

WELSH PONY & COB  
SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.



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## **PURPOSE OF THE WELSH PONY & COB SOCIETY OF AMERICA**

The purpose of this Society is to maintain a Registry for the recording of pedigrees and transfers of Welsh ponies and cobs, to promote the breeding and use of the breed while striving to maintain its purity and trueness to type and to further its welfare in every way.

All individuals and parties utilizing the services of the Registry must keep the purpose of the Registry foremost in their mind and not attempt to utilize the Registry in a manner inconsistent with its purpose. Do not rely on the WPCSA to enforce your business dealings. As technology advances, the need for Welsh Pony/Cob owners to develop contracts and business practices enforceable in courts of law increases. You may wish to consult your attorney to develop civil contracts for your use. Proper use of civil contracts will enable Welsh Pony/Cob owners to continue to enjoy the benefits of owning registered Welsh Pony/Cobs while working within the framework of the Registry's Rules and Regulations.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE WELSH MOUNTAIN PONY**

**Not exceeding 12:2 hands high. Section A of the Stud Book.**

**General Character:** Hardy, spirited and pony-like.

**Color:** Any color except piebald and skewbald.

**Head:** Small, clean-cut, well set on and tapering to the muzzle.

**Eyes:** Bold.

**Ears:** Well-placed, small and pointed, well up on the head, proportionately close.

**Nostrils:** Prominent and open.

**Jaws and Throat:** Clean and finely-cut, with ample room at the angle of the jaw.

**Neck:** Lengthy, well-carried and moderately lean in the case of mares, but inclined to be cresty in the case of mature stallions.

**Shoulders:** Long and sloping well back. Withers moderately fine, but not "knifey". The humerus upright so that the foreleg is not set in under the body.

**Forelegs:** Set square and true, and not tied in at the elbows. Long, strong forearm, well-developed knee, short flat bone below knee, pasterns of proportionate slope and length, feet well-shaped and round, hooves dense.

**Back and Loins:** Muscular, strong and well-coupled.

**Girth:** Deep.

**Ribs:** Well-sprung.

**Hind Quarters:** Lengthy and fine. Not cobby, ragged or goose-rumped. Tail well set on and carried gaily.

**Hind Legs:** Hocks to be large, flat, and clean with points prominent, to turn neither inward nor outward. The hock not to be set behind a line from the point of the quarter to the fetlock joint. Pasterns of proportionate slope and length. Feet well-shaped, hooves dense.

**Action:** Quick, free and straight from the shoulder, well away in front. Hocks well-flexed with straight and powerful leverage and well under the body.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE WELSH PONY**

**Not exceeding 14:2 hands high. Section B of the Stud Book**

The general description of ponies in Section "A" of the Stud Book is applicable to those in Section "B", but more particularly the Section "B" pony shall be described as a riding pony, with quality, riding action, adequate bone and substance, hardiness and constitution and with pony character.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE WELSH PONY OF COB TYPE AND THE WELSH COB

Sections C and D of the Stud Book respectively.

Section C not exceeding 13:2 hands high.

Section D exceeding 13:2 hands high with no upper limit.

**General Character:** Strong, hardy and active, with pony character and as much substance as possible.

**Color:** Any color except piebald and skewbald.

**Head:** Full of quality and pony character. A coarse head and Roman nose are most objectionable.

**Eyes:** Bold, prominent and set widely apart.

**Ears:** Neat and well-set.

**Neck:** Lengthy and well-carried. Moderately lean in the case of mares, but inclined to be cresty in the case of mature stallions.

**Shoulders:** Strong but well-laid back.

**Forelegs:** Set square and not tied in at the elbows. Long, strong forearms. Knees well-developed with an abundance of bone below them. Pasterns of proportionate slope and length. Feet well-shaped. Hooves dense. When in the rough, a moderate quantity of silky feather is not objected to but course, wiry hair is a definite objection.

