

# The Welsh Pony and Cob Society

## Rules of Registration

### 2022

#### **Rules Covering All Registrations**

All registrations must be applied for on a fully completed current registration form, supplied by the Welsh Pony and Cob Society office, signed by the breeder (the owner or lessee of the mare at the time of foaling) together with the relevant fee. These forms can be downloaded from the Society website or can be requested by contacting the WPCS Office.

In all cases, the details of the sire and the dam must be clearly supplied on the registration form, with any additional breeding in the case of Welsh Part-bred applications supplied on a separate accompanying document. If the sire or dam is unknown this should also be noted clearly.

The Welsh Pony and Cob Society cannot register animals with no known breeding i.e., both Sire and Dam noted as unknown.

All registrations requiring a passport to be printed must have the markings diagram and the written description fully completed signed and dated by either the breeder of the animal, the current owner and a veterinary surgeon accompanied by the practice stamp.

All registrations requiring a passport to be printed must have the microchip section completed, which must be signed and stamped by a veterinary surgeon.

Prefixes registered with the Welsh Pony and Cob Society and the Central Prefix Register can only be used by the owner of that prefix; prefixes can be extended to family members with written confirmation from the owner of the prefix. It is the discretion of the Society whether a prefix can be used as a second name.

Breeders may register an animal with an unregistered prefix in one instance. If the breeder wishes to use the same unregistered prefix again, they must apply to register it as an official prefix with the WPCS and CPR. This does not guarantee that another breeder may register that prefix. If the breeder does not wish to register a prefix, then they must change the name that they use.

If a name has already been used for a registered animal, then it cannot be

used again. Breeders and owners will be asked to supply a different name, or alternatively, change the spelling of the chosen name.

The Welsh Pony and Cob Society reserves the right to refuse any name of an animal that could be seen as derogatory, insulting, or offensive. Breeders are welcome to contact the Office if they would like to check if a name is unacceptable before submitting their application form or ask for name suggestions, especially in the Welsh language. The office can also advise on the correct pronunciation of Welsh names.

Incomplete or incorrect applications received will be rejected and returned to sender to enable corrections to be made. Please check the following before submitting:

#### FRONT SIDE

- You have the right to use the prefix
- You have named the animal
- You have noted the correct section A / B / C / D / WPBR
- Sex, exact date of birth and colour are noted
- Sire and dam and their correct registration numbers are noted clearly
- If you are the breeder that the dam is in your ownership, or a current lease is in place
- You have either signed the 'service certificate' section at the top of the form – if you are the owner of the sire, or the stallion owner has signed it, or a stallion service certificate signed and dated by the owner at the time of covering is submitted along with the form
- Breeders' details and declaration are completed and signed
- Owner's details are completed and signed

NOTE all passports are issued to the breeder by default as a foal should not leave the premises of the breeder unless accompanied by its passport.

#### REVERSE SIDE

- Animal's name, sex, colour and breed section are completed and match the information provided on the front of the form.
- All sections of the description are completed clearly.
- If the animal has no markings to note in any section, please put a / rather than leave it blank
- The 'description taken by' section is completed
- The microchip sticker is attached
- All markings are clearly drawn
- Leg markings are all filled in and correlate correctly to the written description

- The rear-view leg markings have been filled in correctly
- A veterinary surgeon has signed, dated and stamped the form.

## **Pure Bred Colts and Fillies**

To register an animal as Pure Bred, both parents must be registered as Pure Bred. The sire must be in possession of a Welsh Pony and Cob Society licence or a recognised equivalent.

The registered names and numbers of both parents must be clearly written on the registration form.

The breeding details must be verified by the breeder, with the declaration signed confirming that the details are correct. Knowingly falsifying the registration information is considered fraud.

Applications for Pure Bred colts and fillies must be received by the WPCS office on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> of November in the year of foaling. Applications that have been received after this time will be classed as late and will incur additional costs. This is a Welsh Government set deadline.

Applications for Pure Bred colts and fillies received after 1<sup>st</sup> January in their yearling year will incur a late entry fee and cannot be registered without a full DNA parentage report, confirming that both the sire and dam are correct. DNA testing kits can be obtained from the Welsh Pony and Cob Society office.

If the foal is the first Pure Bred registered offspring from a mare, then the Welsh Pony and Cob Society requires a DNA profile for the dam to be held on file. Without this, the application for the foal will not be completed.

**We advise that breeders apply for the DNA at least 8 weeks prior to the application of the foal's registration, to minimise the possibility of unnecessary delays.**

In order to record a person(s) as breeder of an animal, the Welsh Pony and Cob Society requires that person to be recorded as the owner of the dam at the time of foaling or recorded as having the dam on lease/loan at the time of foaling. Ownership records must be kept up to date, otherwise the offspring cannot be registered. Lease forms must be signed by the owner of the animal, with the correct dates specified. A lease form is available to download from the Society website.

