

# JUDGES' REGULATIONS

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT APPROVED REGULATIONS August 1st 2024.

It is the exhibitors' responsibility to ensure eligibility for a class, and if ineligible, the exhibitor must withdraw.

For showing purposes, an immediate family member is defined as a parent, sibling, child (biological, adopted, or marriage/partnership); spouse; grandparent or grandchild

A THREE-TIER STRUCTURE NOW APPLIES with judges advancing from Tier 3 to Tier 1 depending on judging experience and assessment.

THE AIM OF THE NEW SYSTEM is not to cause a competition for advancement but rather, to enable judges to receive sufficient experience and training prior to being asked to judge major shows. *Judges are responsible for only accepting appointments they are eligible to judge according to their tier status.*

**Tier 3 judges are eligible to judge:**

- Welsh & Part Welsh classes at non WPCSA events and non-medal award shows.
- Futurity events at any show with at least one Tier 1 judge.

**Tier 2 judges are eligible to judge:**

- Led Welsh & Part Welsh classes at WPCSA & non-WPCSA events **excluding** State All Welsh Shows, Welsh National Show, Royal Shows and Overseas shows.
- Bronze medal events.
- Futurity events at any show.
- Ridden & harness classes at WPCSA events providing they are approved to judge these events.

**Tier 1 judges are eligible to judge:**

- Led Welsh & Part Welsh classes at all shows in Australia and Overseas including State All Welsh Shows, Welsh National Show, Royal shows and overseas shows
- Gold, Silver & Bronze medal events.
- Ridden and harness classes at WPCSA events providing they are approved to judge these events.

1. The Committee of Management may at any time appoint a List of Judges comprising such persons as it sees fit, to adjudicate events at royal, district and other shows where the objects and interests of the Society are promoted and encouraged.
2. The Committee of Management may from time to time and at any time:
  - 2.1 appoint a person to the List of Judges; and
  - 2.2 remove any person from the List of Judges.
3. A person who accepts appointment to the List of Judges agrees to be bound by these Judges' regulations and by the regulations of the Society as a condition of their appointment.
4. At least once every three years, a judge must attend a Judges Seminar run under the Society's auspices. Failure to do so could lead to the judge being removed from the List of Judges.
5. The Committee of Management may at any time remove a person from the List of Judges if that person has, in the Society's opinion, not observed these regulations or the regulations of the Society or their conduct is in any respect not in the best interest of the Society.
6. A judge should reply promptly to an invitation to judge at a show and, having made the commitment, honour it. If you are, at short notice, unable to officiate, you should inform the show secretary immediately. Where possible a Judge should accept at least one Judging appointment per year.
7. Because judges are representing themselves and the Society, they should always be punctual and look their best, being correctly and neatly attired. A judge should wear a suitable hat.
8. A judge's conduct and behavior should be beyond reproach and a judge must exhibit propriety and integrity when judging events, and be unbiased and fair.
9. While conducting a ring, the safety of the competitors, spectators, stewards /marshalls must be the judge's first consideration.
10. A judge cannot judge and exhibit in the same class \*CATEGORY at the same show, with the exception of Futurity, Handler and Young Judges' classes.  
\*Categories - refer to the standard All Welsh program