**Middlepiece:** Back and loins muscular, strong and well-coupled. Deep through the heart and well-ribbed up.

**Hind Quarters:** Lengthy and strong. Ragged or drooping quarters are objectionable. Tail well set on.

**Hind Legs:** Second thighs, strong and muscular. Hocks large, flat and clean, with points prominent, turning neither inward nor outward. The hind legs must not be too bent and the hock not set behind a line falling from the point of the quarter to the fetlock joint. Pasterns of proportionate slope and length. Feet well-shaped, hooves dense.

**Action:** Free, true and forcible. The knee should be bent and the whole foreleg should be extended straight from the shoulder and as far forward as possible in the trot. Hocks flexed under the body with straight and powerful leverage.

## APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATIONS

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

All applications for registration must include the following:

1. Applications must bear the signature of owner or lessee of record or his/her authorized agent.
2. Applications must be accompanied by four (4) color photographs (one each of front, rear, right and left sides). If the dam is purebred Welsh, she must be identified in at least one of the photographs. Photographs must be professionally processed, Polaroid™ or laser photographs will not be accepted.
3. If the dam is purebred Welsh, applications must be accompanied by a hair sample of the dam (waived if already on file) in an official collection envelope obtained from the WPCSA office.
4. If the sire is purebred Welsh, applications must be accompanied by a Breeding Certificate signed by the stallion owner or lessee of record or authorized agent when the dam is not owned by the stallion owner.

- Application for Registration must be accompanied by the appropriate fee. This fee is based on the membership status of the applicant, postmark date of application and must be mailed within the following schedule:

	Member	Non-Member
Foaling or import date to 6 months	\$40.00	\$80.00
Over 6 months to 12 months	60.00	120.00
Over 12 months to 24 months	85.00	170.00
Over 24 months to 36 months	160.00	320.00
Over 36 months	225.00	450.00

Incomplete/incorrect applications will be assessed a \$10 incomplete penalty fee. Please check your records carefully when completing application forms. A \$10 service charge will be assessed for all returned paperwork.

- A Stallion Service Report (SSR) and payment of all appropriate SSR fees from the owner or lessee of record of the stallion must be on file at the Society's headquarters no later than December 31st of the year of service BEFORE THE RESULTING FOAL CAN BE REGISTERED. (Schedule of fees and SSR requirements described under STALLION SERVICE REPORTS.)
- On the vote of a majority of the Directors present at a regularly called Board of Directors' meeting, DNA testing can be required as a condition of registration or continued ownership of papers.
- All agreements, guarantees and representations are strictly between the stallion owner/lessee and the mare owner/lessee. The WPCSA strongly recommends the use of breeding contracts and sales agreements.

### **PUREBRED REGISTRATION ELIGIBILITY**

- Sire and Dam must be purebred and registered as such in the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America, Inc. or Section A, B, C or D of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society. Ponies or Cobs imported from other countries will be registered at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Stallions and mares imported to the United States must be registered with the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America, Inc. before the foals from same may be registered. Imported mares in the "F.S.2" classification of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society Stud Book will not be registered; however, they may be listed in the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America, Inc. and must be listed before their offspring may qualify for full registration in the Society. No F.S.1 or F.S. mares will be registered or listed.
- Applications for Registration of foals will not be accepted if the dam of the foal is not three years old or older in the calendar year in which the foal is born.
- The following formula will be used to determine the Section for Section A and B: A x A = A or B; A x B = B; B x B = B. Any Section A pony changed to Section B must do so on the grounds of being over 12.2. A form must be signed by the owner requesting such a change with the statement "I understand that once this pony is changed to Section B it can only be used to produce B, C and D foals, can only be shown in show classes open to Section B and may never be changed back to Section A under any circumstances. Section B ponies may not be changed to any other section for any reason. The certificates for all Section C's over 13:2 hands in height must be returned to the Society headquarters for the addition of a "D" to their numbers. Welsh ponies and cobs should be measured as directed in the USEF Rule Book with the following addition: "When shod, the thickness of the shoe and pad at the heel,

shall be deducted from the total measurement."

