



Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Australia Inc.

National Young Judges Competition Regulations

1. The Judge must be on the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Australia's Judges' Panel.
2. The Judge should have good communication skills with young people.
3. Show programs must state that the winner of the State competition has qualified for the National competition and is not necessarily a State resident. The winner can only compete at one State competition.
4. Competitors must be 10 years and under 25 years of age at time of the State competition.
5. At State competitions - one group of 4 ponies from the same section and preferably the same gender. (not stallions) are to be judged by the competitors. At the National competition - two different groups of 4 ponies from the same Section and preferably the same gender (not stallions) are to be judged by the competitors.
6. The UK Young Farmers calculator is to be used as an objective measure in conjunction with the subjective interviews and the written answers.
7. Competitors are to write their placing prior to interview and these will be collected after the judging section.
8. Competitors will individually attend an interview, where they will be questioned on their placings and observations. Competitors will be scored by the assessors on their ability to describe type, conformation and movement of the animals using appropriate terminology, compare animals in terms of conformation, type and movement, give constructive reasons for their decisions and communicate their judgement of the animals in a coherent manner.
9. At the individual interview of competitors, which will be held in a dedicated area with of another adult present eg. impartial committee member, judge, steward etc. Interviews will be no longer than 10 minutes per competitor.
10. Prior to the judging, competitors will complete a written section of 5 questions that cover conformation, Standard of Excellence and the Rules and Regulations of the Society. The written section will be provided by the Office each year and is not an open book.
11. Competitors are not to discuss the competition until the conclusion of the event.
12. Once a competitor has completed their interview they are free to go but will be required later for the presentation.
13. Score cards to be the same as the sample provided.
14. Master score sheets used are to be the same as the sample so that the stewards can keep tally of the points scored.
15. The Competition is open to Full and Associate members of the Society and those listed as participants on a membership. Junior Club and Young People's Group subscribers are also eligible to enter the competition.
16. Panel Judges are ineligible to compete.
17. If the State winner is unable to attend the National Competition, the runner up from that State will be invited. The same will apply in the event that the 'Letter of Acceptance' to the National Competition has not been received by the National Office by the due date in the year of the National Competition.