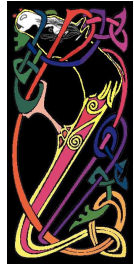




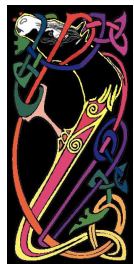
# Gypsy Cob Society Of America, Inc.

*a tax exempt, not for profit, educational organization, IRS 501 (c)(3)*



## OFFICIAL RULE BOOK

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
GYPSY COB SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.**

We the undersigned natural persons above the age of twenty-one (21) years, all of whom are citizens and residents of the State of Texas, acting as incorporators or a corporation under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

**ARTICLE I**

The name of the corporation is GYPSY COB SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.

**ARTICLE II**

(A) The corporation is a NON-PROFIT CORPORATION.

(B) The corporation shall be organized and operated exclusively for educational, scientific, and animal husbandry purposes. No part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any officer, director, or private individual, nor shall it ever declare or make to any of such persons any dividend or other distribution.

(C) Nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment of reasonable compensation for services rendered or the reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the corporation's affairs.

**ARTICLE III**

The period of duration of the corporation is PERPETUAL.

**ARTICLE IV**

The purpose for which this corporation is formed is exclusively, educational, scientific and animal husbandry, defined as follows:

(A) Aid and encourage the breeding, exhibiting, use and perpetuation of Gypsy Cobs to promote and coordinate Gypsy Cob show activities, promote and encourage exhibiting Gypsy Cobs in open classes, coordinate and cooperate in providing qualified judges for Gypsy Cob shows, and in devising and adopting Gypsy Cob show rules, regulations and standards.

(B) Cooperate with other organizations with similar

interests in Gypsy Cobs.

(C) Formulate publicity and educational programs and other activities in the interest of Gypsy Cob owners, associations, clubs and enthusiasts, for the purpose of stimulating popular interest in Gypsy Cobs.

(D) Own, operate, and maintain a registry and stud book for Gypsy Cobs either solely or in cooperation with other organizations.

(F) To encourage any manner of business to raise money for the purposes above recited.

(G) To encourage any and all forms of business transactions or enterprises a natural person might do, except as limited by law.

(H) To receive donations, bequests, and devises of property, both real and personal.

(I) To own, hold, purchase, trade, sell, exchange and deal in, and otherwise dispose of, all kinds of real and personal property.

#### **ARTICLE V**

The corporation shall have no capital stock or shares.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

(A) The authorized members and qualifications of the members, the different classes of membership, if any, and other rights and privileges of each class of members and the liability of each and all classes to dues, and the methods of collection thereof, shall be provided in the Bylaws of this corporation duly adopted.

(B) The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, whose number, term and qualifications, except as otherwise may be provided for in these articles or by Texas law, shall be prescribed in the Bylaws, but in no event shall the number of Directors be less than three (3).

#### **ARTICLE VII**

(A) The corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for office.

(B) The corporations shall not carry on any activity not permitted a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(C) (3) of the Internal Revenue

Code of the United States (or the corresponding provisions of any such subsequent law).

**ARTICLE VIII**

Upon dissolution or liquidation, whether voluntary or involuntary, the net assets of the corporation shall be distributed to one or more educational or charitable organizations exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States (or the corresponding provisions of any such subsequent law).

**ARTICLE IX**

The street address of the registered office of the corporation is 1611 Old Reno Road, Springtown, TX 76082, and the name of the initial registered agent is Janeda W. Easter.

**ARTICLE X**

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the corporation is five (5), and the names and residence address of the persons who are to serve as the initial Directors are:

Janeda W. Easter 1611 Old Reno Road Reno Rd Springtown, TX 76082 TX 76082	Priscilla Cox 888 South Springtown, TX 76082
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Debbie Prichard  
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**ARTICLE XI**

The name and street address of each incorporator is:

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**BYLAWS OF  
GYPSY COB SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.**

**ARTICLE I**

Pursuant to its Articles of Incorporation under the laws of the State of Texas, this organization shall be the Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc. and it shall be a non-profit corporation.

**ARTICLE II**

The objectives of the Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc., shall be those stated in Article IV of its Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE III**

The principle place of business of the Society shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Its members, Officers or Directors may be residents of any state, territory, or country. Business may be conducted or carried on at any place convenient to such members or officials, as may be participating.

**ARTICLE IV**

***Section 1, Membership***

Membership shall be open to all persons who subscribe to the objectives of The Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc., hereafter referred to as GCSA, agree to abide by its rules and regulations, and who apply for membership. Members of the GCSA shall be admitted, retained, reprimanded, fined, suspended or expelled in accordance with such rules and regulations as the membership may, from time to time adopt. In all matters of elections governed by a vote of the members, each regular and lifetime member in good standing who has attained the age of eighteen (18) years shall be entitled to one vote. A joint (spouse) membership is entitled to one vote. Associate and Youth members shall not be entitled to vote.

***Section 2, Classes of Membership***

**(A) Regular Members**

Regular Members are those persons who own an undivided or community property interest in and have registered with the GCSA one or more Gypsy Cobs, Sec-

tion A, B, or C, who have applied for and been accepted to membership in the GCSA, by the Board of Directors or their designee and who are not in arrears in payment of their annual dues. (B) Founding Lifetime Members

Founding Lifetime Members are those persons who own an undivided or community property interest in and have registered with the GCSA one or more Gypsy Cob Section A, B, or C, who have applied for and been accepted to membership in the GCSA by June 30, 2004, by the Board of Directors or their designee and who are not in arrears in payment of their lifetime fee. Founding Lifetime members shall pay no annual dues. For purposes of these Bylaws the term "Regular Membership" shall be deemed to include "Founding Lifetime Member" except where otherwise specified.

(C) Lifetime Members

Lifetime Members are those persons who own an undivided or community property interest in and have registered with the GCSA one or more Gypsy Cob Section A, B, or C, who have applied for and been accepted to membership in the GCSA, by the Board of Directors or their designee and who are not in arrears in payment of their lifetime fee. Lifetime members shall pay no annual dues. For purposes of these Bylaws the term "Regular Membership" shall be deemed to include "Lifetime Member" except where otherwise specified.

(D) Associate Members

Associate Members are those persons who are interested in the objectives and purposes of the GCSA but who do not own a Gypsy Cob Section A, B, or C, at the time of application for membership in the GCSA, who have applied for and been accepted to membership in the GCSA, by the Board of Directors or their designee and who are not in arrears in payment of their annual dues.

(E) Youth Members

Youth Members are those persons under age eighteen (18) who are interested in the objectives and purposes of the GCSA but who may or may not have a Gypsy

Cob Section A, B, or C at the time of application of membership.

(F) Syndicates

Syndicates shall have no voting rights.

(G) Non-Transferable

Membership shall not be transferable.

**Section 3, Dues**

Each Regular, Associate, and Youth Member shall pay annual dues and each Lifetime Member shall pay a lifetime fee to the GCSA, in such amounts as the Annual Meeting may prescribe. Annual dues shall not be prorated. Renewals of annual membership fees are due the 1st of January each year; the member will be given until March 1st to renew. If not renewed by March 1st, the member shall be automatically dropped from membership in the GCSA. Thereafter, membership may be restored as provided by Section 4 of this Article. Regular and Lifetime Members spouses shall be able to join under the original spouses single fee; but not more than two memberships per fee shall be allowed. A joint (spouse) membership is entitled to one vote.

**Section 4, Application**

Membership in the GCSA is a privilege, not a right. All applications shall promptly be referred to the Board of Directors or their designee for the class of membership applied for; an applicant will promptly be notified of action taken. Application shall be made on completed forms and include payment of an initiation fee as may be prescribed from time to time at the Annual Meeting. Application may be approved by the Board of Directors or their designee, but only the Board of Directors shall have the power to reject said application. Should a change in class of membership be desired, one must file a new application for that class, and be approved for that class.

Whenever in these Bylaws the term member or members shall be used, unless otherwise specified, it shall mean a member(s) in good standing having the right to vote. A member in good standing is one whose dues

are fully paid and whose rights are not suspended or revoked by disciplinary action.

***Section 5, Liability***

No member shall be personally liable for debts, liabilities or obligations of the Society, except as provided by law.

**ARTICLE V - CORPORATE POWER**

***Section 1, Division of Power***

The corporate powers of the Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc. shall be those provided by the law and the Articles of Incorporation and shall be administered as provided in the Article.

***Section 2, Powers of the Members***

**Exclusive Powers**

The Regular Members at any Annual Meeting or Special Meeting provided for in Article VI, Section 3-E hereof, shall have exclusive powers to amend the By-laws; amend the Articles of Incorporation; and dissolve the corporation.

***Section 3, Powers of the Board of Directors***

**(A) Enumeration**

The Board of Directors shall have the power and authority to make, amend, repeal, and enforce such rules and regulations, not contrary to the law, the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, as they may deem expedient and necessary concerning the conduct, management and activities of the GCSA, including but not limited to the setting and collection of dues and fees, (excepting registration fees) regulations regarding stud book, registration, the expenditures of money, the auditing of books and records, the awarding of championships, the conducting of shows, contests, exhibitions, sales, social functions and other details relating to the general purposes of the GCSA. All of the members at any regular or special meeting of the members provided that written notice of any intention to revise or amend said rule(s) has been published in a Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc. official publication newsletter at least sixty (60) days in advance of that meeting.

(B) Committees

The Board of Directors shall have the power to create and empower all committees both standing and special, from time to time, and to appoint their members. All committees, both standing and special, will be subordinate to the Board of Directors.

(C) Executive Director

The Board of Directors shall have the power to employ or appoint a salaried or non-salaried staff head who shall have the title of Executive Director. The Executive Director shall perform such duties as are assigned to him/her by the President and Board of Directors.

Section 4, Powers of Office

The Officers of the GCSA shall have those powers delegated to them by these Bylaws and such additional powers as may be delegated by the Annual Meeting or by the Board of Directors.

**Section 5, Indemnity**

The Directors, Officers, committee members, appointed persons and employees of the Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc. shall be indemnified and insured in accordance with Article 1396-2.22A of the Texas Non Profit Corporation Act.

No director of the GCSA shall be liable to the GCSA or its members for monetary damages for an act or omission in such director's capacity as a director of GCSA, except that this Article shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director of the GCSA for:

(A) A breach of such director's duty of loyalty to the GCSA or its members.

(B) An act or omission not in good faith or that involves intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of the law.

(C) A transaction from which a director received an improper benefit whether or not the benefit resulted from an action taken within the scope of the director's office .

(D) An act or omission for which the liability of a director is expressly provided for by statute.

Any repeal or amendment of the Article by the mem-

bers of the GCSA shall be prospective only and shall not adversely affect any limitation on the personal liability of a director of the GCSA existing at the time of such repeal or amendment. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, if the Texas Miscellaneous Corporation Laws Act is amended after approval by the members of this Article to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the personal liability of directors, then the liability of a director of the GCSA shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the Texas Miscellaneous Corporation Laws Act, as so amended from time to time.

***Section 6, Surety Bonds***

The Executive Director and the Treasurer and all other Officers or employees of the Society who may handle funds of the GCSA shall give a surety bond to be furnished at the expense of the GCSA for the faithful discharge of his or her duties, if so required by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS**

***Section 1, Annual Meeting***

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation shall be held at such time and place as shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Written notice of the annual meeting shall be given to the membership at least ninety (90) days before the date of said meeting.

***Section 2, Special Meetings***

Special Meetings of the members may be held at such time and place as may be designated in the notice thereof, whenever such a notice shall be mailed by direction of a majority of the Board of Directors or by notice signed by no less than twenty (20) percent of the regular members as of April 1st immediately preceding such notice.

**(A) Notice**

Notice of a special meeting shall be given at least sixty (60) days prior to such meeting, stating the time and place of such meeting to all members of the Corporation .

Notice of each meeting will indicate briefly the subject

or objects thereof and shall be given in the same manner as provided with respect to notice of annual meetings.

(B) Business

Only items specified in the notice of the special meeting can be transacted at such meetings.

**Section 3, Attendance**

All members in good standing of Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc. whether Regular, Lifetime, Associate, or Youth shall be entitled to attend any Annual or Special Meeting of the Corporation, and shall have floor privileges.

(A) Regular Members

All Regular Members who have attained the age of eighteen (18) years as of thirty (30) days preceding such meeting and who have been regular members for at least ninety (90) days are entitled to vote on any matter before the Annual Meeting or any special meeting. Whenever in these bylaws the term member or members shall be used, unless otherwise specified, it shall mean a member(s) in good standing having the right to vote.

(B) Associate Members

All associate and Youth Members are entitled to speak concerning any matter before the Annual or special meeting, but are not entitled to vote.

(C) Quorum

At any meeting of the members of the Corporation a quorum to do business shall consist of the majority of the largest number of Regular Members in good standing that have registered at such meeting.

(D) Proxies

Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

(E) Special Measures

An affirmative vote of two thirds of the registered Regular Members present, along with the absentee ballots at any Annual or special meeting shall be required to amend a Bylaw, amend the Articles of Incorporation, or dissolve the corporation. Absentee ballots will be mailed out at least 60 days prior to the annual meeting,

they must be returned postmarked not later than 30 days before the annual meeting (45 days before for international members), and must be sent certified return receipt requested United States Post (registered mail for international members). Proposals to amend a bylaw, amend the Articles of Incorporation, or dissolve the corporation may be proposed at an Annual Meeting and voted upon at the next Annual meeting. Notice of voting on proposals to amend a Bylaw, amend the Articles of Incorporation, or dissolve the corporation must be given at least sixty (60) days prior to the next Annual Meeting or special meeting. All bylaw changes ratified at the Annual Meeting would become effective January 1st proceeding the annual meeting in which they are passed.

(F) Ordinary Measures

A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for the election of an Officer or for the adoption of any other measure.

(G) Presiding Officer

The presiding Officer of the Annual or special meeting shall not vote except in the case of a tie, or in situations either to create or break a tie, the presiding Officer may exercise his/her right as a voting member to vote or not to vote.

**ARTICLE VII - DIRECTORS**

***Section 1, Enumeration and Qualifications***

(A) Number of Directors

(1) A region with less than 100 members shall have one (1) Director.

(2) A region with 100-200 members shall have two (2) Directors.

(3) A region with more than 200 members shall have three (3) Directors.

