

## Rules and Regulations

### SWA of the WPCS Rules

- 1.1 All entries must be accompanied by the correct amount of fees for the show secretary to accept them.
- 1.2 All entry forms must be fully completed, and exhibitors must understand that if forms are not completed with correct information the Secretary has the right not to accept the entry.
- 1.3 There are no refunds for entries
- 1.4 It is not the responsibility of SWA WPCS to make sure your classes do not clash
- 1.5 It is up to the Competitor/ exhibitor or owner to know the rules before entering the class.
- 1.6 Refund of entries are only given if a vet certificate or doctors certificate is accompanied by the application.
- 1.7 The committee reserve the right to cancel/split or amalgamate any of its classes held depending on the number of entries. If such events should happen then the secretary will make sure that all entrants in that class will be notified.
- 1.8 COMPETITORS WHO ARE LUCKY ENOUGH TO QUALIFY FOR A CHAMPIONSHIP ARE EXPECTED TO COME FORWARD FOR IT. COMPETITORS MUST INFORM THE JUDGE, RING STEWARD OR SECRETARY IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY INCUR A PENALTY OF REFUSAL OF ENTRY FOR THE NEXT TWO SHOWS

### 2 NPS Qualifying Rounds: These classes are judged under the Rules of the NPS.

- 2.1 All Owners, Riders, Handlers and Exhibitors are responsible for ensuring the Rules on Impartiality are followed.
- 2.2 Ponies must be registered in any of the British Riding Pony studbook sections or the Ridden Register; the GSB; the AHSB; the AASB, or registered in the main body of their respective M&M Stud Book. Part bred are not eligible unless over stamped into one of the British Riding Pony studbook sections. or the Ridden Register.
- 2.3 NPS Qualifying Rounds Breed Show Rules: These classes are judged under the Rules of the NPS. Ponies must be registered in the main body of the Welsh Pony & Cob Society Stud Book.
- 2.4 Qualifying Rounds for most competitions are open to ponies owned by NPS members and non-members and at breed shows ponies can qualify for finals even if their owners are not members. Owner of qualified ponies must become adult Qualifying or Life members to enter the final of the competition at the NPS Summer Championship Show at Malvern from 2nd to 4th August 2022. .
- 2.5 The highest placed pony, in each class will qualify for the final. Qualification may pass down to third place if the first and second ponies are already qualified.
- 2.6 NPS/Rosettes Direct Home-Produced Ridden Championship – Riders of

Home-Produced ponies (see definition in the NPS Rules Book) must wear a white arm band in classes where this is indicated. These ponies, if owned by NPS members, are then eligible to qualify for the final at the NPS Summer Championship Show.

## **2.7 Stallions and Colts**

2.7.1 All Stallions or Colts must wear a Stallion bridle disc at all times.

2.7.2 All Stallions or Colts over the age of 2yrs must be in a bitted bridle at all time.

2.7.3 Handlers of Stallions or colts must be over the age of 14 years.

Riders of Stallions

2.7.2 Mountain and Moorland classes riders of stallions riders must be

2.7.2.1 12 years old or over when riding small breeds (Shetland, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Welsh A & B).

2.7.2.2 14 years old or over when riding large breeds (Highland, Fell, Dales, Connemara, New Forest, Welsh C & D)

2.7.3 In Part Bred Classes riders of stallions riders must be

2.7.3.1 12 years old or over when riding stallions not exceeding 128 cm

2.7.3.2 14 years old or over when riding stallions exceeding 128cms.

## **2.8 Eligibility for Home Produced classes:**

- a) *Classes are open to horses/ponies that have been stabled at home (without any paid assistance) or kept at livery on a DIY basis or at stud, since 1st January 2021.*
- b) *To be owned/kept, produced, ridden/handled by a person who does not receive remuneration in cash or kind from working with horses/ponies, or acts as a Brand Ambassador. This does not include the suppliers of ancillary services such as farriers and vets. (Stud Fees and associated costs are also excluded) No professional producers are allowed into the ring to groom/strip the horse/pony.*
- c) *Rider/handlers must not have shown any horse/pony produced by a Professional producer/trainer/groom at any show since 1st January 2021..*
- d) *Ponies must not be shown by a rider/handler who has shown for a Professional producer/trainer/groom at any show since the 1st January 2021..*
- e) *The definition of a Professional Producer/Trainer is - A person who undertakes the preparation and /or production of ponies/horses belonging to other exhibitors for the show ring including at a show. A producer is someone who has a horse/pony on their yard to show for the client and therefore has a financial interest*

2.9 NPS Winter Championship Qualifying Rounds This show is affiliated to the National Pony Society and the NPS affiliated classes will be run under NPS rules.