11. Judges cannot judge the same section within 100kms radius within a 90-day period unless approved by the COM.
12. A judge cannot adjudicate in any class in which immediate members of his family are competing.
13. A judge cannot judge a progeny group sired by a stallion or out of a mare owned by the judge.
14. A Judge cannot judge an exhibit in hand, under saddle or in harness;
  - which he or his immediate family has bred.
  - where the judge or his immediate family have been rewarded in cash or kind for instruction\*\* in the previous 6 months.  
\*\*excludes group instructions.
  - owned, produced or driven by a person who they or their immediate family have or had a Business / Financial Relationship/Partnership (excluding stud fees) within the previous 6 months. (Business partnerships include but are not limited to current leases, joint memberships or ownership of an animal.)
  - which they or a member of their immediate family sold to the exhibitor in the 6 months preceding the show or event.
  - which they or a member of their immediate family have had or have a financial interest in during the previous 6 months.
  - produced, ridden or driven by a person who has carried out those duties for the judge in the previous 6 months.
  - owned by an exhibitor for whom he/she has produced exhibits in the previous 6 months.
  - Under a judge where the exhibitor has produced an exhibit for the judge for the purpose of showing, in the preceding 6 months.
  - if there is a current lease of a horse in place between the judge and the exhibitor.
15. From the date of acceptance of an appointment, a judge must not accept hospitality from an exhibitor until after the conclusion of the event.
16. While in the marshalling area, and when entering and departing the ring, exhibits must be at no faster pace than the WALK.  
Once exhibitors are in the ring they must remain at the walk unless instructed otherwise.
17. \*\*The maximum number of ridden combinations on the circle at any one time in a class must not exceed 12\*. Classes may be judged in divisions. (\*Excludes leading rein)
18. A fall of exhibit, rider or driver in any ridden or harness class will result in disqualification from that class the rider must not remount in the ring. (Refer to harness guidelines in the event of a fall in harness classes.)
19. Once a class has been judged, it should not be re-judged.
20. A judge must not refer to a show catalogue or steward's list either before or during judging, nor can a judge be in possession of a show catalogue whilst in the ring.
21. A judge should not discuss any exhibitor's animal's faults with stewards or other competitors.
22. A judge may order any person from the ring for improper conduct or any other proper cause.
23. If the judge, steward or ringmaster considers an exhibit to be dangerous or acting in a manner that is disruptive they may request that the exhibit is removed from the ring after issuing one prior warning.
24. A judge may withhold an award if, in their opinion, no animal is worthy of the award.
25. A judge may request an exhibit to be measured.
26. A judge may refuse to judge any exhibit they consider to be unsound.
27. A judge may lodge a written complaint concerning the behavior, demeanor, dress condition and the like (in respect of the exhibitor or exhibit) to the relevant show secretary or secretary of the Society within 30 days.
28. A judge must be prepared to meet any requirements as set down from time to time by the Committee of Management.
29. Exhibits must not be subjected to unnecessary, unreasonable or unjustifiable pain, suffering or injury.
30. Where a Judge is aware the judging of an exhibit is an infringement of the rules listed above then the judge must refrain from judging that exhibit and the exhibit is to leave the ring.
31. Judges must comply with all legislative, legal requirements and Government health orders current on the day and date of the event to be eligible to judge.

# JUDGE REQUIREMENTS

## **MAINTAINING YOUR CURRENT TIER 1 OR TIER 2 STATUS REQUIRES THE FOLLOWING:**

- You must remain a member of the Society and be the nominee of that membership.
- Tier 1 judges who have been a Society panel judge for a minimum of 10 years and who have judged at least 10 Welsh shows since their appointment will only be required to attend a WPCS of A seminar at least once every 5 years.
- Specialty performance judges who are only on the panel for a performance discipline must attend a seminar relevant to the section they are appointed to judge at least once every 3 years and confirm attendance with COM.
- You must sign the Judges Code of Conduct document.
- You must adhere to the Judges Code of Conduct and all Society Codes of Conduct and Rules & Regulations.
- You must attend an annual Zoom Judges' Workshop when applicable, in addition to a WPCSA Judges Seminar.

## **UPGRADING TO TIER 1**

**Tier 2 judges can apply online to be promoted to Tier 1 by May 1st each year, with status confirmed by the end of June of that year. To be eligible to apply:**

- You must have been a Tier 2 judge of the WPCSA Inc for a minimum of 5 years.
- You must be the nominee of a current membership of the WPCSA.
- You must be able to declare that you have never had any conviction relating to animal cruelty or child abuse.
- You must have attended a WPCSA judges' seminar within the previous 2 years.
- You must have judged a minimum of 3 x Tier 2 judging appointments with favourable reports received by COM.