

# WELSH PONY & COB SOCIETY OF CANADA

## RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

Sec. 1: The Stud Book shall be divided into four (4) sections and a Half-Welsh Registry as follows:-

### Section A

Section A Mountain Ponies shall provide for registration of those ponies not exceeding 12.2 hands (50 inches) at matured height.

When both parents are Section A ponies, the progeny is to be registered under Section A. Should a pony at any time exceed the height limit for Section A, application for transfer of registration to Section B should be made by the owner and such transfer shall be authorized by the Board of Directors providing that the height of the pony is certified by a licensed veterinarian on the form prescribed by the Society.

### Section B

Section B Welsh ponies shall provide for the registration of those ponies not exceeding 14 hands (56 inches) at matured height.

When both parents are Section B ponies or when one parent is Section A and one parent is Section B, the progeny shall be registered under Section B.

### Section C

Section C shall provide for the registration of Welsh Cobs not exceeding 13.2 hands (54 inches) at matured height.

### Section D

Section D shall provide for the registration of Welsh Cobs exceeding 13.2 hands (54 inches) at matured height.

Sec. 2: (a) If a registered pony is mated with another registered pony, the resulting progeny shall be eligible for registration in the section indicated in the following table and shall be recorded as Purebred.

A + A = A	B + B = B	C + C = C	D + D = C or D
A + B = B	B + C = C or D	C + D = C or D	
A + C = C	B + D = C or D		
A + D = C or D			

(b) All Section C and D shall have the genetic percentage of Cob blood listed, as a further descriptor, on their registration papers and shown in the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Canada Stud Book.

(c) The transfer of a Cob from one Section to another may be authorized by the Board of Directors subject to the following conditions:

- Transfer of animals from Section C to Section D shall be considered solely on the grounds of height.
- Transfer of animals from Section D to Section C shall be considered solely on the grounds of height and such animals shall be not less than seven (7) years old.
- The height shall be certified by veterinarian on the form prescribed by the Society.

Sec. 3: (a) Subject to Article 18- Sec. 2 (a) preceding, ponies or Cobs which are by a registered sire and out of a registered dam or a foundation stock Grade 2 (FS2) dam, which FS2 dam has been "entered" in the appendix to the Welsh Pony and Cob Society Stud Book (Great Britain) are eligible for registration; that is to say, pony or Cob directly descended from a foundation stock (FS) mare and having three or more direct and successive top crosses of registered blood are eligible for registration; except that a pony or Cob is not eligible if its sire has a short pedigree or if its dam is a lower grade of foundation stock than FS2. Note: Grades of foundation stock mares referred to herein are as defined in the Stud Book of the Welsh Pony & Cob Society (Great Britain).

(b) "Registered" as referred to above, means registered in any one of the Stud Books of the following Societies:-The Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Canada, The Canadian Pony Society, The Welsh Pony and Cob Society (Great Britain), The Welsh Pony Society of America, the Welsh Cob Society of America and the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of America, Inc. Section A and Section B ponies registered in the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Australia Stud Book will be accepted provided they are directly descended in all lines of pedigree from ponies registered in the Stud Book of the Welsh Pony & Cob Society (Great Britain). Section C and Section D Cobs will not be accepted.

(c) Subject to Article 18- Sec. 2(a) preceding, ponies or Cobs are eligible for registration if they are already registered in the Stud Book of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society (Great Britain), the Welsh Pony Society of America, the Welsh Cob Society of America or the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of America, Inc. Section A and Section B ponies registered in the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Australia Stud Book will be accepted provided they are directly descended in all lines of pedigree from ponies registered in the Stud Book of the Welsh Pony & Cob Society (Great Britain). Section C and Section D Cobs will not be accepted. Imported Welsh ponies and Cobs shall be granted Canadian Registration only according to the Rules of Eligibility stated in Article 18 which are in effect at the time of the application for registration. Provisions shall be made for an appendix to the Stud Book for the listing of foundation stock mares as follows.

(d) FS2 mares which have been entered in the appendix to the Stud Book of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society (Great Britain) shall be eligible for listing in the appendix to the Stud Book of the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Canada and the male and female progeny of these listed FS2 mares, when by a registered sire, shall be eligible for registration.

(e) FS and FS1 mares shall not be accepted for inclusion in the Stud Book of the Welsh Pony & Cob Society of Canada.

Sec. 4: Application for registration of Welsh Ponies and Cobs from dams which have been bred in the year following the calendar year in which they were foaled shall not be accepted for registration.

