

WPCS MEDAL HISTORY

An illustration of how the numbers of medals awarded have increased.

- 1970** - 30 medals - all the same type
- 1990** - 1 Gold, 6 Silver, 50 Bronze.
- 2013** - 1 Gold, 30 Silver, 145 Bronze
- 2014** - 1 Gold, 25 Silver, 120 Bronze (with 30 more shows under warning of potential loss of their medal allocation if their figures did not improve)
- 2018** - 1 Gold, 28 Silver, 120 Bronze
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From 2009 to 2013 the criteria for the awarding of medals was:-

Bronze medal - 30 animals entered and 20 animals forward per section of the Studbook

Silver medal - 40 animals entered and 30 animals forward

In 2013, a review which had been delayed for 2 years was undertaken by the Judging and Showing Committee and Council, resulting in new criteria:-

Bronze medal - 30 animals entered and 20 animals forward for sections A and D, and 25 animals entered with 15 animals forward for sections B, C and WPBR (**totals 135 & 85**)

Silver Medal - 40 animals entered and 30 animals forward for sections A and D, and 35 animals entered with 25 animals forward for sections B, C and WPBR (**totals 185 & 135**)

30 shows had medals withdrawn or demoted for 2014 and 30 more were warned they would lose medals if their numbers did not reach the criteria in 2014.

The review was based on returns from all the medal shows, of numbers entered and forward in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013, and was passed by Council on 24th September 2013. For whatever reasons, be it the economic situation, price of feed, lower prices for stock and changes of Council the new criteria was not enforced between 2015 and 2019. The Covid pandemic affected 2020, 2021 and it was left un-enforced for 2022 to allow shows to re-establish.

All the historic evidence is that medals were previously reviewed bi-annually at the end of September with decisions taken being implemented for the following 2 years.

A chart illustrating registration numbers for the years shown

Year	Section A	Section B	Section C	Section D	WPBR
2010	2719	892	923	2345	24
2015	1498	582	660	1215	29
2021	1411	425	651	1233	517

In the early part of the current (2022) season, medals have been awarded to 48% of champions in sections with less than 10 animals entered (entered not forward) and in 18% of cases to Champions in sections with less than 5 entries, plus 2 with only 2 entries and 1 where a walkover occurred.

Earlier this year new criteria were presented to Council by the Judging and Showing Committee, and the approved new criteria were published on 24th September 2022 on the Society website and Facebook page and shared at the Judges Conference for implementation on 1st January 2023.

Comparison of criteria for the award of Medals to all 5 sections in Sections in 2014 and 2023

2014	24/09/2023	24/09/2023
Bronze medal 135 Entered 85 Forward	Bronze Status 80 entered only	Bronze 'Elite' Number of animals forward in a section 30
Silver Medal 185 entered 135 Forward	Silver Status 120 entered only	Silver 'Elite' Number of animals forward in a section 40

Following representations from Associations, Show Secretaries and individuals which were all considered and discussed by the Judging and Showing Committee at its meeting on the 8th of November, 2022 – the following amendments to those published on the 24th of September 2022 were approved by Council at its meeting on the 30th of November, 2022.

The '**6 Amendments to the Criteria**' published on the 24th of September 2022 are as follows:

1. **Bronze status** - Total of entries across minimum 4 classes in 4 of the 5 sections (ie. excluding the section with the lowest number of entries) to be **64 or more** and **Bronze elite** to require **25 or more** (was 30+) actually **forward** in a section.
2. **Silver status** - Total of entries across minimum of 6 classes in 4 of the 5 sections (ie. excluding the section with the lowest number of entries) to be **96 or more** and **Silver elite** to still require **40 or more** actually **forward** in a section.

The Society is also sponsoring a unique **WPCS Association Medal** to be awarded annually to the Supreme Welsh or Welsh Part-bred exhibit at any one of that Associations summer shows with a full classification of classes for ages and sexes, thus making it awardable to any one of the Champions from any one of the 5 sections in the Studbook and thus adjudged superior to any bronze, bronze elite, silver or silver elite awards made earlier in the day, with no limit on how many can be won by a single animal in a season, or which section it comes from.

3. Stallion and youngstock shows will be exempt from having to put on mare classes.
4. The rule change for judges not to officiate at medal shows within a 60-mile radius has been **suspended until 1st January 2024** and thus remains at **40 miles radius for 2023**.
5. The rule change limiting judges to officiating at 2 bronze and 1 silver status show, per section, per annum has also been **suspended until 1st January 2024** and thus remains at **3 bronze and 1 silver status shows, per section for 2023**.

(Amendments 4 and 5 are to enable judges and shows to fulfill commitments already made for the 2023 season)

6. The rule that has generally lapsed regarding the requirement for the award of medals that **Printed Catalogues** must be available for sale to the public on the day of the show, to contain the exhibit number, name of the exhibit and registration number, plus names and registration numbers of sire and dam., This is to promote the value of pedigrees, breeder's work and the importance of the Welsh Studbook. This rule to be reinstated and enforced from **1st January 2024**.

If the required details of the Champion in any section are not in the catalogue the medal will be awarded to the Reserve Champion, but no further.

**The WPCS Council and Judging and Showing Committee.
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