(B) Composition of the Board

The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, other Regional Directors and immediate Past President if he/she is not otherwise a Director.

(C) General Powers

The affairs and assets of the Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have final decision making authority on all matters that come before the general membership at any annual or special meeting with the exception of any changes to the Articles of Incorporation.

(C) Term

Each newly elected Director shall be elected for a term of three years.

(D) Qualifications

In order to be eligible to serve as a Director of the Corporation, an individual member must satisfy all of the following requirements.

(1) The individual must be a member in good standing.

(2) The individual must have owned, bred and/or promoted Gypsy Cobs.

(3) The individual must have attended at least two of the annual meetings (Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc.) in the five consecutive years immediately preceding the election in which the individual will run for Director.

(4) Any Director who does not attend a minimum of fifty (50) per cent of the regular and special Board of Director's meetings (including conference calls) from Annual Meeting to Annual Meeting shall be subject to removal from office by a majority of the Board of Directors.

(F) Proportional Representation

There shall be five (5) Regions as defined in the subsection and the number of Directors elected from each of those Regions shall be equitable proportioned to the number of Regular Members in such region, provided that at least one (1) Director shall be elected from each Region.

**Region 1**

Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington, D.C., Canada East (Ontario,

Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Quebec)

**Region 2**

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin

**Region 3**

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee

**Region 4**

Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Mexico

**Region 5**

Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Canada West (Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan)

**Section 3, Term**

(A) Duration of Term

Directors shall be elected to office for a term of three (3) years, or until their successors are elected and qualified to take office immediately after the next Annual Meeting.

(B) Limitation of Terms

No person shall serve more than six (6) consecutive years as a director. Service for any part of a year shall be considered service for that year. No director, currently in office, may be re-elected to the same office more than once. Upon serving two (2) consecutive full or partial terms, or six (6) years whichever is lesser, a person is ineligible to be a director for three (3) years thereafter. The immediate Past President, if he is not otherwise a director, may serve one additional year only.

Exception 1: If there are insufficient candidates to fill available board positions for a given region, current directors may run for additional terms by making written request to the GCSA office, postmarked no more than seven (7) business days after the close of nominations, and be included on the ballot for re-election regardless of the number of terms served.

(C) Schedule of Elections

Elections will hereafter be held in each region as follows:

Region 1 and 5 in 2006 and every three years after.

Region 2 and 4 in 2007 and every three years after.

Region 3 in 2008 and every three years after.

**Section 4, Regional Elections**

(A) Nominations

The Regular Members of each region shall submit the names of those they wish to nominate for a Director to the President or to his designee on form and by date requested.

(B) Balloting

The President will then cause written ballots to be mailed to the Regular Members of each region, which ballot shall contain the names of the nominees of their region and the date by which the ballot must be received by the GCSA office or its designee in order to be counted. Write in votes shall be allowed.

(C) Counting Procedure

The nominee in each region receiving the highest number of votes cast in the region shall be elected. If a region has more than one directorship open in any election, the nominee receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected and so on until all directorships are filled. If a tie occurs between two or more nominees where only one directorship is available, a run-off shall be held and the nominee receiving the most votes cast shall be elected.

**Section 5, Vacancies**

In case of any vacancy on the Board of Directors for any reason the vacancy shall be filled according to Article VII, Section 4. If less than six (6) months remain in the unexpired term, the position shall not be filled until the next regular election.

**Section 6, Meetings**

(A) Annual Board Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the Annual Meeting of the members. No notice shall be required for such meeting.

The Board of Directors may provide for other regular meetings at stated times and places.

(B) Special Meetings

Special Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held whenever called at the direction of the President or by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors.

(C) Telephone Conference Meetings

The Board of Directors may conduct any meeting other than the Annual Board Meeting, by telephone.

(D) Notice

Notice of each meeting of the Board of Directors, other than the Regular Annual Board Meeting, shall be given by mail, telephone or other verifiable means to each Director at least three (3) days before the meeting.

(E) Quorum

At any meeting of the Board of Directors, for which notice has been given, the presence of a majority of Directors then in office shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

(F) Proxy

Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

(G) Report of Meeting

A written report of each Board of Director's meeting which at the least shall contain all actions taken by the Board and how each Director voted on each issue including the votes cast by the President or Chairman shall be published in the GCSA Newsletter or mail-out to all the members in a timely manner.

(H) Open Meetings

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to all persons wishing to attend. The Board may close its meeting on matters relating to personnel and pending legal or disciplinary matters except to a member bringing such matters before the Board as provided herein or to any members the subject of such matters.

**ARTICLE VIII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

***Section 1, Enumeration***

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Immediate Past President (one year only), Vice

President, Secretary, Treasurer. In the event that the Immediate Past President is elected to the Executive Committee, one committee Member-At-Large will be elected from the existing Board of Directors.

The Committee Member-At-Large qualifications, term, election, and vacancy in office shall be the same as for Officers as per Article IX, Section 2(A) and (B) and Section 3, 4, and 5.

***Section 2, Duties***

The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to act for the Board on matters requiring resolution between Board meetings, personnel matters and on disciplinary matters as provided in the General Rules and Regulations and other duties as directed by the Board.

(A) The Executive Committee shall meet whenever called by direction of the President or three (3) members of the Committee acting jointly. The Executive Director shall give ten (10) days written notice of said meeting, but such notice may be waived by any member. Absentee or vote by proxy is not allowed in any meeting of the Executive Committee.

(B) The Committee may act (without conversing in meeting) by written resolution signed by all the members thereof and duly entered in the GCSA's records. At all meetings of the Committee, four (4) members shall constitute a quorum.

(C) All actions of the Executive Committee, shall be reported to the Board of Directors within fourteen (14) days of such action. The report shall be written. All actions of the Executive Committee are subject to ratification, revision, or amendment by the directors at any regular or special meeting of the Directors.

**ARTICLE IX - OFFICERS**

***Section 1, Enumeration***

The Officers of Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc. shall consist of a President, a Vice President, the immediate Past President, a Secretary a Treasurer, (and a Director-At-Large when dictated by circumstances described in Article VII, Section 1) selected in accordance with this Article.

## ***Section 2, Qualifications***

### **(A) Prerequisite**

Each Officer shall at all times during his/her term in office be a qualified Regional Director in good standing.

### **(B) Restriction of Office**

Officers shall be elected from those Regional Directors whose term has not expired. No officer or member of the Executive Committee may serve more than three (3) consecutive years in the same office nor on the Executive Committee for more than five (5) consecutive years. After a year's break, the Director can run for the same office or the Executive Committee again.

## ***Section 3, Terms***

Officers shall be elected to office for a term of one (1) year or until their successors are elected and qualified, to take office immediately after the Annual Meeting.

## ***Section 4, Elections***

The Officers shall be voted on by the newly seated Board of Directors each year.

## ***Section 5, Vacancies***

Any vacancy occurring between the Annual Meetings shall be filled by the Board of Directors. Should a vacancy occur in the office of the President, then, the Vice President shall automatically become the President for the unexpired term so that the vacancy then to be filled would be the Vice President.

## ***Section 6, Duties General***

These Officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these bylaws, and by parliamentary authority adopted by the GCSA, and any special rule of the voting members of the Board of Directors.

## ***Section 7, Duties of the President***

(A) The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association.

(B) The President shall enforce these Bylaws and other rules and regulations of the GCSA, and perform all the duties incident to the position and office, and which are required by law, and shall perform all other duties that may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

(C) The President and the Secretary shall prepare all agendas.

(D) The President shall be an ex-official member of all committees.

**Section 8, Duties of the Vice President**

The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in the event of the absence, or inability to act, of the President, or at his request; and such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors.

**Section 9, Duties of the Secretary**

(A) The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept a full and complete record of the proceedings of all Executive Committee meetings and closed sessions of the Board of Directors.

(B) The Secretary shall handle or cause to be handled all correspondence and communications and generally do and perform all duties incident to the office of the Secretary.

(C) The President and the Secretary shall prepare all agendas.

(D) The Secretary shall cause to be published notice of the date and place of all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors.

(E) The Secretary shall, in the absence of the President and Vice President at any meeting, call the meeting to order and preside until the election of a chairman pro-tem, which should take place immediately.

**Section 10, Duties of the Treasurer**

(A) The Treasurer shall cause to be received all monies belonging to or paid into Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc. and shall have the same deposited in the GCSA's bank account in a timely manner.

(B) The Treasurer shall cause to be disbursed funds only upon itemized demands upon the order of the Board of Directors.

(C) The Treasurer shall cause to be kept, complete books of account and shall issue an itemized statement and report at the Annual Meeting and such interim reports as may be ordered by the Board of Di-

rectors.

(D) The Treasurer shall cause to be submitted to the Board of Directors, at the first regular meeting of the Board after the Annual Meeting of the Board, a detailed budget of the proposed and anticipated expenditures for their approval. Upon approval of the budget, or its modification, it shall become binding upon the Officers of the GCSA and shall not be exceeded in each item set forth by more than ten (10) percent without prior approval of the Board of Directors.

(E) Year End Auditing: The GCSA shall conduct all of its affairs and accounts on the calendar year basis. An annual review of the GCSA shall be made by an independent Certified Public Accountant at the close of each calendar year with such audit shall be available in the GCSA office and available upon request by the membership. Such accountant shall be a disinterested person and not a member of the GCSA.

(F) The Treasurer shall serve as chairman of the Finance Committee.

***Section 11, Written Contracts***

The written contracts of the GCSA shall, after being approved by the Executive Committee, be executed on behalf of the GCSA by the President or other parties delegated by the Executive committee and attested by the Executive Director and the corporate seal.

**ARTICLE X - COMMITTEES**

***Section 1, Authority***

The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint committees as per Article V, Section 3, B of these By-laws.

***Section 2, Enumeration***

It shall hereby be agreed that committees do not have to be enumerated on, in these Bylaws, by name or specific instructions, but shall be so done by special rule of order, of the Board of Directors.

***Section 3, Committees***

Such committees, standing or special, shall be appointed by the Board of Directors as the GCSA or the Board shall from time to time deem necessary to carry

on the work of the GCSA. All committee members shall be members of the GCSA in good standing.

***Section 4, Term***

All committees shall be appointed by the newly seated Board of Directors each year.

***Section 5, Official Member***

The President shall be an ex-official member of all committees.

**ARTICLE XI - REGISTRY AND STUD BOOK**

***Section 1, Establishment***

The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the registry and stud book of the Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc. The Registrar of the GCSA shall be elected by the Board of Directors and hired or appointed by the Board of Directors. The registry, stud book, and Registrar shall be under the supervision of the Executive Director.

***Section 2, Open Registry***

The registry and stud book of the Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc. shall be open to all qualified Gypsy horses that meet the requirements for registration.

***Section 3, Temporary Registration***

Qualified Gypsy horses shall be issued temporary certificates of registration from birth until they have attained the actual age of five (5) years.

***Section 4, Permanent Registration***

Permanent certificates of registration shall be issued to qualified Gypsy horses who have attained the actual age of five (5) years, and have met all the requirements of the GCSA.

***Section 5, Registration Fees***

The Board of Directors shall recommend a schedule of fees to the Annual Meeting, and the membership shall determine, from time to time, the fees and charges for registration, issuance of certificates of registration, and the furnishing of any other instruments or documents of the GCSA pertaining to the Registry. There shall be a different and separate fee rate structure for members and non-members.

***Section 6, Breed Name***

Horses registered by the Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc. shall be a breed of horse known as the Gypsy Cob.

## **ARTICLE XII - OFFICIAL PUBLICATION**

### ***Section 1, Name***

The name of the official publication of the Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc. shall be "***Gypsy Tails***".

### ***Section 2, Policies***

The editorial policies and the policies of the Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc. Newsletter shall be set by the Board of Directors.

### ***Section 3, Rates***

Subscription and advertising rates shall be recommended by the Treasurer and shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE XIII - OFFICIAL RULE BOOK**

(A) There shall be published a rule book, which shall be entitled the "Official Rule Book of the Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc.", and shall be made available to every member one time free of charge and shall be printed in the following order: a Table of Contents, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, General Rules, Registration Rules, Show Rules and Regulations; complete list of fees, and other rules and regulations, and information of the GCSA.

### **(B) GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The Annual Meeting shall approve general rules and regulations, which shall govern the members and the GCSA, on all matters not contained in these Bylaws, but shall be published in the Official Rule Book of the Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc. When deemed necessary, the Board of Directors shall exercise their power upon any of the above rules and regulations, as per Article V, Section 3 (A).

## **ARTICLE XIV - AMENDMENT OF RULES**

All GCSA rules and regulations, including but not limited to general, show, amateur, youth activities, may be amended by a majority vote of the members in good standing at the Annual Meeting but only after specific proposal or amendment shall have met the criteria of

proper notice and approval by the appropriate standing committee(s), and majority vote of the Board of Directors.

(A) Requirement of prior notice

To be eligible for consideration by a standing committee a rule change proposal or amendment must be sent to the GCSA office and postmarked no less than ninety (90) days before the annual meeting in which the year the proposal is studied. (For example: All proposals to be considered for 2004 must be submitted ninety (90) days preceding the 2003 Annual Meeting). All proposed amendments will be reviewed by staff, Executive Director, and then passed on with an impact statement to the appropriate committee(s) for evaluation. The affected committee(s) will then review the proposed changes and word them in the appropriate legal terms. The committees cannot change the intent of the rule as it was received from its original source. The change will then be presented for consideration on the agenda of the appropriate committee at the mid-year Board of Directors Meeting. If the rule change proposal is adopted by the committee it will then be voted on and approved by a majority of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may amend the rule proposal at the mid-year meeting, however the amendment must be closely related to or have a direct bearing on the rule. The presiding officer or parliamentarian may choose to accept or refuse an amendment if he or she deems it inappropriate. The amendment must be voted on and accepted by a majority of the Board of Directors prior to being included in the rule. The rule and amendment are then returned to the appropriate committee for rewrites. The committee cannot change the intent of the rule as amended. The proposal will then be placed on the agenda for approval at the Annual Meeting.

If the committee does not approve the proposal it can be considered at the Annual Meeting provided that the supporters can garner a petition signed by a minimum of three (3) members of the Board of Directors and meet the timeliness requirements for publishing the

proposal in the newsletter.

