



**MANITOBA WELSH PONY
AND
COB ASSOCIATION**

50th Annual Show

Virden, Manitoba

August 22nd & 23rd, 2026

Rules & Class List

PLEASE FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH ALL THE RULES!

Exhibitors must be PAID UP members of MWP&CA and MHC.

Senior Pony/Cob Recognition must have a write up to be read out loud when being presented in the ring in order to receive a certificate and plaque.

ENTRIES MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE SHOW SECRETARY NO LATER THAN AUGUST 14, 2026.

Please mail your entries to Julie Gibson, PO Box 1952, Virden, MB, R0M 2C0 or send by email to soloist32@hotmail.com. *Note: If entries are emailed, a cheque can be mailed to Julie at the above address or e-transferred to the Show account at mwpcashow@gmail.com

BEFORE SEALING THE ENVELOPE HAVE YOU:

- **READ ALL THE RULES?**
- **ENCLOSED A CHEQUE FOR THE CORRECT AMOUNT IF NOT E-TRANSFERRING?**
- **ENTERED THE PONIES IN THEIR CLASSES, USING THEIR COMPLETE REGISTERED NAME?**
- **INDICATED THE # OF BAGS OF SHAVINGS YOU NEED?**
- **ENCLOSED A PHOTOCOPY OF THE PONY'S REGISTRATION PAPERS?**
- **INDICATED IF PAYOUTS ARE BY CHEQUE OR E-TRANSFER**

HOTELS & MOTELS

Jay's Inn & Suites (for discount, call Julie at 204-851-1765 by August 1st) 320 Frontage Rd W., Virden Ph: 204-748-2223	Virden Motel 585 Nelson St. E., Virden Ph: 204 748-2424
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EXHIBITOR & GENERAL RULES

- The Manitoba Welsh Pony and Cob Association, its members and executive and/or show owners/leasers or the fairgrounds where this show is held, will not be held responsible for any personal injury, loss or damage to any pony exhibited or for any article lost, destroyed or in any way damaged.
- Owner/exhibitor must have a current year's membership with the Manitoba Welsh Pony and Cob Association. Membership fees can be paid to Joanne Armstrong, PO Box 53, Treherne, MB. R0G 2V0. A membership application form is included in "The Flash" or on our website.
- All exhibitors must have a current year's membership in the Manitoba Horse Council or equivalent from their home province and to be able to provide proof of same.
- **ALL** Ponies are to be stabled in the designated barns.
- **ENTRIES MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE SHOW SECRETARY, JULIE GIBSON, NO LATER THAN AUGUST 14, 2026.**
- Photocopies of registration papers and appropriate fees shall accompany entry forms or the entry will not be accepted. No phone entries will be accepted.
- POST ENTRIES will be accepted for Produce of Dam and Get of Sire until 8:30 am the morning of the show.
- There will be no entry fees refunded after the closing date of entry without a veterinarian's certificate postmarked within fourteen days following the show.
- No money will be refunded for scratched entries. Entry fees are \$5.00/class, with the exception of Stakes classes which are \$10.00/class.
- All animals shall be entered and shown under their full registered names in all classes.
- The show committee reserves the right to cancel or combine classes if there are insufficient entries.
- Numbers will be assigned to each pony. Riders and handlers are to ensure they are wearing the correct number. All exhibitors are asked to pick up their numbers upon arrival.
- Exhibitors are encouraged to be on time for their classes. Please assemble ponies in the hitching ring while preceding class is being judged. If you need a class to be held, please notify the ring steward.
- Partbred and purebred ponies and cobs may be shown together in some performance classes. Cross entries are allowed in saddle and harness classes.
- No persons shall be allowed in the ring except the judge, show officials, and one handler per pony. Assistance in showing from outside the ring is prohibited, with the exception of Showmanship 4 years & under and 8 years & under.
- Abuse of any pony on the grounds will not be tolerated. Any persons not conforming to this rule is subject to penalty by the MWP&CA.

