ridden Welsh C/D Classic and the Ridden Half-Welsh/Part-Bred Classic. There is no entry fee for this class. Places will be awarded for the Best Ridden and the Reserve Best Ridden. Any animal in this class is eligible to be named the Best Ridden. Entries shall enter the arena in a clockwise direction. The Judge shall request all four gaits (walk, trot, canter, and gallop) in at least one direction, but animals need not show in both directions. The judge shall consider the size of the ponies/cobs, ages of riders, and safety of arena when determining whether to have the animals perform as a group or individually. Individual pattern is optional at the judge's discretion. Entries shall not be stripped as conformation score from the qualifying class shall be carried forward.

WPCSA DRESSAGE SUITABILITY UNDER SADDLE (Article 119.4) 12/1/2025

Open to all riders mounted on Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred, using English or Western tack. To be shown both ways of the ring at a working walk, working trot/jog, and working canter/lope. Extended Trot and free walk on a loose rein to be performed in at least one direction. Trot/Jog work may be ridden sitting or posting. To stand quietly and back readily. To be judged 100% on performance, manners, movement and style. Judged on the animal's potential to become a Dressage mount. If entries warrant, this class may be split, but an animal may not enter more than one of those splits.

WPCSA RANCH PONY (Article 119.5.1) 12/1/2025

Class open to all Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred ridden by Juniors or Adults. To be shown individually using a pattern that includes the walk, trot and lope in both directions, and the extended trot and extended lope in at least one direction, as well as stops (not sliding) and back, with four obstacles to be completed. The animal should work with light contact and at a forward, working speed while under control by the rider. To be judged 100% on performance.

WPCSA WESTERN RIDING (Article 119.5.2) 12/1/2025

Class open to all Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred ridden by Juniors or Adults. To be shown individually using a pattern around cones and a log at the walk, jog and lope. Judged on the quality of gaits, lead changes (simple or flying) at the lope, response to the rider, manners and disposition. Animals may be ridden on light contact or a reasonably loose rein. The animal should cross the log at the jog and lope without breaking gait or radically changing stride. To be judged 100% on performance.

WPCSA REINING (Article 119.5.3) 12/1/2025

Class open to all Ponies/Cobs/Half-Welsh/Part-Bred ridden by Juniors or Adults. To be shown individually using a pattern that includes small slow circles, large fast circles, changes of lead, rollbacks over the hocks, a series of 360 degree turns done in place and stops (sliding stops not necessary). Judged upon entering the ring on smoothness, finesse, attitude, quickness and authority in performing the maneuvers. To be judged 100% on performance.

PLEASE PROMINANTLY INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR SHOW PROGRAM:

- Removing the bridle from an animal harnessed to a vehicle, or leaving an animal unattended while hitched, anywhere on the show grounds, will result in instant elimination and removal from the show grounds.
- Junior exhibitors must wear approved protective headgear (ASTM/SEI) at all times whenever mounted or in a driven vehicle at all times while on the show ground. Harness must be secured and properly fitted. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place.
- **PRIZE LISTS:**
Only one version of the prize list is considered the official one and this is the one that has been approved by the WPCSA office and is posted on the WPCSA website.
- **RULES COMMITTEE QUALIFICATIONS:**
All of your rules committee members **MUST** be current members of the WPCSA, have current SafeSport training certification, and **must** have immediately available a current rule book.