· Classes are open to Members and Non-Members of the NPS, but Non-Members will need to become members to enter the finals at the NPS Spring

Festival 2022.

- The NPS General Rules for Showing apply (see NPS website for details).
- In each class the three highest placed ponies, not already qualified, within the first six places, will qualify.

- **Winnings in the 2020/2021 Novice and Pure Novice Winter Championships will not debar ponies from the NPS 2021 Mountain and Moorland Novice Ridden competitions.** Qualification cards will be awarded in the ring

3 NO HORSE OR PONIES TO BE LEFT ALONE TIED UP TO THE OUTSIDE OF HORSE LORRIES or TRAILER'S

4. To thoroughly investigate past connections of their exhibits to avoid any conflicts of interests.

5. **Competitors are advised.**

6. To know all rules and regulations set out by the society's the class the competitors/ exhibitors competing in are affiliated to; whether **Members or Non Members of that specific class.**

7. Owners, exhibitors, riders, and handlers must thoroughly investigate past connections of their exhibits to avoid breaches with the rules dealing with impartiality during judging.

8. An exhibitor must not enter any animal bred by the Judge, previously owned or produced or leased by the Judge or with which the Judge has had any financial connection such as livery/ handling/schooling.

9. An exhibitor must not enter an animal under a Judge whose immediate family or employer owned, bred, leased, or produced that animal.

10. A rider, whip or handler must not compete in a class judged by a person for whom he/she has ridden, driven, or produced in hand during the previous and current showing season.

11. An animal must not be exhibited if under the ownership or production of any person for whom the Judge has obtained or provided livery in the previous and current showing season.

12. Substitutions and nomination of entries are not allowed.

13. The welfare of their pony or cob is paramount and no lame, sick or overly fat animal should be brought to the show or into a class.

14. Exhibitors must not approach a Judge on the day of the show.

15. A change of handler or rider is not allowed once the class has commenced, except in exceptional circumstances (injury or illness).

16. Exhibitors must always comply with the Steward's or Judge's requests.

17. Exhibitors should be dressed neatly and appropriately. A Judge is empowered to ask an exhibitor to leave the ring if considered inappropriately dressed. Blue denim Jeans are not acceptable.

18. Exhibitors must not wear clothing displaying any form of advertising.

19. Exhibitors must wear the correct number for the animal they are showing

20. An exhibitor must not leave the ring prior to the completion of judging unless instructed by the Judge or Steward. A class is completed when the

Judge requests the class to be dismissed.

21. Exhibitors must not use any artificial aids to aid the showing of their animals. Plastic bags, excessive and abnormal use of whips, noise producing objects are all deemed to be artificial aids.

22. Outside assistance using similar aids is also forbidden and Judges are empowered to ask exhibitors making use of such assistance to leave the ring. Judges will receive the full support of the Society.

23. Exhibitors must always have their animals under control. If in a Judge's opinion an unruly animal is likely to cause an accident, the Judge has the power to ask that the animal leaves the ring.

24. A Judge's decision is final. Any objections must be lodged initially with the Show secretary according to the show's complaints procedure and WPCS rules.

25. All riders and handlers under the age of 16 years must wear a hat that meet standards of PAS 015 (1998 or 2011), VG1 01.040 (2014-12), ASTM F1163 2004a or 04a onwards, SNELL E2001 or E2016, AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards)

26. Exhibitor you will need to provide the WPCS with certain personal information relating to you. Your privacy is extremely important to WPCS, so we want you to know exactly how we will use that personal information. Our full privacy notice setting out detailed information about matters such as what personal information we use, for what purpose we use it, what our legal basis for doing so is and who we share your personal information with, can be viewed on our website <http://wpcs.uk.com/> If you would prefer to see a hard copy of our privacy notice, please ask a member of WPCS staff to provide you with the same.