4. The offspring of a Section A or Section B bred to a Section C or Section D will be registered as Section C or Section D depending on mature size.
5. Piebalds and Skewbalds are not eligible. Applications for Registration must contain a COMPLETE description of all white markings. Failure to include such markings on application is grounds for action under the Penalties Section of these rules and regulations.
6. Any Welsh pony or cob with large white areas having clearly defined edges on the body, except for belly spots, will be reviewed by the Board of Directors to determine if parentage verification via DNA typing is required. Questions regarding this rule will be decided by the Board.
7. Applications for registration are subject to being selected for random DNA typing and parentage verification. The Society will cover the expense of typing the foal and any sire or dam who has not previously been typed. If parentage fails to be established, the foal will not be accepted for registration until parentage is established at the owner's expense.
8. See General Requirements beginning on page 2.

### **HALF-WELSH REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

1. Sire or Dam must be purebred and registered as such in the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America, Inc. or Section A, B, C, or D of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society.
2. See General Requirements beginning on page 2.

### **IMPORTED PONIES OR COBS**

1. Imported animals must be registered in Section A, B, C or D of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society. Ponies or Cobs imported from other countries will be registered at the discretion of the Board of Directors. F.S.2 mares, so classified by the Welsh Pony and Cob Society Stud Book, will not be registered but will be listed in the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America, Inc., and must be so listed before their offspring may qualify for registration in the Society.
2. F.S. or F.S.1 mares will not be registered or listed.
3. Applications for Registration of imported animals must be accompanied by the Welsh Export Certificate and Welsh Certificate of Registration or Welsh Passport or Canadian Certificate and bear the signature of the importer.
4. If the required copy of the Welsh Export Certificate or Canadian Certificate is not received in time to comply with registration deadlines, contact the Secretary before the deadline for instructions.
5. Bred imported mares must have a stud service report filed with the Application for Registration unless the Canadian or Welsh Export Certificate contains this information.
6. Eligibility and fees for imported animals are based on the date of importation rather than the foaling date.
7. See General Requirements beginning on page 2. The stallion service report, breeding certificate and hair sample and photograph of the dam are not required.

### **ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION**

Permits for the use of A.I. will and must be issued for stallions participating in the

program prior to any breeding via A.I. taking place.

Stallion permits are a one time fee of \$100.00 to the stallion owner. \*DNA typing of the stallion must accompany the application for a permit to use A.I. When ownership of a stallion changes, a \$10.00 permit transfer fee is charged.

Mares and foals must be \*DNA typed prior to the application for registration being processed by the WPCSA. Registration of the foal will only be made if the foal's DNA type is in harmony with that of the listed sire and dam. In addition, standard registration procedures will be followed.

Stallion owners must file the standard Stallion Service Report with the WPCSA and designate which mares were bred via A.I.

Stallion and mare owners must be a member of the WPCSA in order to participate in this program. +

Permits and the rules published by the WPCSA must have a liability clause stating that all agreements, guarantees and representations are strictly between the stallion owner and the mare owner. The WPCSA does not endorse nor guarantee the use nor participation in any particular A.I. program.

The approval of Artificial Insemination will allow the use of A.I. on and off the farm.

If AI and natural service are used within 42 days of each other, the resulting foal will be considered an AI foal unless proved otherwise by ultrasound.

Foreign stallions must be registered with the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of America in order to participate in the AI program.

#### Frozen Semen:

The use of frozen semen will be allowed under the following rules:

All requirements for AI permits must be completed before an additional permit for frozen semen use can be issued at a one-time fee of \$15.00. When ownership of frozen semen changes, a \$5.00 permit transfer fee is charged.

All other rules and regulations pertaining to AI are applicable to the use of frozen semen.