All rule proposals or amendments to be considered for approval at the GCSA Annual Meeting must be published in their finished form with an explanation of the changes in the newsletter not less than ninety(90) days prior to the GCSA Annual Meeting.

(B) At the Annual Meeting committee Chairpersons will explain each rule and the members in attendance as well as the absentee ballots will vote “Yes “ or “No” with no changes permitted at that time.

(C) Implementation: Those rules or amendments that have been ratified by the membership at the Annual Meeting will go into effect on January 1 in the proceeding year and the Rule Book will be printed for new members and a supplement printed for members who have previously received a rule book.

(D) Period of Non-Amendment: A rule or regulation is not subject to amendment by change, addition or repeal until it has been in force for at least two (2) calendar years, which limitation can be waived by the Board of Directors upon finding of exceptional circumstances which

(1) concern the safety, health, or well-being of the horse and /or exhibitor.

(2) materially benefits GCSA’s programs or its financial stability

(3) involves other compelling circumstances.

#### **ARTICLE XV - FEES**

The Board of Directors shall determine the fees and charges for all items not expressly stated in these By-laws.

#### **ARTICLE XVI - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the GCSA in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, and any special rules of order the GCSA may adopt.

#### **ARTICLE XVII - AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

These Bylaws can be amended at any Annual or special meeting of the GCSA as per Article VI, Section 3, E.

These Bylaws of the Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc., were approved and adopted on June 21, 2003.

**GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS  
GYPSY COB SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.**

**MEMBERSHIP**

(A) Individual Membership

Applications for individual membership, as defined in Article IV of the Bylaws, shall be made to the Secretary of the Association on forms provided therefore and available from the GCSA office. Dues for the current year must accompany the application, Membership expires December 31st of each year.

(B) All such applications shall be promptly recorded by the secretary who shall issue a membership card to each applicant. Questionable applications shall be submitted to the Board of Directors.

(C) Rights and privileges of Individual Members not available to non-members include:

- (1) Listing in the published Society Membership List
- (2) Listing in the published Society Breeder's List
- (3) Listing on the Society website Breeder's List
- (4) Farm link on the Society website
- (5) Quarterly Society newsletter
- (6) Participation in Society general proceedings and elections
- (7) Reduced Fees

(D) While in good standing, all members shall have equal rights, interest and responsibilities with respect to the GCSA and its property; shall obey and be bound by all Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the GCSA, and decisions or actions of the Board of Directors; shall have floor privileges; and shall have the right to hold committee assignments, except as otherwise limited. The right to vote and hold office shall be by class of membership held.

(E) Individuals who are non-members, but who own Gypsy Cob Society of America registered horses, file registration applications and other documents with the

GCSA or participate in GCSA events, by such actions and in regard to such transactions, do hereby agree to be bound by all Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the Association and decisions and actions of the Board of Directors. Non-members may participate in GCSA recognized shows on the condition that the non-member shall comply with all rules governing such shows, including but not limited to the rules contained herein and all rules that are applicable to the particular show in question.

(F) Officer Limitations

No Officer or Director of the GCSA shall bring any suit or action against the GCSA while in office. Any Officer or Director of the GCSA who brings any suit or action against the GCSA will immediately be removed from office.

**LITIGATION**

The GCSA has adopted the following provision for the mutual benefit of members and with the intention of reducing the GCSA's litigation expenses, which expenses would ultimately be borne by members and non-members participating in GCSA activities:

Every member, by joining the GCSA, or non-member, by purchasing GCSA registered horses, filing registration applications or other documents with the GCSA , or participating in GCSA's approved events, does hereby agree: If unsuccessful in an attempt to overturn GCSA's decisions, actions, rules or regulations, to reimburse the GCSA for its reasonable attorney's fees, court and other expenses in defense of such suit.

**FEES**

All fees required by the GCSA are to be paid in U.S. dollars. All foreign fees shall be in international money order or bank draft in U. S. dollars; all Canadian fees are to be payable in U. S. dollars.

**RECORDS**

(A) Individual Personal Requirements

Any person subject to these rules and regulations may be required to supply any information and documents that the GCSA may determine to be necessary with

respect to the registration of horses or the transfer of registration certificates.

(1) Record Keeping

Complete and accurate records of breeding (hand and pasture breeding), foaling, etc., must be kept in permanent form by owner of horses, and these records must be made available to the GCSA as may be determined necessary with respect to the registration of horses or the transfer of registration certificates.

(2) Failure to Keep or Show Records

If the GCSA determines that no systematic and satisfactory plan for keeping records is in use, or if no records are made available upon the GCSA's written request for compliance, the GCSA may, for up to forty five (45) days, temporarily refuse registration or transfer of registration certificates from such owner until the records are complete. If during that forty five (45) day period the owner fails to demonstrate compliance with the GCSA's request to maintain a systematic and satisfactory set of records, the GCSA may proceed against the owner under the rules of Disciplinary Procedures.

(3) Annual Stallion Reports

Stallion breeding reports shall be submitted to the GCSA office by December 31st of each breeding year. (A grace period of fifteen (15) days will be allowed— must be POSTMARKED the 15th of January or before.) If stallion is co-owned with "and", signatures of all owners are required to sign the stallion report.

(a) If submitted as a late report (after January 15th) a late fee (See fee schedule) will apply and must be paid before the foaling date or DNA-testing for parent qualification of the foal will be required for the foal to carry the parentage on his registration certificate.

(b) If a report is not submitted and foal is born a report must be filed, with the late filing fees and the foal parent qualified by DNA-testing the foal, sire and dam.

(c) If a breeding stallion dies during any current breeding year his stallion report is due within thirty

(30) days following his death.

(d) This report shall include all mares owned by the owner of the stallion as well as mares owned by other parties. All mares must be listed with their respective registries and registry numbers whether GCSA registered or not.

(e) Mares bred with cooled transported semen or frozen semen must be designated on the report. This report shall be made on a form provided free of charge by GCSA.

#### (4) Corrections/Additions to Stallion Report

(a) Stallion breeding reports which require a correction or an addition will result in a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fee per horse for each mare omitted or twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) correction fee for each incorrect number or name on report.

(b) Corrections/additions must be submitted and paid before foaling date of resulting foal or parentage qualification will be required to verify the correction /addition in order to register the foal.

(c) In addition, the registered owner (or authorized agent) will be required to submit the necessary blood work and/or DNA Testing, at said owner's or agent's expense to verify the correction or addition.

(d) Failure to remit stallion reports will also be handled according to the above procedure.

#### (5) Sale of Stallion

Within thirty (30) days after a stallion is sold, the previous owner or registered agent, must file a stallion breeding report with the GCSA.

#### (6) Service/Breeders Certificate

A service/breeders certificate signed by the owner of the stallion (and the owner of the mare at time of breeding if not same owner at the time of foaling) must be submitted with the application of registration of a foal. If stallion is co-owned with "and", signatures of all owners are required to sign the service/breeders certificate. The dates must correspond with the stallion breeding report. This is not required if the owner of the sire and dam at the time of breeding is the same as at

the time of foaling. A service/breeders certificate with alterations or changes will not be accepted.

*(B) Right To Refuse, Deny, Or Cancel Registration*

The GCSA shall accept only Gypsy Cobs that qualify for registration, and deny requests for registration, transfer, or cancel existing registration certificates under the bylaws, rules and regulations of the GCSA. Should the GCSA take any such action, the GCSA will send written notice to the person(s) involved, who may then request a Hearing to determine the validity of action taken.

(1) Request for Hearing

The request must: Be in writing, state all grounds and reasons upon which the applicant relies for determining valid registration, and be received by the GCSA within thirty (30) days after receipt of the Notice of Denial or Cancellation.

(2) Burden of Proof

If a request for a Hearing is received in accordance with this rule, a Hearing will be held as provided in rules HEARING (A) - (G). In all disciplinary matters the burden of proof lies with the charged person. The applicant or person(s) seeking registration or to retain or change status of registration of a horse will have the burden of proving that the horse qualifies for registration in the GCSA. In all proceedings concerned with or affecting the registration and records of the GCSA, the burden of resolving any doubt as to the true parentage or identification of a horse shall be upon the applicant, owner, lessee, or other member(s) involved. If no request for a Hearing is received within the required time period the decision of the GCSA stands as final.

(3) DNA Testing

DNA testing may be required at the discretion of the Hearing Board to resolve any question or doubt as to the parentage or identification of the horse. In consideration of such tests and other information as may be available, the Hearing Board may authorize such corrections on the records of the GCSA. The recorded owner of a horse must agree to permit such tests which

will be at the expense of the owner. Refusal by an owner to permit DNA testing under this rule may result in cancellation of registration and penalties under rules of Disciplinary Procedures.

(4) DNA Laboratory Reports

DNA samples and results are the property of GCSA. GCSA will not require owner permission to parent qualify a horse.

(C) *Procedure For Denial Or Cancellation Of Registration*

The GCSA may propose to deny or cancel the registration of a horse if it finds that there are reasonable grounds to believe:

(1) That the horse does not meet the requirements for registration or;

(2) That the horse identified as the subject of registration is not the same horse the certificate is issued to or requested for or;

(3) That any information on the application or registration certificate is determined false or incorrect. The GCSA will advise the recorded owner in writing of any proposal to deny or cancel the registration and the reason supporting this proposal. The recorded owner shall have thirty (30) days to provide the GCSA's Registrar with information preventing the denial or cancellation. If such information does not resolve the difficulty, the decision of the Registrar stand, and the recorded owner may then request a Hearing as per rule (B) *Right To Refuse, Deny, Or Cancel Registration* (1) Request for Hearing.

(D) PUBLICATION

Notice of any cancellation of certificates of registration may be published in the official publication of the GCSA.

(E) REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

All horses registered with the GCSA must show proof of parentage with a breeder's certificate in which both parents are registered with GCSA in Section A or Section B. One parent must be registered with the GCSA

for a horse to be eligible for registration as a Section C. Exceptions, Subject to Board Approval:

(a) Proof of Import: Form VS17-30 or copy of an EU passport

(b) A copy of sire and dam registration certificates from a recognized Registry & Breeders Certificate signed by mare & stallion owners.

(c) A copy of registration certificate from a recognized Registry

(d) Documented background of origination.

Recognized Registries: Gypsy Cob & Drum Society, Gypsy Cob Society, Ltd, Gypsy Vanner Horse Society, Irish Cob Society and its affiliates, others subject to Board approval.

Applicant must complete, sign and submit proper GCSA registration application forms, with two photographs of the horse taken in accordance with requirements on the form to the Registrar.

(1) Responsibility

(a) All stallions must be DNA tested and *Breeding Stallion Qualification Certificate* completed and filed before any resulting foals or foals from future breedings will be considered for registration. After the DNA testing and *Breeding Stallion Qualification Certificate* results are on file with GCSA, the stallion is not required to be tested again.

(b) All horses must be DNA tested prior to registration.

(c) The owner or lessee of the dam at time of foaling is responsible for registration of the foal. If a foal is to be listed in an individual's name other than the owner or lessee of the dam at time of foaling, then a transfer report and fee shall be required.

(d) Imported horses must have proof of import to have an "Import" designation on the GCSA registration certificate. A copy of the USDA Certificate of Inspection (VS FORM 17-30) is required.

(2) Naming of Horse

(a) The owner of the dam at time of foaling

has a right to name the offspring. The name of the horse cannot be a duplication of any other name and cannot be deceptively similar to any other name recorded on the records of the GCSA.

(b) The name of the horse may be distinguished by a prefix or suffix, which is not a duplication of or deceptively similar to a prefix and suffix which has been previously reserved by written request and payment of the required fee to the GCSA. The filing of such a reservation does not override any rights that another member or non-member may have to the exclusive use of a prefix, suffix or horse name pursuant to federal trademark or trade name laws or other laws similar thereto including, but not limited to, common law surrounding rights in trademarks and trade names.

(c) The Board of Directors of the GCSA may adopt procedures and guidelines for the implementation of the prefix and suffix reservation process and for determining when and if a prefix and suffix or horse name is deceptively similar to a previously recorded horse name or previously reserved prefix and suffix .

(d) Names of horses may not be changed after registration, however if DNA testing results in a change of sire or dam and the registered horse's name includes the name of either sire or dam, only that portion of the name must be deleted or changed.

(e) When it is determined by the Registrar that a name is offensive to any race, creed, color or national origin, the Registrar has the right to refuse the registration name.

(f) The name of a horse may not be changed after registration unless it is offensive to any race, creed, color or national origin, in which case the Registrar has the right to require a change in the offensive part of the name only.

### (3) Breeder

The owner or lessee of the dam at time of service shall be listed as the breeder.

### (4) Temporary Registration

Any horse registered temporarily must be brought to permanent status within six (6) months after reaching five (5) years of age (sixty months). If not brought to permanent status, temporary papers will be revoked.

(5) Term of Temporary Registration

Temporary certificates shall contain the following phrase on the front of the certificate: This certificate is valid until five (5) years of age (sixty months). Registration will be revoked six (6) months after said date if application is not made for permanent status.

(6) Reinstatement

Revoked registration papers may be reinstated, by paying two times the normal cost of applying for permanent status per the fee schedule.

(7) Foals of Temporary Registered Parents

(a) No foals for which an application for registration has been submitted to the GCSA office shall be accepted into the registry while either parent's registration certificate is revoked.

(b) foals will be registered only if both parents registration certificates are valid (Valid date on certificate) as of postmark date of the application.

(F) REGISTRATION NUMBERS

The GCSA will issue registration numbers in consecutive order, based upon the order in which the applications are processed by the GCSA.

(G) CERTIFICATES

The GCSA shall issue a Certificate of Registration based upon information submitted on the proper form attesting to the qualification for registration.

(1) Transfer Without Signature of Recorded Owner

Whenever legal title to a registered horse passes to another by reason of death of the recorded owner, by reasons of foreclosure of any liens, or by any order or decree of court, or otherwise by operation of law, the GCSA may transfer the registration of such horse to the new owner upon:

(a) Order of a court of jurisdiction or other satisfactory proof of authority for transfer;

(b) Payment of the transfer fee and any reasonable cost and expenses of investigation and;

(c) Satisfaction of such other requirements as may be adopted by the GCSA.

(2) Sale Without Certificate of Registration

If a registered horse is sold without the certificate of registration, the certificate must be surrendered by the recorded owner to the GCSA for cancellation.