- All animals that are eligible for a championship shall compete unless excused by the show committee.
- All ponies/cobs must have Welsh registration papers and be shown in the current registered owner's/leasers name.
- All ponies foaled in Canada and owned by a Canadian resident must be registered in the stud book of the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Canada. All ponies under one year of age must be eligible for registration.
- Junior Exhibitor: (child) A person who has NOT reached his/her 18th birthday as of January 1st of the current year. **AN APPROVED HELMET IS MANDATORY ANYTIME A JUNIOR IS MOUNTED. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!** No Junior under 18 years of age will be allowed to show a colt or stallion one year of age or older in any class.
- Senior Exhibitor (adult): A person who HAS reached his/her 18th birthday as of January 1st of the current year.
- All protests during the show shall be in writing, accompanied by a twenty-five (\$25.00) deposit; said protest will be placed in the hands of the show committee, whose decision will be based on the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of Canada rulebook. The show committee's decision is final. Should the protest be sustained, the \$25.00 will be refunded to the protesting party, otherwise the money will become the property of the MWP&CA.
- Animals in groups and championship classes are **NOT** required to move.
- All entries in performance classes will be WALKED to and from the show ring.
- All exhibitors will show their entries in the designated ring provided. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- **NO MARES SHALL BE BRED ON THE GROUNDS.**
- **NO EXHIBITOR WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE RING WITHOUT HAVING SIGNED THE WAIVER.**
- **DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES.**

Breed Classes:

Eligibility:

All ponies must be registered in Section A, B, Cobs, or partbred with the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation or the Welsh Pony Society of America (if owned by an American resident) and must be entered under their registered name and shown in the section in which they are registered.

All ponies foaled in Canada and owned by a Canadian resident must be registered in the studbook of the Canadian Welsh Pony & Cob Society. All ponies under one year of age shall be eligible for registration.

All ponies/cobs must have Welsh registration papers and be shown in the last registered owner's name. A copy of registration papers for ALL ponies entered MUST accompany entries along with appropriate fees.

Persons leasing ponies SHALL have written lease agreement from CLRC and photocopy of the registration papers. Leased ponies cannot be shown in Best Three Ponies class.

Height:

- Welsh Mountain Ponies (Section “A”) shall not exceed 12.2 hands in height.
- Welsh Ponies (Section “B”) shall not exceed 14.0 hands in height.
- Welsh Ponies of Cob type (Section “C”) shall not exceed 13.2 hands in height.
- Welsh Cobs (Section “D”) shall exceed 13.2 hands with no upper limit.

“Height” excludes the height of shoe (any pad) measured at the heel. Ponies may be shown barefoot. Foals and yearlings MUST be shown barefoot. The length of the toe for section “A” ponies, 12.2 hands and under must not exceed 4”, including shoe which, excluding nails but including pad must not weigh more than 10 ounces.

The length of the toe for section “B” ponies not exceeding 14 hands must not exceed four-and-one-half inches, including the shoe which, excluding nails but including pad, must not weigh more than 12 ounces.

Section “C” and Section “D” Welsh Cobs have no limits imposed as to the length of toe or weight of shoe bearing in mind that free, true, and forceful action is the landmark of the Welsh Cob.

Ring Procedure & Grooming:

In judging breed classes, emphasis shall be on breed characteristics. Natural reaching action is desired. To be judged 75% on breed type, conformation, quality and substance; and 25% on way of going, disposition and manners. In order to properly evaluate the desired reaching shoulder movement, the judge should conduct the class so that each animal may be viewed in action in profile as well as from the front and rear. Animals must be serviceable sound, in good condition and well groomed. No discrimination shall be made regarding colour of eyes. Transmissible weakness and unsoundness to be counted against.

In Junior breeding classes (two years and under) Section “A” ponies are to shown with a natural mane, without braids or ribbons of any kind, and a long unset, ungingered tail. The long hairs of the face and ears may be clipped. In Section “B” classes, braiding is optional. Section “C” and Section “D” cobs shall be shown with full mane and tail and feathers on their heels.

In Senior breeding classes (3 years & over) animals may be presented in the same manner as they are in the classes of the Welsh section in which they perform but must comply with shoeing regulations.

In Section “A” the whiskers around the muzzle must **not** be trimmed, however hairs under the jaw may be trimmed, a narrow braid behind the ear is acceptable. The mane may be thinned and shortened to conform to the line of the neck.

Section “B” may have the mane and tail thinned and pulled or braided but both tail and mane must be neat. The feathers may be removed from the heels and the excess hair from around the ears, and under the jaw line. Whiskers must **not** be trimmed.