Sec. 5: Animals which are skewbald or piebald will not be accepted for registration.

Sec. 6: (a) Every registered stallion used for breeding shall be DNA tested and the record of his DNA shall be on file with the Welsh Pony and Cob Society of Canada and the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation.

(b) Every registered stallion owner shall report all mares bred to his or her stallion during the year to the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation at Ottawa. The report shall be filed before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year of service.

(c) The Stallion owner shall give a service report, using the short form, to the owner of each mare bred.

- (d) When a bred mare is sold, a Certificate of Service, shall be given to the purchaser at the time of sale or the Certificate of Service on the back of the mare's registration papers shall be filled out and signed.
- (e) Foals shall not be registered unless the stallion service report is on file at the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, Ottawa, without the approval of the Board of Directors.
- (f) After the last covering of a mare by a stallion, a minimum of 42 days shall elapse before said mare can be covered by a different stallion. If a mare is covered by two or more stallions within a 42 day period, the identity of the resulting offspring shall be determined by DNA testing, at the breeder's expense, to identify parentage, before registration can be approved.
- (g) That every fortieth (40th) foal registered shall be selected for random DNA testing to verify parentage and that the recorded owner(s) of the stallion, mare and foal shall agree to permit such DNA testing of their animals. Failure of an owner to comply with this regulation shall automatically place the Certificate of Registration for this foal under suspension. The DNA testing shall be at the Society's expense and the Society and Canadian Livestock Records Corporation shall keep the records, with a copy to the recorded owner(s).

Sec. 7: Half-Welsh Registry

In order to be eligible for Half-Welsh papers, either the sire or the dam must be a registered purebred Welsh pony or a registered purebred Welsh Cob. The word registered to mean as defined in Article 18, Sec. 3: (b) of this Constitution. Only one parent shall be a registered purebred Welsh pony or a registered purebred Welsh Cob.

Sec. 8: At each Annual General Meeting the Board of Directors shall approve a laboratory or laboratories to perform DNA testing and other services for the Society for the coming year.

### **APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION**

Sec. 1: Application for registration of all animals born in Canada shall be made on forms supplied by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation. The owner of the foal at birth is the owner or lessee of the dam as shown on the records of the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation.

Sec. 2: If a question of parentage exists, the Executive may pass a motion to request the applicant to provide a DNA report on the foal and both parents. These reports are to be supplied at the applicant's expense within one (1) year of the date of the request. This time may be extended by the Executive Committee for reasonable cause upon request from the applicant.

If no parental incompatibility is shown, the applicant will be reimbursed by the Society for veterinary and laboratory costs incurred in providing the requested reports.

Sec. 3: Every certificate of entry or transfer in the registry is based on the representation contained in the application. If animals have been admitted to entry or transferred through error, misrepresentation or fraud, such entries or transfers are void, together with any entries or transfers that may have been made of descendants of such animals and the Society assumes no liability for damages from such entry or transfer.

Sec. 4: Application for registration shall be made by December 31st of the year of foaling or within six months of the date of importation. Later application shall be made in accordance with the current list of registration fees.

Sec. 5: Twin animals shall be registered at the same time providing both are living. If one is dead, it shall be so stated and the sex of the dead animal given.

Sec. 6: The breeder of an animal is the owner or lessee of the dam at the time she was served. The first owner is the owner of the dam at the time the animal was born.

Sec. 7: No two animals shall have the same name.

Sec. 8: Upon the death of a registered animal, its Certificate of Registration and a statement signed by the recorded owner, indicating the date of death, shall be sent to Canadian Livestock Records Corporation for recording and cancellation within forty-five (45) days of death. Upon request, the canceled certificate will be returned to the recorded owner.

Sec. 9: A duplicate certificate may be issued if the registered owner or his authorized agent files, on a form supplied by the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation, a statutory declaration that the original certificate is irretrievably lost or destroyed.

Sec. 10: **IMPORTATIONS**

- (a) Imported Welsh Ponies and Cobs shall be granted Canadian registration only according to the Rules of Eligibility stated in Article 19- Rules of Eligibility, which are in effect at the time of the application for registration.
- (b) The date of importation shall be the date the animal arrives in Canada.
- (c) Application for registration of imported animals must be accompanied by a copy of the Certificate of Registration from the country of origin, which must be in the name of the Canadian importer. If an animal is in foal, in order to register the produce, a certificate shall be furnished, signed by the owner of the service sire.