(3) Duplicate Certificates

To obtain a duplicate certificate of registration, the recorded owner must file with the GCSA a completed affidavit satisfactorily explaining the loss of the original certificate, and pay the appropriate fee. Upon approval by the GCSA, a duplicate certificate, so marked, will be issued to the recorded owner.

(4) Replacement Certificates

To obtain a replacement for a certificate which has been torn, mutilated, soiled, or otherwise defaced, but which is identifiable, the recorded owner must submit the original certificate to the GCSA for identification and pay the replacement certificate fee.

(5) Certificate Correction

A recorded owner may request a change in a horse's height, markings, or color as shown on the certificate by submitting the certificate of registration to the GCSA accompanied by a signed affidavit of height or statements attesting to the correction or changes, and submit any additional information that may be required by the GCSA. There shall be no charge for an amended or corrected certificate.

(6) Castration

After a stallion is castrated the certificate of registration and a "Gelding Certificate" form (provided by the GCSA) must be submitted to the GCSA by the recorded owner.

(7) Cancellation Upon Death of Horse

Upon the death of a registered horse, its certificate of registration and a statement signed by the recorded owner showing the date of death must be submitted to the GCSA for recording. Upon request, the GCSA will

mark the cancellation on the back to the certificate and return it to the recorded owner.

(8) New Pictures Required

Under all sections of new photographs may be required.

(H) LEASES

For a lease of a horse to be recognized by the GCSA whether for breeding or showing purposes, written notice of existence of said lease shall be filed with the GCSA Office, signed by both lessor (or authorized agent) and lessee (or authorized agent) and accompanied by the fee in the fee schedule. The notice shall provide the effective date of the lease, the name and registration number of the horse, and may provide a termination date. Otherwise it may be terminated by written notice, giving termination date signed by both lessor and lessee; or by a properly executed transfer report which shows a change of ownership from lessor to lessee and which is signed by lessor. No additional fee shall be charged for termination, whether automatic or by subsequent notice thereof. The effective date will be determined by the date of postmark or date hand delivered to the GCSA office. A backdated lease will not be accepted.

(1) Recognition

The GCSA will recognize only one lease per horse. Multiple leases will only be allowed if they are members of the same household for show purposes only.

(2) Recordation

Recording of Notice of Lease with the GCSA authorizes a lessee to execute all documents pertaining to the recognized activities of breeding or showing. Any limitation on use of the horse is solely the responsibility of the lessor.

(3) Transfer of Ownership

During the effective term of the lease, the GCSA will not record subsequent changes in ownership until the lease is terminated; and only the lessee (or authorized agent) is authorized to sign breeder's certificate, stallion breeding reports or registration applications per-

taining to the leased horse.

(I) SYNDICATES

In order for a syndicate to be recognized by the GCSA as owner of one or more horses, the horse(s) must be transferred into the name of the syndicate with the following items:

(1) A written report of the transfer to the syndicate name must be completed and signed by the last recorded owner. This transfer must be received by the GCSA office accompanied by the certificate of registration, the proper transfer fee, and disclosure of the names of the syndicate members.

(2) Written authorization shall be filed with the GCSA office (forms available upon request), accompanied by the fee in the fee schedule, appointing the syndicate manager and signed by the syndicate manager.

(3) When or if changes are made in the syndicate manager or syndicate members, written notice must be provided to the GCSA office indicating the change. No cancellation of the outgoing manager or syndicate members will be made unless written notice to this effect is received by the GCSA.

**BREEDING REQUIREMENTS**

(A) Forty-Two Day Rule

After a mare has been exposed or bred to one stallion, either by hand or pasture breeding, at least forty two (42) days must elapse before exposing the mare to a different stallion.

(B) PASTURE BREEDING

Only one stallion may run with a mare or group of mares in a pasture, and they must be enclosed by permanent fencing maintained in such manner that no other stallion can cover a mare in said group.

(C) ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION, COOLED TRANSPORTED AND FROZEN SEMEN

(1) Frozen semen may be used beyond a stallion's death only if the stallion is registered with the GCSA prior to his death, Breeding Stallion Qualification Certificate and his DNA must be on file with the GCSA.

(2) If cooled semen or frozen semen is to be

transported for the purpose of breeding a mare or mares at any place other than the premises of collection the stallion owner or lessee and mare owner must both complete their respective portions of the collection/insemination certificate which must accompany the shipment of cooled semen or frozen semen to the mare owner. See (4) below.

(3) A collection/insemination certificate form will be provided by GCSA, at no charge, to the stallion owner or agent. The collection/insemination certificate must be completed in part by the stallion owner/lessee and accompany the semen transported to the mare owner or agent. This certificate is not to be confused with a breeder's certificate and cannot be used as such.

(4) Upon receiving the semen and the collection/insemination certificate from the stallion owner, the owner or lessee or veterinarian in charge of the mare for which semen is received shall complete and sign the certificate, including the date of insemination. This certificate (not a breeder's certificate ) shall be sent in time to be received by the GCSA office by the end of the year . Any subsequent breeding in the same breeding season will require another certificate.

(5) The stallion owner or lessee shall clearly distinguish those mares bred using cooled transported semen or frozen semen and those mares bred immediately following collection, hand bred or pasture bred on the Stallion Breeding Report.

(6) Any foal resulting from the use of cooled transported semen or frozen semen must have its pedigree verified by genetic testing, including sire, dam and foal and/or by other genetic testing as GCSA deems necessary, all expense of which shall be the registration applicant's. In addition, the Executive Board has the authority to require parentage verification by genetic testing of all foals born on any premises receiving transported semen.

(7) Any foal resulting from the use of cooled transported semen or frozen semen shall not be regis-

tered without a transported semen or frozen semen breeders certificate. Such breeder's certificates are available at no charge to the stallion owners, upon request.

(8) The Executive Board has the authority to send representatives to inspect the premises and practices of any person or breeding establishment using artificial insemination and no person shall refuse, upon reasonable request, full access to said premises.

(D) EMBRYO/OOCYTE TRANSFER

(1) A horse foaled by a mare which is not its genetic dam, but transferred to her by embryo/oocyte transfer technique shall not be eligible for registration unless:

(a) Prior to the intended collection of the fertilized egg, record owner or lessee has notified GCSA in writing of its intention to attempt an embryo/oocyte transfer and has paid the proper fee as per the fee schedule. For mare enrollments received after collection of the embryo/oocyte, but prior to foaling, a late fee of will be assessed, in addition to fees required by the fee schedule. For mare enrollments received after foaling, a late fee of will be assessed, in addition to fees required by the fee schedule. This enrollment must be made each year that a transfer is to be performed, and once made, the fee is not refundable, nor can any substitution be made.

(b) Has its pedigree verified through genetic testing of foal, sire and donor mare; and by such other testing as GCSA deems necessary to verify the validity of the genetic testing, all expense of which shall be registration applicant's.

(2) The enrollment notice must be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to preserve for the recorded owner or lessee of the donor mare, the only acceptable proof to GCSA of timely compliance, if such proof is requested.

(3) In accordance with GCSA approved procedures, an embryo/oocyte may be transported from the premises

where the donor mare was located at the time of its removal from her, for use in a recipient mare at another location. To be eligible for such transportation, notice of intention to transport the embryo/oocyte shall be given in conjunction with the advance notice of intended collection specified above.

(4) If a mare is designated with GCSA for embryo/oocyte transfer, but the procedure is not attempted regarding the mare in the designated year, to avoid necessity of genetic testing for parentage verification, GCSA must be notified in writing by December 31 of the designated year that the owner has elected not to attempt embryo/oocyte transfer. Without such notice, a foal produced the following year by designated mare is not eligible for registration without genetic testing for parentage verification.

(5) When a foal is produced by embryo/oocyte transfer, such fact will be listed on its registration certificate.

(6) GCSA may inspect the premises and practices of any party using or intending to use embryo/oocyte transfer procedures.

(7) The burden of verifying true parentage is the registration applicant's, and any question of parentage shall be resolved against the registration of a horse carried by a recipient mare through embryo/oocyte transfer.

### **MERIT AWARD PROGRAM**

(A) A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the Hi Point Gypsy Cob of the Year for the Mare, Stallion and Gelding obtaining the most points in any combination of categories listed below.

An individual certificate will be awarded in each of these categories each year.

- (1) 2 Year Old and Under Mare, Stallion & Gelding
- (2) 3 Year Old and Older Mare, Stallion & Gelding
- (3) Color
- (4) English Performance

- (5) Western Performance
- (6) Utility
- (7) Driving
- (8) Dressage
- (9) Exhibition
- (10) Sponsored Trail Rides

(B) To be eligible, a horse must be registered with the GCSA, the owner must be a GCSA member in good standing and a Merit Award Program application submitted with the \$10.00 per horse fee.

(C) Upon receipt of an application and fee, the applicant will be sent a Point Verification form and a Merit Award Program form.

(D) When a Gypsy Cob shows in one of the qualified classes or events the owner will return the form, verified and signed by the show secretary within ten days of completion of the show or event.

(E) The point totals will go towards a year end award and yearly results will be kept with the horse's permanent record.

(F) All point Verification forms must be sent "Delivery Verified" to the GCSA office. Applications may be obtained by contacting the GCSA office.

### **PREMIUM EVALUATION SYSTEM**

(A) A voluntary program to grade and evaluate the breeding score for a premium status to be given a registered Gypsy Cob of five years old and older. Any member association shall have an evaluation system for their Premium horses to be able to observe the improvement of their breeding.

(B) The GCSA using Inspectors trained in England and/or Ireland under the tutelage of Gypsy specialists, will carry on inspections for a Premium Evaluation.

(C) The member associations of the Gypsy Cob Society determine together the Breeding Standard in all countries in which there are Gypsy Cobs. The member associations of the Gypsy Cob Societies will have a system of assessing specific conformation and traits of individual horses according to a numeric scale known as the Premium Evaluation System.

(C) These evaluations are give for the quality of the head, neck and shoulders, back, legs, joints, overall proportions, hooves, mane & tail, movement at a walk and movement at a trot. These scores are then averaged into a single conformation score.

(D) The conformation part of the evaluation consists of the Inspectors examining the physical horse and asking that the horse be both walked and trotted along a pattern straight away for 50' then turn at a 45<sup>0</sup> angle to the left for 50' the stopped, reversed and then back along the same track to the Inspectors. Additional movement required at the Inspector's discretion must be fulfilled.

(E) The Premium Evaluation System is designed to provide a map of the horse's strength and weaknesses which is useful data in making decisions about breeding. Scores received from an official evaluation become part of the horse's permanent record.

#### **LIABILITY**

(A) The GCSA will not assume the responsibility of settling civil disputes concerning financial settlements, ownership, health or fertility.

(B) The GCSA, its officers, directors, members of committees, inspectors, employees, representatives, and agents will attempt to obtain true and complete information in connection with registration of Gypsy Cobs, transfer of registration certificates, hearings and all other matters relating to GCSA activities.

(C) Except for proven intentional wrongdoing, neither the GCSA nor its officers, directors, members of committees, inspectors, employees, representatives nor agents will be liable in any way, whether in damages or otherwise, for issuance of any registration certificate, for the transfer of any registration certificate, for the cancellation of any registration certificate, for the refusal to issue a registration certificate, for the issuance of any registration statements, for the refusal to transfer any registration certificate, for any disciplinary procedure brought against or penalties imposed on any member or any person or for any other activities en-

gaged in, by or on behalf of the Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc.

### **RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

(A) The GCSA and co-sponsoring organizations, if any, shall not be responsible for any personal injury, or for loss or damage to property occurring at any GCSA activity.

(B) Each owner, exhibitor, handler, or consignor shall indemnify and hold harmless the GCSA, its officers, directors and employees from and against all claims, demands, causes of actions, and expenses of every kind, including attorney's fees, arising out of or related in any manner to the acts or omissions of an owner, exhibitor, handler, or consignor, or the actions of any animal under the care, custody, or control of the owner, exhibitor, handler or consignor.

(C) Presentation of signed entry or consignment forms shall be deemed acceptance of the conditions of this rule.

(D) In the event an entry or consignment form is not signed or presented, appearance on the grounds or at the sale ring of any GCSA activity as an exhibitor, handler, owner, or consignor shall be deemed to be acceptance of the conditions of this rule.

### **VIOLATIONS**

#### **(A) REFUSAL TO ASSIST**

No person shall refuse, on reasonable request, to assist the GCSA, its officers, committees, or agents, in locating, identifying, and inspecting, or to answer promptly and truthfully any inquiry concerning a horse or an ancestor thereof, in his ownership or control, which has been registered, or for which application to register has been made. The above rule shall also apply equally to any issue involving violations, or suspected violations of the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the GCSA.

#### **(B) GCSA PROPERTY**

Ownership of any issued GCSA registration certificate remains with the Association. The certificate is issued upon receipt of a written application submitted and at-

tested by the owner at time of foaling with fees paid. The GCSA has the privilege to correct and /or cancel the certificate for cause under its Rules and Regulations.

(1) Refusal to Return

No person shall refuse a GCSA request for the return of a registration certificate, either before, after, or pending Hearing to determine registration or participation privilege in GCSA's approved events. The GCSA shall retain possession of a certificate until resolution of the matter for which the return of the certificate was requested.

(C) DISRESPECT OF PERSON

In the furtherance of their official duties all GCSA representatives shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect, and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.

(D) NON-PAYMENT OF OBLIGATION

Anyone submitting a bad check to the GCSA office will be required to submit a cashiers check or a money order to obtain credit or make payment for the next two years.

Any member may be suspended and denied privileges of the GCSA and any non-member may be denied the privileges of the GCSA by the President for failure to pay when due any obligation owing to the GCSA or for giving a worthless check in exchange for any services performed by the GCSA, i.e. registration, transfer, etc., which includes: entry fees, stall fees, or any other fees or charges connected with the exhibition of horses; provided that fifteen (15) days before action by the President, written notice of the account due and the intention to suspend or withhold privileges of the GCSA shall be mailed to such member or non-member. And suspension and denial of privileges under this section shall terminate upon full payment of the obligation due the GCSA.