\*DNA typing for Welsh Ponies and Welsh Cobs can only be done through the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America, Inc. A DNA typing kit can be obtained for \$40.00, which includes the DNA typing fee, by contacting the WPCSA, P.O. Box 2977, Winchester, VA 22604. DNA typing will be done via the University of California at Davis, Serology Laboratory, School of Veterinary Medicine or any other source approved by the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America.

+ For Half-Welsh registrations in the A.I. program, the owner of the non-Welsh parent is not required to be a member of the WPCSA or have the non-Welsh parent DNA typed in order to register the Half-Welsh foal. However, Welsh stallions and the Half-Welsh foal must be DNA typed in order to register the Half-Welsh foal through the A.I. program. Parent verification via DNA typing is not required for Half-Welsh registration if the dam is the purebred Welsh parent.

All agreements, guarantees and representations are strictly between the stallion owner/lessee and the mare owner/lessee. The WPCSA strongly recommends the use of breeding contracts and sales agreements.

### **EMBRYO TRANSFER**

Stallions and donor mares must be \*\*DNA typed prior to the embryo transfer taking place.

Embryo Transfer Permits must be issued for the donor mare, prior to the embryo transfer taking place, at a one time fee of \$50.00. When ownership of the donor mare changes, a \$10.00 E.T. permit transfer fee will be charged.

Stallion and donor mare owners must be members of the WPCSA in order to participate in this program. For Half-Welsh registrations in the E.T. program, the owner of the non-Welsh parent is not required to be a member of the WPCSA.

At least 15 days prior to the collection of a fertilized egg, the recorded owner of the donor mare must notify the WPCSA, by certified mail, of his intent to attempt an embryo transfer. This notification must include the name and registration numbers of the donor mare and the breeding stallion and must be signed by the recorded owner of the donor mare.

Foals must be \*\*DNA typed prior to the registration application being processed by the WPCSA. Registration of the foal will only be made if the foal's DNA type is in harmony with that of the listed sire and dam. In addition, standard registration procedures will be followed.^ The foal's application must state the foal was the result of an embryo transfer.

No more than four (4) genetic offspring per donor mare per calendar year will be eligible for registration.

Stallion owners must file the standard Stallion Service Report with the WPCSA. The approval of embryo transfer will allow for the use of either fresh or frozen embryos.

Permits and the rules published by the WPCSA must have a liability clause stating that all agreements, guarantees, and representations are strictly between the stallion owner and the mare owner. The WPCSA does not endorse nor guarantee the use nor participation in any particular embryo transfer program.

\*\* DNA typing will be done through the WPCSA via the University of California at Davis, Serology Laboratory, School of Veterinary Medicine, or by any other source approved by the WPCSA.

^ A photograph of the donor mare with the foal is not required as part of the registration application requirements.

All agreements, guarantees and representations are strictly between the stallion owner/lessee and the mare owner/lessee. The WPCSA strongly recommends the use of breeding contracts and sales agreements.

### **STALLION SERVICE REPORTS**

1. A record of stud service will be maintained by the owner(s) of a stallion, and a Stallion Service Report listing all mares served must be filed in the Society headquarters not later than December 31 of the year of service. The report must be complete in all details, including the inclusive dates if pasture bred. An annual \$15.00 filing fee must accompany the report (fee waived for first report submitted). Breedings must be indicated as either live cover or AI.
2. Stallion owners using a stallion with seven or more mares should use the long form (beige). When one to six mares are served by the same stallion, the short form may be used (white).
3. DNA typing is required prior to offspring being registered for the following: a) all stallions for which the first stallion service report is submitted for breedings after the 1995 breeding season; b) any stallion breeding four or more purebred Welsh mares during 1997; c) any stallion breeding three or more purebred

Welsh mares during 1998; d) any stallion breeding two or more purebred Welsh mares during 1999; and e) any stallion breeding one or more purebred Welsh mares after the 1999 breeding season.