If the covering stallion is owned by the breeder, then the 'service certificate'

part of the registration application form must be signed by the breeder.

If the breeder of the foal is different from the owner of the stallion at the time of covering, then a signed and dated service certificate is required to confirm the covering or the 'service certificate' part of the registration application form must be signed and dated by the owner of the covering stallion.

If the service certificate has not been submitted alongside the application form or the 'service certificate' part of the form has not been signed, then the Welsh Pony and Cob Society will not be able to register the foal.

To verify that the Stud Book is as correct as possible, the Welsh Pony and Cob Society will perform random DNA parentage tests. One colt and one filly foal from the purebred sections are randomly selected annually for parentage testing during their yearling year. DNA profiling kits are provided free of charge to those breeders whose foals are selected, and the processing and veterinary costs are paid by the Society upon receipt of a valid Veterinary practice invoice. Only the costs of the DNA harvesting, form filling and callout fee will be paid.

Pure Bred animals should be of solid colours only, although roan is acceptable. If the markings on the application form are unclear, the Society can request confirmation of the markings with photographs. These will be scanned and lodged on the animals' record in the database for future reference.

### **Mating Between Sections**

The Welsh Pony and Cob Society Stud Book contains five different sections, with certain restrictions governing height.

Section A - Welsh Mountain Pony  
Not exceeding 121.9cm 12hh

Section B – Welsh Pony  
Not exceeding 137.2cm 13.2hh

Section C – Welsh Pony of Cob Type  
Not exceeding 137.2cm 13.2hh

Exceeding 137.2cm 13.2hh  
Section D – Welsh Cob

Welsh Part-bred. No height limit.

Any mating within the pure-bred sections and the resultant offspring of that mating is regarded as a pure bred as illustrated by the following table:

<i>Parents</i>	<i>Progeny</i>
A x A	A
A x B	B
A x C	C
A x D	C
B x B	B
B x C	C
B x D	C or D
C x C	C
C x D	C or D
D x D	D

To register an animal as a Section A, both parents must be already registered as Section A, following the above stated regulations. If a Section A grows over the maximum height, then they must be transferred to Section B, with a form completed by a veterinary surgeon to confirm the correct height of the animal. It is not possible for a Section B to be re-registered as a Section A, regardless of the height of the animal.

To register an animal as a Section B, both parents must be already registered as either Section A or Section B.

With mating's between Sections A and B with Sections C and D, the offspring must be registered as a Cob type, regardless of the height of the animal.

With mating's between Section C and Section D, the expected height of the offspring as suggested by the breeder, should determine whether the foal will be Section C or D.

If a Section C Welsh Pony of Cob Type grows over the maximum height, then they must be transferred to Section D, with a form completed by a veterinary

surgeon to confirm the correct height of the animal.

If an animal is registered as a Section D, but does not manage to reach the expected height, then this animal can be re-registered as a Section C, once that animal has reached the age of 7 years old to ensure that there are no late growth spurts.

### **Pure Bred Geldings**

These animals can be of any Section of the Stud Book or Welsh Part Bred. If an animal has previously been registered as a colt, then there is a requirement to update the passport to denote that it has been castrated.

Pure Bred geldings can be registered at any age without late entry penalties or full DNA parentage tests. However, if it is the first Pure Bred foal from a mare, a DNA profile for the mare is still required.

To register a gelding, the Welsh Pony and Cob Society requires a castration certificate to be completed by a veterinary surgeon to confirm that the animal has either been castrated or that the animal has been examined and verified to be a gelding.

### **Welsh Part Bred Register**

To qualify as eligible for registration as a Welsh Part-bred with the WPCS the Society requires a minimum of 12.5% of registered Welsh parentage.

All Welsh Part bred foals must be registered on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> of November of the year of foaling. Applications that have been received after this time will be classed as late and will incur additional costs. This is a Welsh Government set deadline.

### **Overstamping**

If an animal eligible for registration already holds a passport from a different Passport Issuing Organisation (PIO) and is resident in the UK with the full breeding details printed inside, it is possible for the Welsh Pony and Cob Society to overstamp the passport with the WPCS registration number. Please note that a registration application form is still required to overstamp passports.

### **International Acceptable Registrations (Outside of the EU)**

The International Acceptable register was created in order to bring Pure Bred animals registered overseas back into the Welsh Pony and Cob Society Stud Book, so that they, and their progeny, can be recognised as Pure Bred Welsh.

Outside of the European Union (EU) If an animal is registered as Pure Bred with a recognised daughter Society of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society, that animal can be registered and overstamped with the Welsh Pony and Cob Society as long as the breeding can be traced back fully to Pure Bred registered animals in the Stud Book who were exported overseas.

In all cases, a completed registration form supplied by the Welsh Pony and Cob Society is required. There is no requirement for parentage testing and animals can be registered at any age.