(F) INTENT TO VIOLATE

No member or non-member shall not conspire with any other person to intentionally violate the Bylaws, Rules

and Regulations of the GCSA, or knowingly contribute or cooperate with any other person(s), either by affirmative action or inaction, to violate the Bylaws, Rules or Regulations of the GCSA.

Violation of this rule shall subject such member or non-member to disciplinary action, whether or not such member or non-member has actually signed reports filed with the GCSA asserted to be true or correct.

(1) Influencing and Official

It shall be illegal to influence a horse show judge by favors, coercion, or monetary gain.

(G) INTENT TO MALIGN

No person shall engage in any act adversely affecting the purpose, objectives, or good name of the Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc.

(H) UNEARNED FUNDS

All entry and stall fees paid in advance for an Accredited GCSA Show shall be refunded on demand if said show loses its accreditation by the GCSA or is canceled for any reason. Violation of this rule shall subject such member or non-member to disciplinary action.

**FRAUDULENT PRACTICES**

(A) FALSE ENDORSEMENTS

No person shall represent, by advertisement, claim, or otherwise, that a horse has earned or is entitled to any official GCSA designation, honors, or title prior to actual recording of such designation, honor, or title in the records of the GCSA.

(B) FALSE REPRESENTATION

No person shall represent any horse owned or managed by him to be registered with the GCSA unless said horse is registered in the official records of the GCSA.

(1) False Representation of Horse

No person shall represent as a Gypsy Cob of America, Inc. any horse other than horses which meet the GCSA established definition of a Gypsy Cob and for which a certificate of registration was issued.

(C) FALSE STATEMENTS

All information furnished the GCSA as a basis for any

action by the GCSA or any of its officers with respect to any horse must be true and correct,

(D) FALSE CERTIFICATES

No person, firm, or corporation shall issue, sell, exchange, give away, or receive, or offer to do any thereof any false or fraudulent certificate, representing the same to be a genuine official certificate issued by the GCSA.

(E) FALSE IDENTIFICATION

No person, firm, or corporation shall sell, give away, exchange, or receive any registration certificates of the GCSA without the transfer of the same and correct horse.

(1) Name of Horse

No person shall advertise, or enter in any Gypsy Cob event or competition, any horse registered with the GCSA by any name other than its complete registered name.

(2) Ringers/look alikes

No person shall represent as a registered Gypsy Cob of America any horse other than the horse for which the GCSA certificate was issued.

(F) ALTERATION OF CERTIFICATE

No change in or alteration of a certificate of registration or identification required by the GCSA shall be made except by the GCSA upon proper showing of the necessity for such change or alteration, because of change of color or markings; change in height, or mistake; nor shall any person display or advertise or have in his possession any such certificate that has been changed or altered other than by the Association or on its authority.

(G) ALTERATION OF MARKINGS

No person shall alter, change or attempt to hide or alter the natural markings of a horse, by surgery, dye, or in any other manner.

(1) Cosmetic Surgery

Any surgical procedure, other than gelding, which could affect the horse's performance or alter its natural conformation or appearance is prohibited, except for those

surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the horse.

## **DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

### **(A) INVESTIGATION**

The Executive Committee may investigate circumstances involving possible violation of the Bylaws, Rules, Show Rules or Regulations. After investigation, the Executive Committee will decide whether possible violations can be satisfactorily resolved by agreement for corrective action with the person involved or whether a Notice of Charge should be issued.

### **(B) NOTICE OF CHARGE**

After investigation, if the Executive Committee finds reasonable grounds to believe that any person has violated any bylaw, show rule or regulation, or has engaged in any misrepresentation, misconduct, or any other act adversely affecting the purposes or good name of the Association, the President will mail to such person a Notice of Charge stating the wrongdoings alleged to have been committed by such a person. The charged person shall be given not less than fifteen (15) days notice of time and place for hearing such charge by the Hearing Board.

### **(C) TEMPORARY SUSPENSION**

After investigation, if the Executive Committee issues a Notice of Charge to a person, the Executive Committee may also suspend that person's use of the GCSA's privileges pending a Hearing and decision by a Hearing Board, if they find that such suspension is necessary for the protection of third parties or of the GCSA's purposes and good name. Notice of such temporary suspension will be mailed to the charged person.

## **HEARINGS**

### **(A) IMPANELING BOARD**

If a Hearing is to be held under these rules, or if a Hearing on any matter is determined by the Executive Committee to be desirable, said Executive Committee shall appoint a Hearing Board. The Hearing Board will consist of not less than three Regular or Lifetime Mem-

bers of the GCSA, at least one of whom shall be a Director of the GCSA.

**(B) TIME AND PLACE**

The Hearing Board will designate the time and place of the Hearing, which may from time to time be continued or rescheduled.

**(C) HEARING PROCEDURES**

A person who has been given notice of a Hearing will be afforded the opportunity to appear in person (with counsel if desired) to present evidence in his behalf and to hear and refute evidence offered against him. The common law or statutory rules of evidence will not apply at the Hearing, but the Hearing Board will determine the admissibility of evidence and weight to be given to the evidence submitted.

**(D) DECISIONS BY MAJORITY VOTE/  
EXCEPTIONS**

Any action or decision made by the Hearing Board shall stand on a majority vote, except that suspensions over ninety (90) days and expulsions shall require a unanimous vote of the Hearing Board.

**(F) APPEALS**

The decision and action of the Hearing Board shall be final and binding on all parties.

**(G) NOTIFICATION OF DECISION**

The GCSA shall be responsible for notification of the Hearing Board's decision by promptly mailing a copy thereof to the charged person within thirty (30) days of the hearing by certified mail.

**(H) PROOF OF MAILING**

Proof of mailing shall be the dated receipt for registered or certified mail.

**PENALTIES**

**(A) RIGHT TO TAKE DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

Any member shall be suspended or expelled from the GCSA, and any member or non-member shall be denied any and all privileges of the GCSA by the Hearing Board whenever it is established by satisfactory evidence that such member or non-member has violated any bylaw, rule or regulation of the GCSA.

## (B) SPECIFIC PENALTIES

At such time as any person has been suspended, expelled or denied GCSA's privileges, in addition to other provisions of these rules or policies of the GCSA, the following restrictions apply;

### (1) Participation, Accredited Privileges

Such person shall not participate, and shall be ineligible to participate in any GCSA approved event, show or function. Nor shall any such person be eligible to hold any other GCSA accreditation.

### (2) Registration and Transfer Privileges

Such person or spouse, or any family member living in same household, or employee, or agent, shall not be eligible to register any horse with the GCSA, nor transfer registered horses into his or her name or in the names of any of the above.

### (3) Offspring's Eligibility for Registration

No horse shall be registered which is either sired by a stallion or out of a mare owned by such person or owned by any member of same household during the suspension period or after expulsion from the GCSA when the breeding date is on or subsequent to the date of disciplinary action. All records of breedings for the twelve (12) months prior to the disciplinary action, under this rule, shall be submitted on proper written and signed forms, within fifteen (15) days after notice of disciplinary action.

### (4) Horse's Eligibility to Participate in Shows

No horse which is recorded in the name of such person or spouse, or any member of same household, is eligible to participate in any event approved or recognized by the GCSA, such as shows and sales.

### (5) Personal Signature Recognition

The GCSA shall not accept the signature of such person or his/her spouse, nor the signature of any member of his/her household on registration applications, breeding certificates, or stallion breeding reports evidencing breeding on or after date of such disciplinary action.

- (a) Such signatures will be honored on

transfers and bills of sale for the purpose of allowing such disciplined person or spouse to transfer horses recorded in his or her ownership at the time of the disciplinary action.

(b) Written leases filed with the GCSA prior to time of disciplinary action and covering horses owned by the disciplined person or spouse shall remain valid and the signature of the lessee shall be accepted during the term of lease, but not for renewal thereof.

#### (6) AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES

If any person acting as an agent for the owner of a horse, or any person having horses owned by another in his care, custody, or control, is found to have violated these rules and regulations, the Hearing Board may proceed against that person as provided for in these rules. In addition, the Hearing Board may direct the GCSA to refuse acceptance of any registration, or transfer of certificates of registration, or breeder's certificates, or all three for horses which are in such person's care, custody or control.

#### (7) FURTHER ACTION

During the period of expulsion, suspension, or denial of GCSA's privileges, failure to comply with these restrictions and any other expressed condition or restriction of said disciplinary action, may constitute grounds for further disciplinary action.

#### (8) PUBLICATION

When a member is disciplined, suspended, or expelled, or a non-member is denied membership privileges, notice of the imposition of any penalties against such person, including duration of the action taken will be published in the GCSA's official publication. This does not apply in cases of private censure. No publication shall be made for at least thirty (30) days after the decision of the Hearing Board to allow for the expiration of time, of which may be applicable, under HEARINGS Rule G NOTIFICATION OF DECISION.

#### (9) RESTORATION OF PRIVILEGES

The GCSA shall restore privileges, including membership, to any person who has been denied privileges

pursuant to this rule, upon application and satisfactory proof by such person that restoration of privileges is warranted.

(10) NOTICES

Any and all notices required or permitted under these rules and regulations will be deemed given on the date such notice is mailed to a person's last known address according to the GCSA's records.

**Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc.**  
**BREED STANDARD**

**General Appearance:** The Gypsy Cob is powerful and compact with an overall impression of intelligence, kindness, strength and agility. Proportioned and balanced with medium to heavy bone and well muscled. Mane and tail are thick and luxurious. Abundant feather drapes from knee to ground. A proper cob often displays a beard, mustache and a forelock extending past the tip of its muzzle.

**Head:** Head expressive and proportioned to body. Ears well set and not too large, balanced to size. Eyes large, open and alert with good ocular bone structure. Jaws clearly defined, ample width between jaws, making adequate room for larynx and muscle attachments. Jaws larger and more muscled on stallions. Nose straight profile and level bite

**Neck, Withers & Shoulders:** Neck balanced, generously muscled and arched. Clean, open throatlatch. Neck ties in well at the shoulder. Shoulders deep, powerful and well sloped. Withers medium height and well muscled

**Body & Legs:** Back supple, flexible, short and compact with ample muscle and longer underline. Ribs well sprung and deep heart girth. Hindquarters very generous, smooth, broad and rounded across the croup with long hip well coupled to powerful hocks. Legs set well under body with adequate space between front and hind legs. Leg bone flat with strong tendons. Good separation between tendon and bone. Feather starts at the knees and hocks, running down front and back of legs and covering the hooves. Joints must be solid with correctly sloped pasterns. Hooves must be well shaped with strong hoof walls and adequate frog.

**Temperament & Movement:** Overall appearance of a strong and willing partner that works harmoniously with its handler. Willing, confident and offering its best with little encouragement. Sensible, steady, and eager to please. A steady forward walk with impulsion. Ground

covering trot with a slight flick of feather at the point of extension.

**SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS**  
**GYPSY COB SOCIETY OF AMERICA, INC.**

**Recognized Shows**

(A) Organizations or individuals wishing to stage or sponsor a GCSA recognized show must obtain the approval of the GCSA. Approvals must be obtained each year, and do not carry over from year to year. However, a show having been approved and held the previous year is considered an established show and has priority to identical days per calendar year until terminated.

**(B) Show Personnel & Responsibilities**

(1) Show Management - for the purpose of evaluating date applications, the office will consider show management to be the party or parties financially responsible for the show. Horses owned by show management may be shown by someone else. This may be a family member.

(2) Show Employees - refers to the following persons: gate attendants, ring clerks, farriers and other persons engaged directly by the show.

(3) Show Officials - includes and refers to the following persons: chairman of the show committee, manager, secretary, judges, stewards, veterinarians, announcers, ring steward, directors and officials.

(C) To obtain show approval, the organization seeking approval shall submit to the GCSA office, post-marked at least 60 days prior to the first date of the proposed show, an application for approval which shall be correctly and entirely completed in detail. Forms are available from the GCSA office.

(D) GCSA shows must be open to all registered horses and owners who are in good standing. No show may limit the number of horses to be shown. No show may limit the number of horses entered by an exhibitor or trainer or limit the number of stalls requested by and exhibitor or trainer. Tack stalls may be limited.

(E) Entry fees must be specified and any class without an entry fee so stated. (Exception: Halter

Championships where no entry fee can be charged). No change in entry fees will be permitted after approval has been granted. Violation may cause disqualification of the show.

(F) Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc. approved shows are to be limited to a maximum of three judges over two consecutive days at the same show site. No more than three judges are to be allowed to judge and be in the show ring at the same time on the same day.

(G) No horse shall be given a number or allowed to show at an approved GCSA show unless the exhibitor can show proof of registration or pending registration and height verification to the show management.

**Note: A pending registration is good for ninety (90) days only**

(H) Names of horses being exhibited will not be made known to the judge prior to the class. Exhibitors will be issued a number for each horse to be displayed on the back of the handler or on the vehicle in a clearly visible position whenever the horse is in the ring. This number will stand for the entire show.

(I) Show management shall announce the time and place for height verification.

(J) No exhibitor must be required to be a member of any organization in order to compete in any approved GCSA shows.

(K) An exhibitor cannot be required to pay an entry fee in a halter class to be eligible to show in a performance class and vice versa.

(L) All approved rules are to be observed by everyone connected in any way with exhibiting, setting up approved shows, stewarding or judging GCSA approved shows. Established venue rules must be followed when showing in combination with other events. (example: If showing at an establish State Fair, and the Fair has tack or clothing requirements, the Fair rules must be followed.)

(M) If a person makes payment with a non-negotiable check or money order, or refuses to pay an entry fee, stall fee, etc., the management of the show shall report in writing to the GCSA office. The report shall include:

(1) a copy of the insufficient check (with bank refusal markings shown)

(2) invoice for items paid for by that check

(3) the show management's complete contact information

(4) the complete contact information of the person(s) who signed the check(s).

If such indebtedness is not settled within 30 days, the offender will be ineligible to show at any GCSA show until the indebtedness is settled. The GCSA will publish the offender's name, address and suspension in the official GCSA publication to notify other GCSA shows of such action. Any points awarded to exhibitor whose fees were paid by that check will be forfeited.

(N) Any show giving a worthless check to a judge, steward, show official, show premium, etc. may be denied all privileges of the GCSA and the show management may be liable to action by the GCSA Board of Directors.

(O) Show management must present show results within 30 days of the last day of the show to the national office and the judge's cards must be retained by show management for review for 2 years. The registered name, number and height of each horse; and the owner's name(s), city and state must be entered on the master list; youth exhibitor names are required on all youth classes.