Section “C” and “D” shall be shown with full mane and tail and feathers on their heels. The whiskers around the muzzle must **not** be trimmed, however hairs under the jaw may be trimmed

Mature stallions and two-year-olds must be masculine in appearance and have all the fully developed physical characteristics of a stallion including both testicles evident. Animals are to be shown in hand at the walk and trot except in group classes where the animals are not required to move. Stallions 2 and under can be shown in a halter or bridle. Only senior stallions (3 years and over) may be shown in stallion tack, but must be shown in a bridle.

Stretched ponies will be corrected. The toes of the hind feet should be no further back than the point of the quarter.

UNRULY ANIMALS WILL BE EXCUSED FROM THE RING.

ALL CLASSES EXCEPT CHAMPIONSHIP WILL HAVE A PAY-OUT INSTEAD OF PRIZES AFTER THE SHOW BY E-TRANSFER OR CHEQUE. 1ST - \$10 2ND - \$8 3RD \$6

SECTION "A" WELSH MOUNTAIN PONIES

- 1A Broodmare with foal at side, visibly in foal, or has produced a foal in the current year.
- 2A Foal of current year: filly, colt, or gelding
- 3A Yearling: filly, colt or gelding
- 4A Two year old: filly, colt, or gelding

JUNIOR CHAMPION SECTION "A" and RESERVE

Eligible: 1st and 2nd place ponies from classes 2A, 3A, and 4A

- 5A Stallion: Three years and over. **Must be shown in a bridle.**

CHAMPION SECTION "A" STALLION AND RESERVE

Eligible: 1st and 2nd place stallions in class 5A plus Junior Champion & Reserve if either or both are colts

- 6A Yeld Mare: Three years and over. No cross entry to Class 1A

CHAMPION SECTION "A" MARE & RESERVE

Eligible: 1st & 2nd place mares from classes 6A & 1A plus Junior Ch. & Reserve if either or both are fillies

- 7A Gelding: Three years and over.

CHAMPION SECTION "A" GELDING & RESERVE

Eligible: 1st & 2nd place geldings from class 7A plus Junior Ch. & Reserve if either or both are geldings.

GRAND CHAMPION SECTION "A" & RESERVE

Eligible: Champion & Reserve stallions, mares & geldings

SECTION "B" WELSH PONIES

- 8B Broodmare with foal at side, visibly in foal, or has produced a foal in the current year.
- 9B Foal of current year: filly, colt, or gelding
- 10B Yearling: filly, colt, or gelding
- 11B Two year old: filly, colt, or gelding

Section "B" JUNIOR CHAMPION & RESERVE

Eligible are 1st & 2nd place ponies from classes 9B, 10B, & 11B

- 12B Stallion: 3 years and over **Must be shown in a bridle.**

SECTION "B" STALLION CHAMPION & RESERVE

Eligible: 1st and 2nd place stallions from class 12B plus Junior Ch. & Reserve if either or both are colts.

- 13B Yeld Mare: Three years and over. No cross entry to class 8B

SECTION "B" MARE CHAMPION & RESERVE

Eligible: 1st and 2nd place mares from classes 8B & 13B plus Ch. & Reserve if either or both are fillies.

14B Gelding: Three years and over

SECTION "B" GELDING CHAMPION & RESERVE

Eligible: 1st & 2nd place geldings from class 14B plus Junior Ch. & Reserve if either or both are geldings

SECTION "B" GRAND CHAMPION & RESERVE

Eligible: Champion & Reserve mares, stallions, & reserve

SECTION "C/D WELSH PONIES

15C/D Broodmare with foal at side, visibly in foal, or has produced a foal in the current year.

16C/D Foal of current year: filly, colt, or gelding

17C/D Yearling: filly, colt, or gelding

18C/D Two year old: filly, colt, or gelding

Section "C/D" JUNIOR CHAMPION & RESERVE

Eligible are 1st & 2nd place ponies from classes 16C/D, 17 C/D & 18C/D

19C/D Stallion: 3 years and over **Must be shown in a bridle.**

SECTION "C/D" STALLION CHAMPION & RESERVE

Eligible: 1st and 2nd place stallions from class 19C/D plus Junior Ch. & Reserve if either or both are colts.

20C/D Yeld Mare: Three years and over. No cross entry to class 15C/D

SECTION "C/D" MARE CHAMPION & RESERVE

Eligible: 1st and 2nd place mares from class 15C/D and 20 C/D plus Junior Ch. & Res. if either or both are fillies.