### **International Register (Outside of the EU)**

This register was created for animals whose parents are registered in the International Acceptable register and crossed with animals registered with the Welsh Pony and Cob Society. The International Register (IR) follows on the same rules for registration as for all other Pure-Bred animals, therefore, Maiden Mare DNA and the late entry procedures apply. As with all registrations, a registration form supplied by the Welsh Pony and Cob Society is required.

The Society will enter in its Studbook, animals of the same breed, that are eligible for entry under the Society's breeding regulations, without discrimination on account of their country of origin.

### **Overseas Registrations – from Members and breeders from outside the UK and Northern Ireland but within the EU. (OR)**

Following the UK's departure from the EU, post Brexit, the Welsh Pony and Cob Society is now unable to legally produce passports for Welsh Ponies and Cobs bred and domiciled in EU member state countries.

However, mindful of those WPCS members and breeders, many of whom are longstanding life members of the Society from within the EU countries, who wish to continue to register their stock within the main mother Society Stud book, the Society is launching a new register as part of the Welsh Stud book which has the backing of the Welsh Government Brexit exit team and the Equine ID and Welfare departments.

The Society stud book has since the 1950's included a section for 'Overseas Registrations (OS)'. This has enabled breeders from outside the UK to register their stock from animals imported originally from the UK in that

section on a level playing field with those home registered animals, thereby ensuring that those bloodlines are not lost to the gene pool. In real terms it does authenticate the animal registered.

The Society will continue to register these animals which are passported from EU Countries, by issuing WPCS Official Registration Certificates as we cannot now issue passports for EU bred animals.

- A passport is produced by the EU country.
- The Zootechnic certificate is also produced by that country.

These documents are for identification, travel, traceability, health and germinal purposes.

- The Overseas Registration Certificate issued by the WPCS details the Pedigree, and the section of the Welsh Stud book where that animal is registered. This certificate is only available to Welsh breed animals **born outside the UK** which comply with the WPCS Breeding rules for eligibility.

### How will this work in practice?

Our aim will be to make the process completely digital and paperless.

1. The breeder obtains a passport for their animal in the EU country of their choice (ideally from a WPCS daughter Society in that country)
2. The breeder scans the following passport pages clearly:
  - Front details page to include the registration number in their stud book and UELN.
  - Pedigree page with reg numbers
  - Diagram page
  - DNA reference number
  - If it is **not passported by a Daughter Society of the WPCS**, the breeder would also have to scan and send:
    - Confirmation of ownership/ lease of the dam
    - Confirmation of ownership/ lease of the sire or a valid service certificate signed by the stallion owner.
    - Confirmation of the Stallion's licence number
3. The breeder emails the scans to the WPCS and pays the Overseas registration fee online via the WPCS website.
4. The WPCS Overseas Registration application is checked by a staff member on our database. Once checked and validated and entered into the Stud book, a WPCS Overseas registration (OR) number is created for the animal.



The document is sent as a pdf to be formatted as an 'Overseas Registration E-certificate'.

5. This bespoke **WPCS Overseas Registration certificate** is watermarked and given a unique issue number to prevent fraudulent activity.
6. It is then emailed to the breeder – who can download it or choose to print it out. Their animal is now registered in the WPCS Overseas Register (OR). The reverse of the certificate will show the animals pedigree.

Illustrated below are the mating's and where the resultant offspring would appear in the Studbook registers:

**Stock bred outside the UK:**

- IA x OR = OR
- IR x IR = OR
- OR x OR = OR
- OR x WM (exported from the UK) = OR
- WS x OR (exported from the UK) = OR
- WS (exported) x WM (exported) = OR

**Stock bred in the UK:**

- IA x OR = IR
- IR x IR = IR
- OR x OR = IR
- OR x WM = IR
- WS x OR = IR

If an animal is bred by or out of an animal which already holds an (OS) registration with the WPCS then there is no suffix, it appears in the studbook as WS or WM as do all other UK bred animals without any IR or OR parentage.

**(OR) animals are eligible to compete for WPCS medals and awards and be sold through Official Society sales.**

## **Section X**

Section X was created for animals of known parentage, who fall outside of the standard rules of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society for registration in the Pure-Bred register in that their sire was not a licenced stallion or if they exhibit too much white on the body.

Animals registered in Section X are not eligible for entry in official Society sales and are not eligible for participation in Mountain and Moorland showing classes or for the award of Welsh Pony and Cob Society medals.

Animals registered in Section X that are not of solid colour, from correctly registered and licenced parents, can be bred from and their offspring entered into the main Stud Book if they are of solid colour. The offspring must be DNA parentage verified. These applications will be discussed by Council and, if accepted, the offspring will be registered in the main Stud Book. In essence, the breeder, choosing to breed from a Section X animal, does so at their own risk.

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