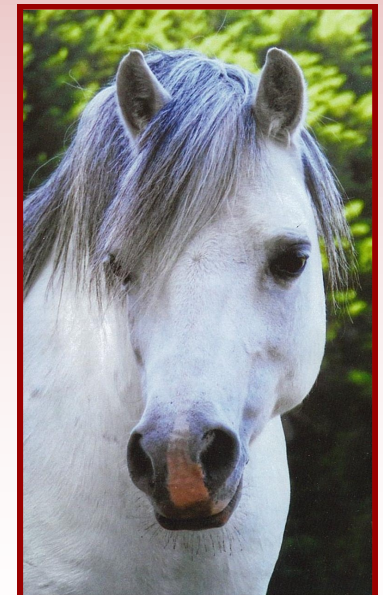




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WELSH PONY & COB SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA INC.



RIDDEN NATIVE PONY CHAMPIONSHIP

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Welsh Mountain Pony
Welsh Pony
Welsh Pony of Cob Type
Welsh Cob

For all other breed descriptions follow these links

Connemara Pony www.cpbsa.com.au

Dales Pony www.dalespony.org

Dartmoor Pony www.dartmoorponysociety.com

Exmoor Pony www.exmoorponysociety.org.uk

Fell Pony www.fellponysociety.org

Highland Pony www.highlandpony.org.au

New Forest Pony www.apsb.asn.au or
newforestpony.asn.au/

Shetland Pony www.shetlandponysociety.com.au

Australian Pony www.apsb.asn.au

Fjord www.fjordhorse.org.au

Haflinger www.haflinger.org.au

What is the Ridden Native Pony Championship ?

The Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Australia Inc. (WP&CSA) has introduced the Ridden Native Pony Championship to encourage ridden classes for the British Mountain and Moorland breeds, Fjord, Haflinger and Australian ponies.

The WP&CSA will support classes at Agricultural and WP&CSA approved events which will be qualifiers for the Ridden Native Pony State Championships that will be held at the State All Welsh Shows. The highest placed pony of each breed at the State Championship will qualify for the National Championship.

Why should you participate in the Championship?

The Championship gives the owners of native ponies the unique opportunity to compete solely with the other Native Breeds.

How the classes operate:

The entrants are assessed by two judges. One judge will assess the entrants for conformation and adherence to the breed description, and the other will assess the ridden workout. The entrants will do a workout together before both judges. The entrants will be assessed under saddle by the ridden judge. As they complete the ridden workout, the exhibits will be stripped by the strapper for judging by the conformation judge. The strapper then saddles the exhibit again.

The winner is the exhibit which achieves the highest total marks awarded by the ridden & conformation judges, which are added together by the steward. Based on the experience in the United Kingdom, the classes should take about the same time as other ridden classes as the two judges are assessing at the same time.

What you will need :

Your pony must be a Native Pony that is 4 years & over registered with a Breed Society; Standard riding attire, including an approved helmet that meets Australian safety standards & a neatly dressed strapper to strip the exhibit for the in-hand section.



Regulations: for all exhibits

The British Mountain and Moorland breeds (Connemara, Dales, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Fell, Highland, New Forest, Shetland and the Welsh breeds) Fjord, Haflinger & Australian Ponies are eligible to compete in the Ridden Native Pony classes.

*All animals entered in this class will be assessed under saddle & then stripped for assessment in hand (two judges – one for the workout & the other for breed type and conformation)

*Marks will be awarded as follows:

*Workout - freedom of action – 50 maximum;

*Breed type, conformation – 50 maximum.

*In the case of equality of points, the exhibit with the highest marked workout, freedom of action will be deemed the winner.

* A strapper should be available for the in-hand component of the class

* Pony to be 4 years and over and registered with the respective breed society.

*To be shown unplaited. A bridle path plait is permitted.

*Correct riding attire, including an approved helmet that meets Australian safety standards, must be worn.

* Spurs are not permitted.

* Fall of rider is disqualification

* The Judge's decision is final

* Whips permitted, but must not exceed 75 centimeters, excluding the tail.

*The organizing committee reserves the right to divide classes, depending on entries.

* All exhibits must compete drug free. Random swabbing may take place in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the WP&CS, which are in accordance with EFA standards.

*While an exhibitor can compete in as many competitions as they like, they can only qualify for the State Championship once. The next highest placed exhibit of each breed after exhibits that have already qualified for the State Championship, will qualify for the Championship.

* An exhibitor may lodge a protest against a competitor / judge. Protests must be lodged in writing with the Show Secretary within 3 hours of the disputed action, accompanied by a fee of \$100.00 which will be forfeited if not upheld. In the first instance protests must be dealt with by the Show Sub-committee which may refer the matter to the Committee of Management of the WP&CS. Any person who has a protest lodged against him or her has the right of reply. Any expenses incurred by any party to the said protest shall be borne by that party.

Classes:

Native Pony Stallions

(Riders and handlers of stallions and colts are to be 16 years and over on the first day of the show)

1. Welsh Mountain Pony, Shetland, Exmoor & Dartmoor Stallion.
2. Welsh Pony & Australian Pony Stallion.
3. Connemara, Fell, Dale & New Forest Pony Stallion.
4. Highland, Fjord, Haflinger & Welsh Pony of Cob Type & Welsh Cob Stallion.

Native Pony Mares & Geldings

1. Shetland, Exmoor & Dartmoor Pony Mare or Gelding.
2. Welsh Mountain Pony Mare or Gelding.
3. Welsh Pony Mare or Gelding.
4. Australian Pony Mare or Gelding.
5. New Forest Pony Mare or Gelding.
6. Connemara Mare or Gelding.
7. Welsh Pony of Cob Type Mare or Gelding.
8. Highland, Haflinger, Fjord, Dale & Fell Pony Mare or Gelding.
9. Welsh Cob Mare or Gelding.

The highest placed exhibit of each breed in the classes listed above will qualify for the State/National Championship.



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FINALS OF THE RIDDEN NATIVE PONY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The dates, grounds & preliminary timetable for the hosting of the Ridden Native Pony Championships will be announced in September each year on the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Australia Inc. website www.wpcs.com.au

Exhibitors are required to send the relevant entry fee to the National Office of the WP&CS Australia Inc. by the closing date. A catalogue and a timetable will be prepared for the running of the Championships and posted onto the web site the week prior to the event.

Competition day: all qualifiers will present at their timetabled class, the running of the events and all workouts are the same as they are for qualifying shows. The classes are judged & prizes awarded. The highest place of each breed in each class will be required to be present for the Championships to receive any prize money.

Exhibitors entering exhibits do so entirely at their own risk: it is a condition of entry that no liability of any kind attaches itself to the WP&CS of Australia Inc. the Show Sub-committee or members in any respect whatsoever.

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