21C/D Gelding: Three years and over

SECTION "C/D" GELDING CHAMPION & RESERVE

Eligible: 1st & 2nd place geldings from class 21 C/D plus Junior Ch. & Reserve if either or both are geldings

SECTION "C/D" GRAND CHAMPION & RESERVE

Eligible: Champion & Reserve mares, stallions, & reserve

SUPREME CHAMPION & RESERVE

Eligible: Grand Champion & Reserve Section A, Grand Champion & Reserve Section B, and Grand Champion & Reserve Section C/D.

PARTBRED WELSH

23H Partbred Welsh: Two years & under: filly, colt, or gelding

24H Partbred Welsh: Over 2 years: mare or gelding

PARTBRED WELSH CHAMPION & RESERVE

Eligible: 1st & 2nd place ponies from classes 23H & 24H

SPECIAL CLASSES

- 25 **PRODUCE OF DAM:** Two purebred Welsh, any age.
Joint ownership is permitted, Breeder to be recognized on class entry.
Post entries accepted until 8:30 am the day of the show.
- 26 **GET OF SIRE:** Two purebred Welsh, any age.
Joint ownership permitted, Breeder to be recognized on class entry.
Post entries accepted until 8:30 am the day of the show.
- 27 **THREE BEST PURBRED WELSH:** Any age, owned by one exhibitor, leased ponies are not eligible.
- 28 **FINDELN STARS & STRIPES SPECIAL:** Sponsored by Marg Allen & family. Open to Sec. "B" Welsh any age or sex, bred and foaled in Manitoba.

SHOWMANSHIP

Class Specifications:

Exhibitors may show in English or Western attire. Exhibitors shall follow the instructions of the judge and ringmaster. Numbers are to be worn and must be clearly visible. To be judged 60% on handler's showmanship and 40% on presentation.

Appointments:

PERSONAL:

Clothes and person must be neat and clean. Suitable conservative attire must be appropriate to the manner in which the pony is shown, English or Western. Boots or shoes, long sleeved shirt or blouse and tie or scarf is encouraged. Sweater, vest, or jackets are optional. Informal but neat attire should not be penalized. Helmets must be worn in English classes.

TACK: A suitable halter giving the handler full control of the pony is mandatory – a white Welsh web halter, show halter or headstall with bit may be used.

PRESENTATION INCLUDES: Conditioning, grooming, tack and exhibitor.

SHOWMANSHIP INCLUDES: Leading, showing, poise, alertness, and attitude.

Class Routine:

Handlers to enter the ring clockwise on the rail with the pony in the right hand and the balance of the lead safely folded and held in the left hand and proceed to the point designated by the judge or ringmaster. The judge shall indicate whether the exhibitors shall enter at a walk or trot. The pony when presented to the judge should stand balanced on all four feet, not stretched. A short crop is permissible but action that will disturb other entries shall be penalized. The handler should stand facing the pony in front of and off the pony's shoulder. It is optional when showing the pony that the shank is held in the left or right hand. As the judge moves around the pony, the handler should position him/herself to avoid obstructing the judge's view but does not require the handler to move to the off side of the pony. Each pony must be worked individually on the line at the walk and trot. When making a turn to the judge, it should only be to the right, with the exhibitor walking around the pony. Each handler should be aware of the judge during the entire class.

Age of ALL exhibitors shall be determined as of January 1st of current year.

- 29 Showmanship, 4 years & under
- 30 Showmanship, 5 – 8 years
- 31 Showmanship 9 - 12 years
- 32 Showmanship 13 - 17 years
- 33 Showmanship 18 years & over
- 34 Ellice Lints Memorial: 55+ exhibitors. To walk only in this class.

LEADLINE/WALK TROT

- 35 **LEADLINE:** 6 years and under. To be judged on basic riding position. To enter the ring at a flat-footed walk, turning right and proceeding in a counterclockwise direction on the rail. The class should be walked both directions of the ring. In the line-up the judge may ask riders to back their ponies to assist him/her to assess the extent of the rider's ability. A lead shank of at least six feet long must be attached to the shank of the bit or to a halter that is under the bridle, so that while the rider is on the rail, the leader may have some control. If the judge asks the rider to back his pony while lined up, the leader should only keep the pony under control. Riders may cross-enter to costume class only. To be shown at a WALK only.
- 36 **WALK-TROT:** 12 years & under. Walk & trot only. No cross entry to any other riding classes with the exception of the costume class.

