



The Welsh Pony & Cob Society of N.Z. (Inc)

GUIDELINES FOR SHOWS & COMPETITORS

Please Note: Below are Guidelines only.

Competitors must abide by the rules of the show they are competing at.

ELIGIBILITY TO SHOW IN REGISTERED WELSH CLASSES

- 1) Must be registered with The Welsh Pony and Cob Society of New Zealand (Inc) in either the Purebred Stud Book or the Partbred Register and in the case of foals, to be eligible for registration
- 2) Exhibits must be shown in the Section of the WP&CS of NZ Stud Book or Partbred Register in which they are registered and must have a WPCSNZ registration number allocated
 - a. There is no height restriction in the Partbred Section of the Registered Welsh Breed Classes
- 3) Height certificates are not required for Registered Purebred and Partbred Welsh Ponies & Cobs in Registered Welsh Breed Classes
- 4) Foals must be eligible for registration with The Welsh Pony & Cob Society of New Zealand.
- 5) Exhibits must be entered under their registered name. In all classes where applicable the name of the Pony, Age, Sire, Dam and Studbook number shall be given on the entry form.
- 6) Proof of registration may be requested and must be shown on demand. The responsibility for accuracy of the description or pedigree and for the eligibility of animals to compete rests with the exhibitor.
- 7) Artificial changes to the original markings of an animal as recorded on the Registration Paper will not be allowed.
- 8) A Broodmare is a mare which has foaled, has a foal at foot or is to foal in the current breeding season, prior to the 31st July.
 - a. A Broodmare with a foal at foot is ineligible for ridden or harness classes
 - b. Foals under the age of three weeks and their dams must not be shown
 - c. Foals to be led at all times by a separate Handler
 - d. All foals to be restrained or secured at all times.
- 9) All Stallions & Colts must be entire and may be subject to a veterinary inspection at any time during the show at the discretion of the Show
 - a. All colts 2 years and over must be bitted in the ring
 - b. Stallions must be fully registered and not on temporary colt papers.
 - c. Temporary Colts may not be shown in stallion or gelding classes.
 - d. Colts over three (3) years of age with temporary registration numbers will not be eligible for entry
 - e. Ponies/cobs registered as geldings must be gelded
 - f. Riders, drivers and handlers of stallions and colts are to be **16** years and over from the first day of the show.
 - g. All Colts/Stallions one year and over must be stabled or under strict control at all times, (Handler to be **16** years or over)
 - h. Youngstock to be three (3) years and under at date of show.

10) PLAITING OF EXHIBITS

- a. Registered Welsh Purebreds - must not be plaited - in the In-hand breed classes unless exhibited in Ridden or Driven classes on the same day.
- b. All Purebred Welsh foals must be exhibited with manes and tails unplaited and must not be clipped (trimming is permissible).
- c. Partbred Welsh plaiting is optional.

11) CLIPPING:

- a. Purebred Welsh Exhibits 4 years and over which have been clipped for winter activities can be shown. Fresh body clipping of Purebreds for shows is not advisable.
- b. Partbred Welsh clipping is optional.

12) WELFARE OF EXHIBITORS

- a. Exhibits competing under saddle or in harness must be three years old or over. Exhibits competing in jumping must be four years and over.
- b. Safety Standard Approved Helmets must be worn at all times when mounted.
- c. Leading rein handler to be 16 years and over on the first day of the show.
- d. In the Lead rein classes the Pony's 'Lead Rein' must be attached to the Cavesson Noseband only.
- e. All protests must be in writing and be lodged with the Secretary on the day within ten (10) minutes and must be accompanied by a deposit of (\$50 which shall be refunded only if the protest is upheld. The decision of the protest committee shall be final.
- f. No exhibitor may show an exhibit under a judge where the Judge/Judge's family/Judge's business partner/Judge's employer
 - a) Has leased a horse from competitor within the last six (6) months or the term of the lease.
 - b) Has been represented under competition conditions by competitor within the last six (6) months.
 - c) Has provided tuition for either competitor and/or horse being exhibited within the past six (6) months.
 - d) Has accommodated competitor and/or horse two (2) weeks prior to the day of competition.
 - e) Are family members
 - f) Have been employers in the last six (6) months
 - g) Owned a stallion or mare of a progeny group

**GUIDELINES FOR PRESENTING YOUR PUREBRED WELSH PONY OR COB
FOR SHOWING**

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All purebred Welsh Ponies & Cobs should be shown unplaited and in as natural state as possible unless entered in ridden or driven classes on the same day

But you may discreetly trim and thin to enhance good points and play down faults.