4. A separate report is filed annually for each stallion.
5. After a mare is bred to one stallion, at least 42 days must elapse before the mare can be bred to a different stallion, unless, after 21 days the mare owner provides the Society headquarters with a veterinarian certificate stating the mare is not in foal. In lieu of this, the resulting foal must be DNA typed and the results shown to be in harmony with that of the listed sire.
6. A one-time \$75.00 additional registration fee, \$40 DNA typing fee, a clear 4 x 6 lab processed color photograph, and the stallion's Certificate of Registration must accompany the first Stallion Service Report submitted for a stallion. After recording the stallion as a registered stud, the Certificate of Registration will be returned to the owner. DNA typing must be completed prior to any offspring being registered.
7. If a stallion for which the stud fee has been paid is gelded within 30 months after the first reported service, \$50.00 will be refunded upon receipt of a completed Castration Report and the stallion's Certificate of Registration by the Society headquarters.
8. A penalty of \$5.00 will be charged for each month the Stallion Service Report is delinquent to a maximum of \$50.00. If the breeding dates are amended in the future, another Stallion Service Report needs to be filed and the delinquent penalty paid.
9. The Stallion Service Report must bear the signature of the recorded owner of the stallion, or recorded authorized agent, or of the person leasing the stallion under a recorded lease.
10. Owners of Canadian registered stallions breeding to U.S. registered mares must submit a Stallion Service Report, pay the appropriate filing fee, and submit a copy of the stallion's Certificate of Registration and have DNA typing on file.
11. Rules and regulations on the WPCSA Artificial Insemination program are contained in this rule book. Only foal applications meeting the Stallion Service Report requirements and the A.I. requirements will be accepted.
12. Rules and regulations on the WPCSA Embryo Transfer program are contained in this rule book. Only foal applications meeting the Stallion Service Report requirements and the Embryo Transfer requirements will be accepted.
13. All agreements, guarantees and representations are strictly between the stallion owner/lessee and the mare owner/lessee. The WPCSA strongly recommends the use of breeding contracts and sales agreements.

### **BREEDING CERTIFICATES**

1. A Breeding Certificate is a small certificate giving essentially the same information as found on the Stallion Service Report but it has space for only one mare.
2. Breeding Certificates must be signed by the stallion owner or recorded agent and must accompany applications for registration of resulting foals for all mares not belonging to the stallion owner.
3. Owners of mares receiving copies of Breeding Certificates should keep the Breeding Certificate to attach to the Application for Registration of the resulting foal and contact the Society headquarters to see that his mare is listed on the Stallion Service Report.
4. All agreements, guarantees and representations are strictly between the stallion

owner or recorded agent and the mare owner. The WPCSA strongly recommends the use of breeding contracts and sales agreements.

### **NAMES**

1. No animal will be registered by any name which is a duplicate of a name already registered.
2. Names are not to exceed thirty letters and spaces.
3. Numerals will not be accepted.
4. Members of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America, Inc. may register a Prefix not already registered therein or with the Welsh Pony and Cob Society or Canadian Livestock Records Corporation (registry for the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of Canada) upon payment of \$75.00. Thereafter, the prefix can only be used by the owner of the Prefix registration. Any application for Registration using a registered Prefix will be returned for change.
5. Breeders may use only the officially recognized version of their prefix when registering foals. The Registrar will correct any applications on which the prefix varies in any way from this standard.
6. Prefixes may be transferred (\$75.00 fee) upon receipt of written verification from the previous owner that all rights to the said prefix are relinquished.
7. A Prefix must be registered if it is used over 3 times by the same person.

### **NAME CHANGES**

Registered names of Welsh Ponies or Cobs can be changed provided:

1. Animal has not been registered with the United States Equestrian Federation for high score awards.
2. Animal has not been used for breeding.
3. Animal has not been published in the Stud Book.
4. Changes involving a registered Prefix can only be made with the written permission of the owner of the Prefix. Names containing a prefix of a deceased owner cannot be changed.
5. Animal has not previously had a name change.
6. New name conforms with other naming regulations.
7. Animal was not imported and/or registered with a foreign Society.