RIDING CLASSES

- 101 **JUNIOR WELSH WESTERN PLEASURE:** Ridden by a boy or girl under 18 years of age. To be shown both ways of the ring, at a walk, jog, and lope on a reasonably loose rein, without restraint. To be shown without noseband, tie-down, or martingale. To be judged 60% on manners, performance, and style, 30% on breed type and conformation, 10% on appointments. Suitability to be considered. Snaffle bits permitted on ponies of all ages. NO STALLIONS PERMITTED
- 102 **SENIOR WELSH WESTERN PLEASURE:** Ridden by a person 18 years & over. Same rules as Class 101. Riding a mare, gelding, or stallion.
- 103 **JUNIOR WELSH ENGLISH PLEASURE:** Ridden by a boy or girl under 18 years of age. To be shown both ways of the ring, at a walk, jog, and canter without a martingale. To be judged 60% on manners, performance, and style, 30% on breed type and conformation, 10% on appointments. Suitability to be considered. NO STALLIONS PERMITTED
- 104 **SENIOR WELSH ENGLISH PLEASURE:** Ridden by a person 18 years & over. Same rules as Class 103. Riding a mare, gelding, or stallion.
- 105 **SECTION "A" WELSH PLEASURE:** Rider any age, equipment optional.
- 106 **SECTION "B" WELSH PLEASURE:** Rider any age, equipment optional.
- 107 **SECTION "C/D" WELSH PLEASURE:** Rider any age, equipment optional.
- 108 **PARTBRED WELSH PLEASURE:** Rider any age, equipment optional.
- 109 **JUNIOR WELSH PONY OR WELSH COB:** 5 years & under, equipment optional. Rider can be any age. Suitability to be considered.

- 110 FAMILY PLEASURE RIDING:** Open to 2 or more members of the same family. Combinations that qualify: husband/wife, brother/sister, mother/daughter/son, or combination thereof. Riders to be named on entry form. Equipment optional, required to walk, trot/jog only.
- 111 BEST MATCHED SADDLE PAIR:** Equipment optional. Similarity of mounts, equipment & dress taken into consideration.
- 112 STAKE SADDLE:** Open to all sections & ages, equipment optional. The MWP&CA will contribute \$50 toward prize money. Entry fee will be \$10 which will be added to the purse. Same rules as Class 101.
Four money placings: 1st – 40%; 2nd – 30%; 3rd – 20%, 4th – 10%

WELSH CHAMPION RIDING: *Eligible 1st & 2nd place winners of classes 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109*

HARNESS CLASSES

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL A BRIDLE BE REMOVED FROM AN ANIMAL WHILE IT IS STILL PUT TO A VEHICLE. A PONY/COB MUST NEVER BE LEFT UNATTENDED WHILE PUT TO A VEHICLE. FAILURE TO COMPLY SHALL INCUR ELIMINATION FROM THE CLASS. Pneumatic tires and cross country vehicles permitted. Children 13 years & under **MUST** be accompanied by a knowledgeable adult.

- 200 JUNIOR PLEASURE DRIVING:** To be driven by a boy or girl under 18 years of age. Mare or gelding hitched to a suitable two or four wheeled vehicle (no race or roadster bikes permitted) grooms permitted. To be judged 50% on manners and suitability of a children's driving Welsh, 20% on breed type & conformation, 30% on performance. **NO STALLIONS PERMITTED.**
- 201 NOVICE DRIVING PONY:** Open to all sections of Welsh not having won three first place ribbons in driving classes at MWP&CA shows as at entry date.
- 202 SENIOR WELSH PLEASURE DRIVING:** Open to ladies or gentlemen driving a Welsh Pony or Cob. Mare, stallion, or gelding.
- 203 WELSH PLEASURE COMBINATION:** To be shown first in harness as a pleasure driving Welsh and then under saddle as an English or Western Pleasure Welsh. To be driven and ridden by the same person. To be judged 50% in harness, 50% under saddle. Helpers allowed assisting with tack change. **REMOVAL OF THE BRIDLE WHILE A PONY/COB IS STILL PUT TO A VEHICLE WILL INCUR IMMEDIATE ELIMINATION FROM THIS CLASS.**
- 204 WELSH SECTION "A" PLEASURE DRIVING:** To be shown to a two or four-wheeled vehicle suitable for pleasure, type of harness is optional, but should be appropriate to the vehicle. Drivers shall carry a whip, driving apron, and hat. Western hat and attire acceptable, if appropriate to vehicle. Passengers are permitted. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, slow trot, working trot, to stand quietly and to back readily. To be judged 60% on manners, performance & style, 50% on breed type and conformation.
- 205 WELSH SECTION "B" PLEASURE DRIVING:** To be shown & judged as per class 204.
- 206 WELSH SECTION "C/D" PLEASURE DRIVING:** To be shown & judged as per class 204.
- 207 WELSH PARTBRED PLEASURE DRIVING:** To be shown & judged as per class 204.