(P) Failure by the show manager to submit show results within 30 days from date of the show may result in the withdrawal of the approval of the show for the following year, as well as the withholding of the points that each horse would be entitled to receive as a result of their placement in the show.

(Q) A premium list must be uniform to all. All prizes offered must be awarded, if won. The premium list must state the location of the show, name of the show officials, the date, closing date of entries, starting time, measurement time and etc. (as designated in the show approval form). No classes may be added after show premium list has been circulated. Exception: class splitting or combining by judge's discretion.

### **LICENSED JUDGES**

(A) The word "Judge" in these rules applies throughout to Recognized Judges.

(B) Recognized Judges must be a Judge carded in the GCSA or a qualified Judge for a established state fair, county fair or breed show.

(C) In order to be carded in the GCSA the judge must:

- (1) Be carded in one other breed than the GCSA.

- (2) Pay the required fee, apply for a judge's card and pass the test.

- (3) have judged at least one show or attended a judge's clinic in the proceeding two years.

### **JUDGE'S REGULATIONS**

(A) A judge shall not be exhibitor, rider, driver, steward or manager at any show at which he is officiating, whether or not the classes in which he officiates are conducted under GCSA rules.

(B) No judge may officiate in any competition in which a family member is a steward or manager at a recognized GCSA show.

(C) No member of a judge's family or any of his/her clients may compete as exhibitor, rider, driver, handler or owner of lessee in any division unless relationship is terminated 30 days prior to the competition.

(D) No horse may be shown before a judge that has been sold by said Judge or by his employer within a period of three (3) months prior to the show.

(E) No horse may show before a judge that has been trained by said judge within the period of three (3) months prior to the show.

(F) No one may show before a judge who has re-

ceived or has contracted to receive a remuneration for the sale, purchase or lease of any horse to or from, or for the account of such person within a period of one month prior to the show unless the sale or purchase has been made at public auction and the sales company is paid directly for the horses or ponies.

(G) No one may show before a judge who boards, shows or trains any horse under said person's ownership or lease, within a period of one month prior to the show. Stud fees and broodmare board excluded.

(H) No one may show before a judge who remunerated said person for the board or training of any horse within a period of one month prior to the show.

(I) No judge may be a house guest of a person who is exhibiting at the competition or whose family is exhibiting at such competition.

(J) No judge may discuss with an exhibitor the purchase, sale or lease of any horse during a competition at which he is judging.

(K) A judge may not visit the horses' stall area, or inspect or discuss any horse entered in the show before the judging, or shall a judge review the program until after the judging has been completed. Prior to the judging each judge, however, shall be furnished with a schedule of events by the show management.

(L) Failure of a judge to attend a show to which he is committed, to perform his/her duties, and to officiate in the classes to which he is assigned shall constitute cause for disciplinary action by the Board, except in cases of extreme emergency.

### **JUDGE'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

(A) Good judging depends upon a correct observance of the fine points and the selection of the best horses for the purpose described by conditions of the class.

(B) A judge serves three interests: His own conscience, exhibitor and spectators.

(C) He/She should make clear to the audience that the best horses win.

(D) A judge is obligated to adjudicate each class in

conformity with the rule and specifications of that class as they appear in the GCSA Rulebook. He/She is expected to be proficient in his abilities and to possess a thorough knowledge of the rules of the GCSA.

(E) The decisions of each judge constitute solely his/her individual preference and not a verdict by the GCSA.

(F) Judges' decisions may not be protested.

(G) No one shall approach a Judge with regard to a decision unless first obtaining permission from the Show Steward who shall arrange a meeting with the Judge at a proper time and place. The Steward must be present with the judge at all meetings.

(H) No exhibitor has the right to inspect the Judge's cards without the Judge's permission.

(I) A judge must order from the ring any unruly horse or one whose actions threaten to endanger other exhibitors or their entries.

### **MEASUREMENT**

(A) All horses 3 years old and older showing must be measured.

Section A and B horses 3 years and older will be shown according to height.

(1) Three years old and older, under 14.2 hh must show in Section A.

(2) Three years old and older 14.2 hh and over must show in Section B.

(3) Note: If a horse changes height during a show year the points earned in both height divisions are added together and the horse is listed in the larger height division.

(B) All animals must be measured at the show with the same stick.

Management shall announce the time and place for measurement.

### **MEASURING DEVICE**

(A) The stick is of metal construction, having a vertical leg and a horizontal bar.

(B) The stick is straight, stiff, and unbendable.

(C) It is equipped with a spirit level to ensure that the stick is perpendicular to the ground and that the crosspiece or arm is parallel with the ground surface.

### **MEASURING SURFACE**

The measuring surface must be level, and under no circumstances should animals be measured on grass, dirt or gravel. A concrete slab or other paved surface is required.

### **POSITION OF ANIMAL**

(A) The animal must be standing squarely on all four feet and should not be permitted to “stretch”.

(B) The front legs should be on a vertical line directly under the shoulder.

(C) The back of the hocks should be in a vertical line with the animal’s buttocks.

(D) The horse’s head must be held low enough to reveal the highest point of the withers and no lower.

(E) The animal must be free of blanket, hood, neck wrap, or any other covering to verify that the description on the registration certificate matches the animal being measured.

(F) The handler must not interfere with the animal in any way that will prevent it from standing in this position.

### **METHOD OF MEASUREMENT**

(A) With the animal in the aforementioned position, measure the vertical distance from the highest point of the withers to the ground.

(B) The crosspiece, arm or bar of the measuring device must be placed over the highest point of the withers and no measurement taken at any other part of the animal’s body will count.

(C) The crosspiece, arm or bar must have firm contact with the animal but no additional pressure must be applied.

### **SHOW ELIGIBILITY**

(A) All Gypsy Cobs must show proof of GCSA registration (A copy of both sides of the registration certifi-

cate or certificate of pending registration). When a horse's registration is applied for at a GCSA recognized show, a certificate of pending registration will be issued by the show management.

(B) Age determination - For the purpose of determining eligibility for competition, the age of a horse shall be computed by the calendar year starting on January 1 of the year foaled, i.e., it is a weanling during the calendar year in which foaled, regardless of the time of year foaled; a yearling during the first calendar year following date. For example: A horse foaled any-time in 2004, will be termed one year old January 1, 2005, 2 years old January 1, 2006, etc.

### **EXHIBITOR RESPONSIBILITY**

Exhibitors are responsible for:

(A) Knowledge and adherence to the current rules as set forth by GCSA and show management.

(B) Submitting completed entry form legibly and accurately with information exactly as is printed on horse's registration certificate.

(C) Pre-entering and Post-entering in correct halter and performance classes. A horse entered in the wrong class may be transferred to it's correct class prior to that class being judged.

(D) Reporting to the gate promptly for the class and notifying gate personnel of tack changes needed.

(E) Being considerate of other exhibitors and show management.

(F) Exhibitor must accommodate any reasonable request by the judge. (eg. Examining horse, tack, equipment, etc.)

### **GENERAL SHOW RULES**

(A) Cross-entering: No cross-entering will be allowed between full blood and crossbred divisions at the same show, with the exception of group halter classes, or where otherwise specified in class description.

(B) As a minimum requirement, all horses must be serviceably sound, in good condition and well groomed.

(C) Any horse showing evidence of genetic weakness and unsoundness to be penalized.

(D) Ring gate must be closed when entire class has entered the ring.

(E) Gypsy Cobs shall show with full mane, feather and tail. (Exception: Braiding of Mane and Tail is optional in English Classes only.)

(1) No roached manes.

(2) A single braid behind the ear to create a bridle path is permissible but should not be prominent. The braid should be braided to tuck under and be hidden by the remaining mane. The single braid behind the ear should be no wider than 3 inches from poll along the neck at the base of the mane hair, a small braid is preferred.

(3) If a bridle path is used it should not exceed the length of the ear laid back along the neck of the horse.

(F) Docked tails are not permissible.

(G) No clipping, pulling or nerve blocking of tails is permitted.

(H) No ginger or other irritants, nicked tails, false tails or set-up tails allowed.

(I) The application of artificial hair in mane, feather or tail is prohibited.

(J) No braiding clipping or alteration of feather is allowed.

(K) Changing the coat color of a Gypsy Cob is not permitted.

(L) Foals and Yearlings must be shown barefoot.

(M) 2 Year olds and older Gypsy Cobs may be shown barefoot or with a light plate of uniform thickness and weight.

(N) No pads are permitted. No built up feet, weighted shoes, grabs, caulks, or trailers. The plate shall be of equal length in the branches from the toe back and shall not extend past the bulb of the heel. In

all classes the foot should be natural in appearance with the frog close to the ground. The length of the toe must be proportional to the size of the animal.

(O) No farm, individual or animal names, logos or monograms may be displayed on exhibitors.

(P) Conduct designed to distract a horse or otherwise interfere with the showing of another exhibitor's animal will not be tolerated by the show management. Offenders will be asked to leave the show area. If the offender is also an exhibitor, he or she will be excused from the ring and barred from personally showing during that show. His or her horse, however may compete. The offense shall be reported to the GCSA office by the show management for review by the GCSA board.

(Q) For safety reasons an unruly horse must be excused from the ring by the judge, ring master, or steward. An exhibitor cannot protest this action.

(R) Stallions shall be shown only by persons 18 years old and older.

(S) No entry may leave the ring after judging has begun without the permission of the judge or ring steward.

(T) Stallions are not allowed in Youth performance classes

(U) Equipment should fit horses properly and be appropriate for size horse and not pinch withers or kidneys.

### **GENERAL HALTER RULES**

Guidance: Halter classes are designed to evaluate the quality of breeding animals to encourage improvement of the breed.

(A) The Gypsy Cob is to be shown square The front legs should be on a vertical line directly under the shoulder. The back of the hocks should be in a vertical line with the animal's buttocks. At no time should the horse be stretched or parked.

(B) Halter Show Ring Procedure:

(1) Horses will enter the ring at a walk to the

judge. When passing the judge, engage a trot for approximately 50', turn at a 90 degree angle and continue trotting for approximately 50' to allow judge the opportunity to see the trot from in-line and the side angle. Line up as indicated by the ringmaster.

(2) Entries will be examined by the judge in the line up after all horses have been worked.

(C) Gaits

(1) The walk should be a natural flat-footed, four beat gait. The walk will be alert, with a stride of reasonable length for the size of the horse.

(2) The trot should be a smooth, ground covering, two beat diagonal gait, with a slight flick of feather at the point of extension. The trot should be square and balanced with straight forward movement of the feet.

(D) The Gypsy Cob should have the overall appearance of a strong and willing partner that works harmoniously with its handler.

(E) The horse shall have a level bite.

(F) Stallions over 2 years of age must have fully descended testicles.

(G) The ideal standard in evaluating horses in halter classes should include, but not limited to, soundness and correctness of conformation, particularly feet and legs, with emphasis on correct manner of travel.

(H) The Gypsy Cob is noted for its calm, tractable personality; behavior problems should be penalized. For safety reasons an unruly horse (unsafe for horses, officials or exhibitors in the ring) must be excused from the ring by the judge, ring steward, or steward. An exhibitor cannot protest this action.

(I) The Gypsy Cob halter entry should be bright and alert with a smart way of going. The entry should possess all of the attributes of quality set forth in the Standard of Perfection, with as few faults as possible and free of any disqualifying characteristics. The

Gypsy Cob shall be judged on merit of quality.

(J) Absolute correctness of movement and soundness will be noted by the judge.

(K) All horses must be examined in the line up and observed at a walk and trot.

(L) No tack permitted in halter classes other than as follows:

(1) Mares & Geldings: show halter or hunter type bridle with snaffle bit without shanks.

(2) Stallions: may be shown in full tack (crupper, side reins and surcingle), show halter or hunter type bridle only, with snaffle or stallion bit.

(3) Bits are permitted only on animals two years and older.

(M) Dress for an exhibitor should be appropriate for purpose. (1) The Exhibitor to be dressed safe, neat and clean.

(2) It is recommended but not required to wear hat, jacket and gloves.

(3) Closed toe/heel foot attire is required (boots or athletic shoes).

(4) No T-shirts, shorts, skirts above the knee, strapless tops or canvas/cloth shoes allowed.

(N) One handler may be allowed in the ring with each horse.

(O) No item disturbing to other entries may be used inside or outside the ring while showing a Gypsy Cob.

(P) All eligible first and second place class winners (group winners excluded) must compete in their respective championship classes, unless excused by show management.

(Q) Bloody Mouth. In all divisions if a horse's mouth is found to be bloody, disqualification is at the judge's discretion.

### **HALTER CLASS SPECIFICATIONS**

Each Section (A, B & C) & Division (Stallion, Mare &

Gelding) to be judged separately unless otherwise specified. Breed Halter Classes shall be judged 75% on conformation, quality, breed type, movement and performance and 25% on disposition and manners.

(A) FOAL OF CURRENT YEAR (Dams may be present in the off-side of the ring on lead with a non-exhibiting handler.)

(B) YEARLINGS

(C) 2 YEAR OLDS

(D) 3 & 4 YEARS OLDS

(E) 5 YEARS OLD AND OLDER

(F) BROODMARE: Broodmares must be 3 years old or older and wet (nursing a foal) and are eligible for Senior Champion Mare, but cannot cross enter into the aged mare class at the same show or contest. (Foals may be present in the off-side of the ring on lead with a non-exhibiting handler.)

(G) JUNIOR CHAMPION AND RESERVE : To be the first and second place winners from Foal of Current Year, Yearling and 2 Year Olds. Horses should be lined up according to wins in qualifying classes. In no case shall a 2nd place horse be placed over the horse that was placed above him.

(H) SENIOR CHAMPION AND RESERVE: To be the first and second place winners from 3 & 4 Year Olds & 5 Years Old & Older, and Broodmares. Horses should be lined up according to wins in qualifying classes. In no case shall a 2nd place horse be placed over the horse that was placed above him.

(I) GRAND CHAMPION: The Senior Champions and Reserve winners and Junior Champions and Reserve winners (foals are eligible if they are Junior Champion or Reserve). Horses should be lined up according to wins in qualifying classes. In no case shall a Reserve placed horse be placed over the horse that was placed above him. Exception: If for any reason the first place horse fails to return for Grand and Reserve, the 2<sup>nd</sup>

place horse, in that division, shall be moved in the first place position for consideration in Grand and Reserve placing.