The fee for changing the name of a purebred registered Welsh Pony or Cob is \$100.00 (\$200 non-member); Half-Welsh is \$50.00 (\$100 non-member).

### **PUREBRED AND HALF-WELSH TRANSFERS**

1. An application for transfer shall be correctly completed and submitted to the WPCSA with the original certificate of registration and appropriate fee upon every change of ownership of the registered Welsh Pony or Cob
2. The transfer application must bear the signature of the last recorded owner. In cases where the animal is owned jointly by 2 or more persons, each person must sign the transfer form. Only one signature is required when the last recorded ownership is written as "or", "and/or" or when the animal is owned by an individual.
3. Transfers of a mare exposed to a stallion prior to the date of sale should be accompanied by a Breeding Certificate required for subsequent registration of the foal.
4. The member fee applies if either party in the transaction is a member of the

Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America, Inc.

	Member	Non Member
Transfer w/in 3 mos. of date of sale	\$25	\$50
Transfer after 3 mos. of date of sale	\$35	\$70

5. Whenever legal title of a registered animal passes to another person by reason of death of the recorded owner, foreclosure of any lien, by any order or decree of court, or otherwise by operation of law, the WPCSA may transfer the registration to the new owner:
  - a. Upon court order of competent jurisdiction or other satisfactory proof of authority for the transfer.
  - b. Upon payment of the transfer fee.
  - c. Upon satisfaction of other requirements as may be required by the Board of Directors.
6. All agreements, guarantees and representations are strictly between the buyer and seller. The WPCSA strongly recommends the use of breeding contracts and sales agreements.

### SALE OR DISPOSAL WITHOUT PAPERS

The recorded owner of any registered animal sold or dispersed without Registration Certificate shall surrender the Certificate to the WPCSA for cancellation along with a written statement.

After cancellation of Registration, it may be renewed, reissued or reinstated only upon request of the recorded owner.

### CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION CORRECTIONS

**Report of Death:** Upon the death of any registered animal, the date of death and the Certificate of Registration must be immediately sent to the Society Headquarters for cancellation of the certificate. The certificate will be returned only if requested.

**Castration:** Castration date must be sent to the Society Headquarters along with the Certificate of Registration for necessary recording upon the gelding of any stallion. The Certificate of Registration will be returned.

**Section Changes:** Any Section A pony changed to Section B must do so on the grounds of being over 12.2. A form must be signed by the owner requesting such a change with the statement "I understand that once this pony is changed to Section B it can only be used to produce B, C and D foals, can only be shown in show classes open to Section B and may never be changed back to Section A under any circumstances. Section B ponies may not be changed to any other section for any reason. The Certificates for all cobs over 13:2 hands in height require a section change to D.

The Board of Directors will approve all section changes for animals that have produced offspring.

**FEES:** Corrections to the Certificate of Registration for castrations, color changes, deaths, description changes, and section changes are processed free of charge. For updates to owners' names (such as in the case with marriages) or addresses, the fee is \$5.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members.

### DUPLICATE CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION

Duplicate certificates may be issued to the last recorded owner only. Fee is \$30.00

for members and \$60.00 for non-members. The issue of a duplicate certificate renders all previous certificates null and void.

**LEASES**

Lease agreements must be signed by recorded owner of Welsh Pony or Cob and submitted to the Society in triplicate with Certificate of Registration and fee. Leases stating a definite date of termination may only be terminated prior to the lease expiry date by written notice to the Society by both parties to the lease agreement. Leases not stating a definite date of termination may be terminated by written notice to the Society by either party to the lease agreement. Offspring must belong to either the lessee or lessor but not alternatively

FEES: Member fee applies if either party in the transaction is a member of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America, Inc.