- 208 WELSH PAIRS:** All sections: Harness optional. To be shown at a walk, slow trot & working trot both ways of the ring. To stand quietly and to back readily. At all times the animals are to show the ability to work as a unit, with evenness of tugs. To be judged 60% on performance, manners and way of going, 25% on breed type, conformation and likeness, 15% on appropriateness of harness, vehicle and attire.
- 209 SENIOR REINMANSHIP:** 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. Drivers shall be asked 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-hand or two-hand method of driving is acceptable. Common to methods, the elbows and arms should be close to the body with an allowing, but steady hand, enabling a constant “feel” with the animal’s mouth. Drivers should not be penalized or rewarded, for using one general style over another. In order to evaluate a driver’s versatility, the judge may request a test involving driving with one hand. Individual tests may be requested to test the skill and dexterity of the driver. To be judged 70% on handling of the reins, whip control, posture and overall appearance of the driver; 20% on the condition of the harness and vehicle, neatness of attire; 10% on breed type and conformation.
- 210 JUNIOR REINMANSHIP:** To be shown and judged as per class 208.
- 211 WELSH PLEASURE TURNOUT:** A pleasure driving class in which entries are 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 back readily. All entries chosen for a work-off shall be worked both ways of the ring at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to execute a figure of eight and/or perform other appropriate tests. To be judged 60% on way of going, impression of turnout, vehicle and harness, 30% on breed type and conformation, 10% on appointments and driver attire.
- 212 STAKE PLEASURE DRIVING:** Open to all Sections & Ages. The MWP&CA will contribute \$50 toward prize money. Entry fee will be \$10 which will be added to the purse. Four money placings: 1st - 40%; 2nd - 30%; 3rd - 20%; 4th - 10%. To be shown and judged as per Class 204.

WELSH CHAMPION DRIVING

Eligible: 1st and 2nd place class winners from classes: 200, 201, 202, 204, 205, 206, 207

COSTUME CLASSES

- 300 WELSH COSTUME, JUNIOR:** Equipment optional. Can be ridden, driven, or lead.
- A) Fancy Costume
B) Comic Costume
- 301 WELSH COSTUME, SENIOR:** Equipment optional. Can be ridden, driven, or lead.

INHAND TRAIL

- 302 SENIOR IN-HAND TRAIL:** Open to all Purebred and Partbred Welsh three and over.
GAITS: The walk and trot must be incorporated into the course. After three (3) refusals the exhibitor must move on to the next obstacle. Refusal of three (3) obstacles will result in elimination.

DISQUALIFICATIONS: Exhibitors will be excused if:

- a) pony escapes
- b) excessive schooling and/or abuse of pony
- c) pony becomes unmanageable
- d) pony shows to be lame

EXCEPTIONS: Handler should always have their right hand on the lead near the snap or chain and use the left hand to hold excess lead. It will be permissible to hold the lead or switch hands **ONLY** when:

- a) carrying/dragging an object from one point to another
- b) opening and closing a gate
- c) performing a turn on the forehand or haunches
- d) sidepassing

Handler is not allowed to touch the pony except when executing the sidepass. The pony should **ALWAYS** be turned away from the handler unless a turn of less than 90* is being made.

PENALTIES: Touch/knockdowns, extreme delays in approaching an obstacle, extreme variation in gait, poor/attitude manners, poorly groomed/conditioned pony, excessive use of verbal cues. Course will depend on availability of material at the time and place of the show.