EARS: Trim with scissors or clippers at least a week before the show by pressing sides of ears together and trimming level with the ear itself. The hair is there for protection, if you take too much out water and bugs may get in more easily and cause problems.

JAW: To trim the side and under the jaw, jowl and up into the throat use scissors or clippers at least a month before the first show and then tidy up any re-growth a week before. When there is not much hair, you will usually only have to trim the underside of the jaw and jowl with scissors or clippers a week before. Thinning scissors also do this job very well. Whatever way you choose to do your trimming, blend it in and allow at least a week for re-growth to achieve a natural look.

NOSE WHISKERS: Trim off all whiskers from the top and bottom lip. It gives a nice clean finish to the face and helps to show off nice open nostrils. This should be done the day before the show as they grow back very quickly.

LEGS: White socks, grey knees, elbows, hocks and tails are washed every day with cold water and cake sunlight or pure soap for two weeks before a show to help eliminate grass and urine stains. Ponies can be bathed a week before as well as the day before the show. Use good quality equine shampoos and conditioners, as they are developed for horses not humans.

MANE: A too thick, unruly or long mane may be thinned, shortened and tamed by pulling or with thinning scissors. But do not do this as much or in a straight line as you would for a Riding Pony, just enough so that the mane does not show from the other side of the neck. Wash and condition with a good quality equine shampoo and conditioner

One long plait is usually placed at the poll behind the ear to show off the throat line. This can be secured with a matching rubber band, thread or wool or a strand of tail hair if you wish to be discreet. Do not turn the end of the plait up. Some people plait fine ribbon in as well.

TAILS: The tail should look natural, be set high and gaily carried. But you do not want it to drag on the ground and have an unbalanced look. So it can be discreetly pulled or trimmed with thinning scissors in a natural line (not squared off) at a level that flatters. If the top of the tail is too bushy this also can be thinned (not too much) to show off a good hind quarter, or to help make a weak one appear stronger. Wash and condition with a good quality equine shampoo and conditioner

HOOVES: A hoof dressing can be used sparingly. This should be a clear dressing not black.

SADDLERY: A well fitted fine plain leather in hand bridle or in hand show halter without clutter. This shows off the Welshies lovely head. Try to avoid a large bridle, a cavesson too low or too high on the nose or too tight that it annoys, also a throat lash so tight that a pony cannot flex at the poll correctly.

The brow band needs to be plain, no ribbon brow bands, or in the case of Stallions Brass Link or plain and also if the brow band is too large or too small it can detract.

In-Hand Tack:

Youngstock may be shown in a white webbing or white rope show halter, leather head collar or leather in hand show bridle.

Mares/Geldings four years old or over may be shown in a white webbing or rope show halter, leather head collar, show bridle or riding bridle.

Stallions and Colts

In the interest of safety all colts and stallions two years old or over should be suitably bitted and led by a capable handler and should wear an "S" badge on the bridle. Refer to and abide by the rules of the Show entered

YOU: Choose clothes that are practical, you only want to complete the picture not take it over. Sensible matching or toning shoes, that are comfortable and easy to run in. Hair tidy and a practical hat and gloves add the finishing touch.

GUIDELINES FOR SHOWING YOUR PARTBRED WELSH PONY OR HORSE

Part Welsh ponies & horses may be shown in natural condition, similar to showing a Welsh pony or cob, however generally they are presented as an open pony or horse

GUIDELINES FOR JUDGES, & EXHIBITORS REGARDING PLAITING AT SHOWS:

At Breed Shows all Purebred exhibits shown in in-hand classes must be shown UNPLAITED. This does not include Part Welsh.

At A&P & other Shows that require Welsh exhibits to be registered in in-hand classes Purebred Welsh exhibits must be unplaited unless exhibiting in ridden or driven classes on the same day. This does not include Part Welsh.

At all other shows where there is no requirement for Welsh entries to be registered, the above regulations do not apply.

At these shows plaited exhibits should not be penalised.

OVERVIEW: TRIMMING FOR SHOWS The Welsh Breeds are a Native Breed and too much trimming and pulling detracts from their native characteristics. Purebred animals registered in Sections A, B, C, D should be shown in as natural a state as possible, manes and tails should not be plaited with the exception of an optional single plait behind the ear.

All animals including foals should not be body clipped for showing purposes. Long hair under the jaw line and those protruding from the ears may be trimmed off, leaving as natural a line as possible. The whiskers around the muzzle may be trimmed.

However there are exceptions for Welsh Ponies and Cobs 3 years and over which are ridden or driven, these may be clipped, trimmed and plaited in accordance with the turnout requirements for the competition they compete in and should not be penalized if shown In-Hand on the same day.