	Member	Non-Member
Lease per animal	\$15.00	\$30.00
Lease extension per animal	\$10.00	\$20.00
Lease termination per animal	NC	NC

**MEMBERSHIP**

Any person, partnership or corporation owning or interested in Welsh ponies shall be eligible for membership. See Article II, WPCSA By Laws.

Membership Privileges

- Reduced registration and transfer fees (except Annual Associate Memberships)
- Complimentary listing in the Member-Breeder Directory (except Junior and Associate Membership)
- Complimentary subscription to quarterly "Welsh Review"
- Complimentary copy of WPCSA Yearbook (except Associate Memberships)
- Eligible to compete for annual WPCSA High Score Awards
- Complimentary membership card, literature packet and WPCSA gift (new members only)

<u>DUES:</u>	U.S.	Outside U.S. (Remit in US funds)
Senior Life	\$500	\$510 (\$1000 as of Jan. 1, 2007)
Junior Life	\$500	\$510 (\$1000 as of Jan. 1, 2007)
Family/Firm	\$55	\$65
Annual	\$45	\$55
Annual Assoc.	\$25	\$35
Junior	\$30	\$40

NOTE: Your dues or contributions are not deductible as charitable contributions. Please consult with your tax advisor to determine whether they may be deducted under other provisions of the law (such as the provisions relating to deductibility of business expenses).

**APPLICATION DENIAL**

Any application for registration or transfer may be referred to the WPCSA Qualifications Committee for approval or denial recommendation to the Board of Directors if any matter relating to the registration or transfer is not in proper order.

For any situation in which it appears that there may have been irregularities in connection with the registration or transfer of any animal, the WPCSA may require the recorded owner(s) to furnish such DNA reports and other documents relating to the circumstances of the registration or transfer. In the event of failure to furnish this information, the registration or transfer, as well as all entries that may have been made with respect to descendants of that animal may be expunged by the Board of Directors of the WPCSA.

The burden of proof for registration or transfers is the responsibility of the applicant.

### **PENALTIES**

Section 1 - If upon the recommendation of the Ethics & Hearing Committee, in accordance with WPCSA By Laws, Article XI, the Board of Directors of the WPCSA finds that any person has willfully and intentionally violated these Rules and Regulations or WPCSA By Laws, such person may be expelled, censured or suspended and may be denied the privileges of the Registry and be subjected to such other penalties as may be within its power to impose.

Section 2 - Charges of Misconduct - Procedure. Any party in interest may file with the Registry or the Registry upon information and belief may prepare a plain and concise statement specifying the alleged acts of misconduct or misrepresentation of another. The Secretary shall refer copies of said statement, together with any other pertinent information, to the Ethics and Hearing Committee. Before any action shall be taken against the party accused, he shall be furnished with a concise statement of the charges, together with a notice that he file a written answer thereto within 15 days, or in default thereof, said charges may be taken as true. The Ethics and Hearing Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Board of Directors, who shall, by a majority vote, censure or suspend any member, officer or other person. Should the Ethics and Hearing Committee recommend expulsion, the Board of Directors shall then cause the Secretary to give notice to all members of such time and place of an annual meeting at which the offending member may be expelled by a vote of 75% of all members present in person and entitled to vote at the annual meeting.

Section 3 - Restoration of Membership. The Board of Directors may restore to good standing as a member, any person previously deprived of the privileges of the Registry by reason of expulsion, suspension, or otherwise, upon compliance with the requirements imposed by said Board.

Also see Article XI - Misrepresentation of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America, Inc. By-Laws.

### **HIGH SCORE AWARDS**

For the rules and regulations concerning high score awards and show sanctioning, write to the Society Headquarters.

### **USEF SHOW RULES WELSH PONY & COB DIVISIONS**

See the current USEF Rule Book  
or write to the

UNITED STATES EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION

4047 Iron Works Parkway  
Lexington, KY 40511

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NOTE: These rules and regulations may be amended by a majority of the Board of Directors present at any regular meeting thereof.