NO COACHING FROM THE SIDELINES.

- 303 JUNIOR IN-HAND TRAIL:** Handler to be 18 and under. The pony can be any age and can have as much experience as deemed necessary for the handler. Same rules as class 302.

LIBERTY CLASS

- 304 LIBERTY CLASS:** Time allowed is 2 minutes; time allowed to catch is 2 minutes. One pony/cob per exhibitor allowed. The exhibitor is the person wearing the number. The exhibitor is allowed one helper. The halter is to be left on the pony/cob. Time starts when the lead shank is removed from the halter. Standard whip or shaker bottle allowed. Can perform at any gait, but all three are recommended. Exhibitor is to catch pony/cob. To be judged: Type – 10 pts.; Presence – 10 pts; Animation – 10 pts; Performance (use of arena) – 10 pts; Catch – 10 pts

ELIMINATION:

- a) Either exhibitor or helper touches pony/cob during performance
- b) Assistance from outside the ring i.e. banging on boards, building, shouting, etc.
- c) Baiting to catch
- d) Exceeding 2 minutes allowed to catch.

500 POLE BENDING (All Ages): Every pony/cob must have a complete set of tack. Changing tack from one pony to another is prohibited. Pony/Cob may start either to the right or the left of the first pole and then run the remainder of the pattern accordingly. The use of spurs, bats, or over and under are allowed; however, excessive use of any will mean an automatic disqualification of that race. Knocking over a pole is a five (5) second penalty. Loss of cowboy hat or approved helmet will result in a drop in placing.

DISQUALIFICATION:

- a) turning a pole wrong (going off course)
- b) touching any pole with hand(s)
- c) crossing finish line before the course is finished
- d) Loss of cowboy hat or approved helmet will result in a drop in placing.

501 BARREL RACING (all ages): Every pony/cob must have a complete set of tack. Changing tack from one pony to another is prohibited. A Five (5) second penalty will be given for each barrel knocked over. A contestant, from a riding position, may hold a barrel from falling. Either barrel, one or two, may be taken first but contestant will be DQ'd for not following the cloverleaf pattern. To be timed on the nose, both start and finish. Contestants may come into the arena and start on the run, or from the standing position.

502 BAREBACK (Junior & Senior): Will be judged similarly to English or Western equitation.

503 REINING (Junior & Senior): Pattern to be posted.

504 WATER RACE: Each rider starts with a full tumbler of water. The judge will ask for the different gaits. After all three gaits have been performed both directions of the ring, the rider with the most remaining water is the winner.

505 BAREBACK PAPER RACE: Each rider receives a piece of paper, which will be placed under their leg. The judge will ask for all three gaits both directions of the ring. The last person with the paper is the winner.

506 Cross Rail Walk-Trot

507 Cross Rail Hunter Open

508 Low Hunter 2' Open

509 Hunter 2'3" Open

510 Run N' Jump

- Teams consist of a runner and a rider.
- A cross rail course is set.
- The runner runs and jumps the course. As the runner crosses the finish line, the rider starts.
- When the course is completed, the total time for runner & rider is recorded. Five seconds is added for each refusal or knockdown.

JUNIOR HIGH POINT (B & E CARRIAL PERPETUAL TROPHY)

Trophy donated by Lynne Miller to the high point Welsh Pony/Cob & Junior rider combination. Competitors, to be eligible, must be entered in one halter class, one showmanship class plus any of the following:

Halter Classes: 6A, 7A **Showmanship:** 29, 30, 31, 32

Riding Classes: 101, 103, 105, 106, 107, 108, 500 Jr. 501 Jr. 502 Jr. 503 Jr.

Driving Classes: 200, 201 Jr, 203 Jr, 204 Jr, 205 Jr, 206 Jr, 209, 210

Costume Classes: 300

SENIOR HIGH POINT

Same rules as B&E Cariat plus any of the following:

Halter Classes: 6A, 7A **Showmanship:** 33, 34

Riding Classes: 102, 104, 105 Sr, 106 Sr., 107 Sr., 108 Sr., 500 Sr., 501 Sr., 503 Sr.

Driving Classes: 201 Sr, 202, 203 Sr, 204 Sr, 205 Sr, 206 Sr, 208, 210

Costume Class: 301

*NOTE: These classes will not be held unless there are sufficient volunteers to facilitate them.