(J) CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS: If a Champion of Champions award is given, those eligible will be Grand Champion Stallion, Mare and Gelding of Sections A & B only. Section C horses are not eligible for this award.

(K) BROKEN COLOR: Any age, any sex of any pinto and/or appaloosa color pattern. Judged 80% on color quality, richness and 50/50 balance of coat pattern and 20% on conformation.

(L) SOLID COLOR: Any age, any sex of solid color (e.g. bay, palomino, buckskin, gray, chestnut, etc.). Judged 80% on color quality, richness and 20% on conformation.

(M) OPEN HALTER - BRED, OWNED AND SHOWN BY EXHIBITOR: Breeder is defined as owning dam at time of service. An owner is a person holding title or members of his/her immediate family. The exhibitor must be both. Will be asked to move on a line at a walk and a trot.

(N) MARE AND FOAL: Mare and her current year foal. Judged 50% on Mare's and 50% on foal's conformation. Will not be asked to work on a line.

(O) GET OF SIRE: Three Gypsy Cobs; stallions, mares and/or geldings, any age, the get of the same sire. Judged 75% on conformation and 25% on uniformity. Combined ownership permitted. Entry is made in the name of the sire. Will not be asked to work on a line.

(P) PRODUCE OF DAM: Two Gypsy Cobs; stallions, mares and/or geldings, any age, the produce of the same dam. Judged 75% on conformation and 25% on uniformity. Combined ownership permitted. Entry is made in the name of the dam. Will not be asked to work on a line.

### **DRIVING DIVISION**

The driving division is for the purpose of developing

and furthering the art and sport of driving for pleasure. A complete knowledge of and compliance with the rules are essential.

(A) All driving horses must be at least 3 years of age. (January 1st of their 3 year old year).

(B) The horse must be serviceably sound, meet conformation standards, exhibit quiet manners, perform at collected and extended gaits.

On a light rein, stand quietly and back readily. Extreme action or heavy on the bit will be penalized.

(C) The only person to handle the reins under of penalty of elimination, is the driver. No change of driver is permitted during any class period.

(D) Driving whips, (optional) if used, must be of suitable style, and the tip of the lash must not reach past the shoulder of the horse.

(E) Drivers and their attendants should be dressed appropriately. Hats, gloves, and aprons are optional. No strapless tops or open toed shoes allowed.

(F) It is permissible for a driver to talk to a horse in a subdued tone of voice, although a driver should strive to control the horse's movement with a minimum of vocal aids. Talking loud, whistling, or shouting at horse is not acceptable.

(G) Boots, wraps, etc. of any description are prohibited.

(H) Headers are permitted in driving classes. Headers must position themselves squarely two to three feet in front of the horses head. Headers shall stand still with hands behind their back. Should it become necessary to restrain a horse prior to the completion of judging, the judge shall penalize that entry. Judges shall also penalize an entry whose header disturbs or distracts any horse. Headers shall be neatly dressed in English, Western or Traditional attire whichever is appropriate for the class.

(I) Attendants are allowed in driving classes. Youth exhibitors attendants must be 18 years or older.

(J) Drivers and their attendants should be dressed appropriately. Dress in the show ring is to compliment the overall appearance of the unit. Hats may or may not be worn by gentlemen.

(K) Forelock and first strand behind ears may be braided in harness with blinders, no ribbons or feather plumes allowed.

(L) Full collars allowed in all driving classes.

(M) The application of artificial hair in mane, feather or tail is prohibited.

**SAFETY:**

(A) All persons involved in driving, e.g. drivers, grooms, competition officials, spectators, etc. should place safety first.

(B) Horses should never be left unattended while hitched to a vehicle.

(C) A driver should never allow attendants to enter a vehicle until driver is seated with reins in hand and driver must never dismount while attendants are in the vehicle.

(D) You must be 18 years old and older to show a stallion in open classes.

(E) Headers are required in all youth classes and are optional in all other classes.

(F) A judge or show steward may excuse from competition any unsafe vehicle, unsafe equipment, unsafe hitching of horses or an unruly horse. An exhibitor cannot protest this action.

(G) All rules of the road should be observed unless officials direct otherwise.

(H) Large classes where each entry cannot be shown safely on the rail should be split by judge or show management as conditions warrant.

(I) Stallions may be not be driven in youth classes.

(J) All driving horses shall show on the rail at all times, except while safely passing. The judge is to take this into consideration while judging and horses shown off the rail will be penalized.

(K) A driver should never dismount without assis-

tance from a header.

### **Driving Equipment**

Horses to wear show-type harness. Collars, side check, overcheck, square blinkers, round blinkers, martin-gales, straight bit, check bit or snaffle bit permissible.

### **Driving Gaits**

(A) Walk should be a free, regular and forward moving four beat gait. The horse should walk energetically, but calmly, with an even and determined pace.

(B) Collected trot should be easy going, square with elasticity and freedom of movement, with a slight flick of the feather at the point of extension .

(C) Working trot should be a lengthening gait, ground covering, open and reaching with a greater flick of the feather at the point of extension.

(D) Each horse shall demonstrate each of such gaits, in both directions of the ring, and at the direction of the ring steward. The change of direction shall be accomplished by the horse crossing the ring at a walk or a collected trot only. If the class or ring size justifies, the judge

may ask the horses to reverse on the diagonal for safety reasons. The judge may ask for a reverse on the diagonal at a walk or collected trot. (E) Each horse shall also be required to demonstrate its ability to back readily and stand quietly (unless class specifications state otherwise). Horses should back on command, quietly, willingly and easily in a straight line without resistance. Jawing, resisting, excessive tail swishing or tossing of the head should be penalized. Excessive animation and speed will be penalized.

(F) After all entries have finished their ring work and are lined up waiting to demonstrate the back, headers may quietly enter the ring.

### **DRIVING CLASS SPECIFICATIONS**

(A) PLEASURE DRIVING: Open to stallions, mares or geldings. Judged 70% on manners (in motion and rest), way of going and performance, 20% on condition, fit and appropriateness of harness and vehicle; and 10%

on neatness, appropriateness of attire, and overall impression.

(1) Horses to enter the ring counter clockwise (to the right) at a collected trot, to be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, collected trot and working trot.

(2) Horses must stand quietly and back readily.

(3) Horses to be shown to a suitable two-wheeled cart with foot basket or four-wheeled vehicle.

(4) Viceroyes, racing sulkys, and fine harness rigs are prohibited.

(B) TRADITIONAL VEHICLE DRIVING: To be judged 60% on manners (in motion and rest), quality and performance 20% on appropriateness of vehicle and 20% on appropriate attire .

(1) Open to single horse or with a sideler and any traditional Gypsy vehicle (e.g. flatcart, bowtop, ledge wagon, etc.)

(2) Entry may be a stallion, mare, or gelding.

(3) To be shown in traditional Gypsy harness.

(4) To be shown at a walk, and collected trot, both ways of the ring, to line up and stand quietly. Backing is not required.

(C) PLEASURE OBSTACLE DRIVING: To be judged on the basis of performance and manners (in motion and rest).

(1) A single horse hitched to a suitable two wheeled cart is the appropriate entry for this class. The harness and vehicle must be safe and in serviceable condition. The judge will dismiss any unsafe entry whether due to equipment or behavior of the animal.

(2) Each entry will work individually through an obstacle course designed to test the performance and manners of a good working animal. Each entry will be given a numerical score based on performance at each obstacle and overall manners and gaits.

(3) The course shall consist of at least four obstacles chosen and arranged from the following list:

(not to exceed 8 obstacles, 4 of which can be of show management's choice with safety of horse and exhibitor a priority.)

- (a) Back through an obstacle
- (b) Walk through a water obstacle or simulated water obstacle
- (c) Cross a simulated wooden bridge
- (d) Pick up and move coat or slicker or put on and off
- (e) Drive between poles, bales of hay or other obstacles making a narrow passage.
- (f) Mail Box (Stop, open mail box, remove mail, return mail to box, and close box.)
- (g) Weaving and figure 8
- (h) Back up four steps
- (i) Tires, stair steps, and jumps are prohibited.

(D) A course diagram must be posted at least one hour before the class is held. This diagram will indicate what gait (walk-trot) the animal will take between each obstacle.

(E) The judge shall break ties by judging the animal on rail work at a walk or trot and/or by requiring tied entries to repeat any part of the course.

(F) If sufficient entries are present, this class may be divided according to age of driver. (youth, adult, etc.)

(G) The Show committee and/or judge may impose a time limit or number of refusals before the driver must pass to the next obstacle.

(H) It is recommended that distance between obstacles be short in order to expedite the class.

(I) At the discretion of the judge, all entries may be asked to back. (J) It is emphasized that this is an obstacle driving class and that a good entry is one that will provide a pleasant, responsive drive for a driver.

(K) The driver should be neatly dressed.

(L) In shows where more than one obstacle class is offered at least three of the obstacles must be different or the manner of performance through the obstacles must be varied for each class.

(M) All obstacles must be safe for exhibitors as well as for horses. (N) Edible treats to encourage an animal to perform obstacles is prohibited.

(O) Off course will result in elimination from the class. Off course is defined as:

- (1) Taking an obstacle in the wrong direction.
- (2) Negotiating an obstacle from the wrong side.
- (3) Skipping and obstacle unless directed by judge.
- (4) Negotiating obstacles in the wrong sequence.
- (5) Physically moving or coercing the horse by touching with hand or body part.
- (6) It is up to the judges discretion to disqualify.

### **RIDING DIVISION**

The riding division is for the purpose of developing and furthering the art and sport of riding for pleasure. A complete knowledge of and compliance with the rules are essential.

(A) The Gypsy Cob must exhibit conformation standards, quiet manners, perform at a collected gait on a light rein, stand quietly and back readily. Extreme action or heavy on the bit will be penalized.

(B) All equipment must be safe, serviceably sound, clean and appropriate to division shown in.

(C) All riding horses must be at least 3 years of age. (January 1st of their 3 year old year)

(D) Western class horses will be shown in western tack. Australian saddles are not allowed. Silver equipment will not count over a good working outfit. Curb bits will use curb straps or chains. They must be at least ½ inch (1.27 cm) wide and lie flat against the jaw when

activated. Hackamore in western classes means the use only of a flexible, braided rawhide or leather bosal, the core of which must be rawhide.

(E) Rider's hands should be carried near the pomel and not further than 4 inches (10.16 cm) out on either side of the saddle horn with very limited movement. When split reins are used they must be crossed and both hands must be on both reins. If using one hand the free hand shall not be used to support the rider by being placed on any part of the saddle.

(F) Prohibited equipment in Western Pleasure class:

- (1) Nosebands
- (2) Protective boots or leg wraps
- (3) No bare metal is allowed over the nose or the poll.
- (4) Mechanical hackamore
- (5) Wire Curb straps or Chin straps thinner than ½ inch (1.27 cm)
- (6) Martingales and tie down
- (7) Bits: Twisted wire mouthpiece, 3 piece, slip, gag, donut, prong or flat polo mouthpiece bits. Ports must be no higher than 3 1/2 inches (8.89 cm) , shanks not to exceed 8 ½ inches (21.59 cm) in length, shanks may be fixed or loose.

(G) Western Attire: Suitable western attire, including boots, hat, and shirts with a collar and sleeves are required.

(1) Conservative, well-coordinated colors and fabrics are preferred.

(2) The rider's overall impression should be clean and neat.

(3) Chaps are optional.

(4) At the Judge's discretion, dress rules may be relaxed, due to weather-related conditions. No T-shirts or tank tops allowed. Judges must penalize contestants who do not conform.

(H) Western Pleasure Gaits:

(1) Walk - A horse that is walking correctly is bright, alert and responsive to the rider's guidance. The walk is a four beat gait. It should be soft, comfortable,

flat and ground covering. Each foot should come out of the ground at the same pace it goes in. Extremely slow, erratic or choppy walk to be penalized.

(2) Jog - The jog should be soft, relaxed and comfortable, with a clean lift in the motion. The legs should be working in diagonal pairs, making a distinct two beat gait. At no time should it resemble a running walk nor should it be rough or stilted. The speed and stride should be compatible with the horse's size and conformation.

(3) Lope - The lope is an easy, rhythmical, natural three beat gait. Horses moving to the left should lope on the left lead. Horses moving to the right should lope on the right lead. The horse's leg should be moving freely with full extension of the limbs. Over collected or 4 beat canter to be penalized. Excessive speed to be penalized.

(4) Back - Horse should back, on command, quietly, willingly and easily in a straight line without resistance. Jawing, resisting or tossing of the head should be penalized.

(5) Head should be carried in a way that is natural and suitable to the horse's conformation at all gaits. An artificially low head set will be penalized; the poll should never be level to or below the withers.

(6) Horses are to be reversed to the inside away from the rail. (7) Horses may be required to reverse at a walk or a jog or may be required to go from any gait to any other gait at the discretion of the judge. Forward motion must be maintained. No contestant will be asked to reverse at a lope.

(8) IMPORTANT: As long as horses with naturally longer strides are performing the gaits correctly, they should NOT be penalized for passing other horses.

(I) English and Western tack cannot be mixed while showing.

(J) English Tack:

(1) Saddles: Heavy, plain leather skirted saddles (of hunt seat type) or forward (hunt seat type) may

have suede seat and or suede insert on skirt and either leather or cloth lining. Either leather, web, cord or linen girths are permitted.

(2) Saddle Pads should fit size and shape of saddle, except when necessary to accommodate numbers on both sides, for which a square pad or suitable attachment may be used. Saddle pad and attachments shall be white or neutral color with no ornamentation (colored piping is allowed).

(3) Bridles: In all English classes, an English snaffle (no shanks), kimberwicke, Pelham and/or double bridle consisting of 2 bits (a curb or Weymouth and a snaffle or bradoon) with two reins, no converters allowed, all with cavesson nosebands and browbands are acceptable.

(4) Bits:

(a) A port must be no higher than 1 ½ inches (3.81 cm). Curb bits will use curb straps or chains. They must be at least ½" wide and lie flat against the jaw when activated.

(b) Unacceptable bits and mouthpieces: English bits of any style featuring cathedral, fishback, doughnut mouthpieces, twisted, or any twisted mouth piece, rough sharp metal or mechanically altered bits will be cause for disqualification. Nothing such as extensions or prongs may protrude below the mouthpiece (bar).

(c) The judge may prohibit the use of bits and equipment he may consider too severe. A bit cannot be physically or mechanically changed to increase the severity of its use and may be eliminated at the judges discretion.

(5) Optional Appointments:

(a) Spurs of an unrowelled type.

(b) Crops or bats

(c) Hunting breast plates

(d) Braiding of Mane and Tail in English

classes only. No roached mane or tail.

(6) Prohibited Appointments:

(a) Running or standing martingales.

(exception: working hunter or jumper classes.)

(b) Rowelled spurs

(c) Dropped nosebands (a cavesson or noseband which is fastened below the bit or mouth-piece). Exception: Jumping classes.

(d) Draw reins

(e) Leg wraps or boots of any description.

(K) English Attire:

(1) Riders must wear breeches or jodhpurs of traditional shades (buff, gray, rust, or canary) with boots, and a coat of conservative color and material: tweed, melton or plaid.

(2) Dark blue, black, or brown riding helmet is recommended.

(3) Stock tie or choker is required. Hair must be neat and contained, as in a net or braid.

(4) The rider's overall impression should be clean and neat.

(5) Chaps are optional.

(6) All jumping contestants and youth must have helmet with harness properly attached under the chin.

(7) At the Judge's discretion, dress rules may be relaxed, due to weather-related conditions. No T-shirts or tank tops allowed. Judges must penalize contestants who do not conform.

L. English Pleasure Gaits

(1) Walk - forward working walk rhythmical and flatfooted. Extremely slow or fast, erratic or choppy walk to be penalized.

(2) Trot - long, low ground covering definite two beat cadenced and balanced strides with a slight flick of feather at the point of extension - smoothness more essential than speed - extreme speed should be penalized - excessive knee or hock action should be penalized.

(3) Extended Trot - a definite two beat lengthening of stride with a greater flick of feather at the point of extension. Cadenced and balanced - smoothness more essential than speed. The lengthening stride should be from the shoulder and the leg and cover

more ground.

(4) Canter - smooth, free moving, relaxed and straight on both leads. Horses moving to the left should canter on the left lead. Horses moving to the right should canter on the right lead. The stride should be suitable to cover ground following hounds. Over collected or 4 beat canter to be penalized. Excessive speed to be penalized.

(5) Hand Gallop - should be a definite lengthening of stride with noticeable difference in speed. Horses should be under control at all times and be able to pull-up (not a sliding stop). If asked to pull-up, after the halt, riders must relax the reins and the horse must stand quietly. At the option of the judge all or just the top 8 horses may be required to hand gallop, one or both ways of the ring.

(6) Back - Horses should back, on command, quietly, willingly and easily in a straight line without resistance. Jawing, resisting, excessive tail-swishing or tossing of the head should be penalized. It is permissible for horses to be backed on the rail.

IMPORTANT: As long as horses with naturally longer strides are performing the gaits correctly, they should NOT be penalized for passing other horses. Head should be carried in a way that is natural and suitable to the horse's conformation at all gaits. An artificially low head set will be penalized, the poll should never be level to or below the withers.

### **RIDING CLASS SPECIFICATIONS**

(A) LEADLINE:

(1) Rider to be six (6) years of age or younger.

(2) Attire: Youth may exhibit in Western or English attire. Equipment on the horse must correspond with exhibitors attire, including a saddle adjusted so that the exhibitors feet are placed properly in stirrups.

(3) The horse must be led by an adult 18 years of age or older and the contestant must exhibit some knowledge of equitation. (4)

The contestant in a Leadline class may not show in other riding classes at that show, but the horse can be used in other classes.

(5) Ring Procedure

(a) Exhibitors will enter the ring with feet properly placed in stirrups at a flat footed walk turning to the right and proceeding in a counter clockwise direction on the rail.

(b) To be shown at a walk both ways of the ring, then to line up and stand quietly.

(c) In the lineup the judge may ask riders to back their horses to help him judge the extent of the rider's horsemanship.

(d) The adult should not aid the rider but should only keep the horse under control if needed.

(e) The lead line should be at least six (6) feet long must be attached to the shank of the bit or to a halter that is under the bridle so that while the rider is in the ring, the horse may be controlled by the adult if needed.

(f) Mares and geldings only, no stallions permitted.

(6) Judging the rider. The rider will be judged on his basic position in the saddle, hand, leg, feet in stirrups, seat and back position, as well as riders control of the horse.

(B) LEADING REIN:

(1) Horse to be ridden by Youth, eight (8) years of age or younger.

(2) To be shown on light contact and to be led by an adult 18 years of age or older.

(3) Attire: Youth may exhibit in Western or English attire. Equipment on the horse must correspond with exhibitors attire, including a saddle adjusted so that the exhibitors feet are placed properly in stirrups.

4) The contestant in a Leading Rein class may not show in other riding classes at that show, but the horse can be used in other classes.

(5) Ring Procedure:

(a) Exhibitors will enter the ring with feet properly placed in stirrups at a flat footed walk turning to the right and proceeding in a counter clockwise direction on the rail.

(b) To be shown at a walk both ways of the ring, then to line up and stand quietly. Horses will be called out individually to stand, walk out and trot back past the judge.

(c) In the lineup the judge may ask riders to back their horses to help him judge the extent of the rider's horsemanship.

(d) The adult should not aid the rider but should only keep the horse under control if needed.

(e) The lead line should be at least six (6) feet long must be attached to the shank of the bit or to a halter that is under the bridle so that while the rider is in the ring, the horse may be controlled by the adult if needed.

(f) Mares and geldings only, no stallions permitted.

(6) Judging the rider. The rider will be judged on his basic position in the saddle, hand, leg, feet in stirrups, seat and back position, as well as riders control of the horse.

(C) ENGLISH PLEASURE: Judged 70% on manners (in motion and rest), performance of horse and suitability to the rider and performance; 20% condition, fit and appropriateness of tack; and 10% on neatness, attire, and overall impression.

(1) The horse should move in a long, low frame and be able to lengthen their stride and cover ground, as in traversing hunt country following hounds.

(2) The horse should be obedient, alert and responsive to the rider. (3) Quick short strides should be penalized. Horses which move in an artificial frame, and are over-flexed and behind the bit should also be penalized. Judges should emphasize free movement and manners.

(4) Horses are to enter to the right, shall be worked

both ways of the ring at a walk, trot and canter and line up in the center of the ring. (5) Horses should back easily and stand quietly. The judge may, at his/her discretion back only the finalist.

(6) Light contact with the horse's mouth is recommended.

(7) English saddle, equipment and dress are to be used in this class. Excessive speed shall be penalized.

(D) WESTERN PLEASURE: Judged 70% on manners (in motion and rest), performance of horse and suitability to the rider and performance; 20% condition, fit and appropriateness of tack; and 10% on neatness, attire, and overall impression.

(1) Horses are to enter to the right, shall be worked both ways of the ring at a walk, jog and lope and line up in the center of the ring.

(2) Horses should back easily and stand quietly. The judge may, at his/her discretion back only the finalist.

(3) Western saddle, equipment and dress are to be used in this class.

(4) Penalties:

(a) Excessive speed to be penalized.

(b) The judge should penalize a horse's inappropriate head position as severely as a horse being on the wrong lead, excessive speed, bolting or bucking. Inappropriate head position is a horse that carries its head such a way that the point of the ear is level to or lower than the withers, or horse's head that is flexed behind the vertical.

(c) Slow gait – horses that are excessively slow at any gait.

(d) Heavy on the rein – if light contact with reasonably loose rein is not maintained.

(e) Appearance – Horses that appear sullen, dull, lethargic or emaciated.

(f) Failure to maintain forward motion.

(g) Failing to take gait when called for.

(E) TRAIL: This class will be judged on the performance of the horse over the obstacles. Judges will as-

sign a point value to each obstacle and points will be added to or subtracted from this score based on the horse's performance over that obstacle.

(1) Western Attire

(2) Credit will be given to the horse negotiating the obstacles cleanly, smoothly, and alertly with style in prompt response to the rider's cues.

(a) Points may be added or subtracted from a horse's total score on the obstacles based on his attitude, manners, style, and way of going, manner of travel.

(b) A horse with a major fault on the course, knock downs, etc., should not place ahead of a horse that worked the obstacles cleanly.

(3) Horses Should Be Penalized For Any of the Following:

(a) Any horse performing with an artificial or mechanical appearance should be penalized.

(b) Horses should be penalized for touches and knock downs of any elements of the course and for unnecessary delay in approaching the obstacles.

(c) Extreme variation of gait is to be penalized.

(4) Maneuvering The Course:

(a) Gaits: The course must be designed to require each horse to demonstrate walk, trot and lope somewhere between the obstacles as part of the working course. Enough space must be provided for the judge to evaluate the gaits.

(b) The horse's way of going should be appropriate for a trail horse.

(c) A lead change does not constitute an obstacle and should be considered when scoring gaits.

(5) Course Requirements:

(a) Use Care In Setting Up Course. Care must be exercised to avoid the setting up of any of these obstacles in a manner that may be hazardous to the horse or rider. Obstacles not combined shall be a minimum of nine feet (2.74m) apart.

(b) Change of Procedure Where the local conditions and equipment will not permit the establishment of obstacles as specified and that they may require changing of procedures of hand on the reins, then all competitors must be advised that such changing of procedure or of hands is permitted.

(6) Exhibitor Requirements: Exhibitor must use only one hand on the reins and may not be changed except when: (Exception When split reins are used they must be crossed and both hands must be on both reins.)

(a) Putting on or removing slicker

(b) Carrying an object from one part of arena to another.

(c) Dismounting.

(7) Obstacle Requirements: Course will include a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 8 obstacles and must be designed using obstacles from each of the following divisions with a maximum of 2 obstacles per division:

(a) Division A

(i) Walk-overs - An obstacle of at least four poles measuring 20 inches (50.8cm) to 24 inches (60.96cm) \*between poles either on the ground or raised with a maximum center height of 10 inches (25.4cm). These can be in a straight line, curved or zigzag.

(ii) Trot-overs - An obstacle of at least four poles measuring 36 inches (91.44cm) to 42 inches (106.68cm) \*between poles either on the ground or raised with a maximum center height of 10 inches (25.4cm). These can be in a straight line, curved or zigzag.

(iii) Lope-overs - An obstacle of at least four poles measuring 6 feet (1.82m) to 7 feet (2.13m) \*between poles either on the ground or raised with a maximum center height of 12 inches (30.48cm). These can be in a straight line, curved or zigzag. \*NOTE: A curved or zigzag design is measured for distance between the poles, from center of the length of the pole to

the center of the length of the next pole.

(iv) Jump - An obstacle designed for horses to be ridden over, either:

(aa) Single Jump. - An obstacles whose center height is not less then 14 inches (35.56cm) high or not more than 24 inches (60.96cm) high; or

(bb) Multiple Jump - Obstacles with a maximum center height of 18 inches (45.72cm) high. The saddlehorn may be held during the execution of this obstacle only.

(b) Division B

(i) Side-pass - An object of such nature and length which is safe and may be used to demonstrate the responsiveness of the horse to leg signals. If raised, height may not exceed 12 inches (30.48cm). The obstacle may be designed to require the horse to side pass either or both ways or in a pattern. Objects such as a bale of hay that may become entangled in the horse's feet or legs will not be used.

(ii) Lime Circle - Requiring either a turn on the forehand with front feet inside and back feet turning on outside of circle; or a turn on the haunches with hind feet inside and front feet on outside of circle.

(iii) Square, minimum 6 feet (1.82m) sides. Ride into the square. While all four feet are confined in the square, make a 360 degree turn and ride out.

(iv) Gate: The gate must be set up so that it is a minimum of four feet (1.21m) in length and four feet (1.21m) in height and so that the exhibitor can open from his right or left side. It is permissible to change hands prior to opening gate if the gate is in such a position as to justify the change of hands on the reins. Riders losing control of the gate while passing through shall be penalized and scored accordingly.

(C) Division C.

(i) Back through. Shall consist of :

(aa) Poles or Straight L, double L, V, U or similar shaped obstacle. On ground, 30 inches

(76.2cm) between minimum; elevated, 32 inches (81.28cm) between minimum elevated height not to exceed 12 inches (30.48cm)

(bb) Barrels or Cones - A minimum of three. At least 36 inches (91.44cm) between.

(cc) Triangle. - 36 inches (91.44cm) between minimum at entry and 40 inches (101.6cm) between minimum for sides. If guardrails are used with barrels, cones or triangle they shall be 3-4 feet (.91m – 1.21m) from the sides of the obstacle.

(ii) Bridge - A bridge with a wooden floor not to exceed 12 inches (30.48cm) in height and with or without side rails not less than 36 inches (91.44cm) apart will be used. A log placed under the bridge to create teeter- totter effect is not prohibited so long as it is secured to the bridge so as not to shift during the passage of the horse over the bridge.

(iii) Water Hazard - A ditch or shallow pond of water may be used. A horse must pass through this obstacle, which must be large enough so that to properly complete this obstacle all four feet of the horse must step in the water.

(aa) Management may not place any item in the water. If a box is used, simulated water is permissible. If the water box is used preceding and in combination with a bridge, simulated water must be used.

(bb) Simulated Water A plastic sheet, secured to the ground, so that it will not become affixed to the horse's foot when a horse passes over the simulated water.

(D) Division D

(i) Carrying Object - Any object, other than animal or fowl, and of a reasonable size or weight, may be carried to a specific point.

(ii) Drag or Pull - Any object other than animal or fowl which can reasonably be pulled or dragged without the exhibitor having to dally may be used. Dallying shall be at the option of the exhibitor.

(iii) Slicker - When this obstacle is

used, it will be so located that the exhibitor can ride to the slicker, put it on and remove it and return it to a designated place. Reins may be held or dropped on the neck of the horse or over the saddle horn while so doing.

(iv) Mailbox - Remove and/or replace items. Side pass is optional.

(v) Ground Tie - Ride or proceed to the designated place, dismount and wither hobble or ground tie the horse and move away from the horse a reasonable distance to clearly show the proper training of the horse. To ground tie, reins shall be as follows.

(aa) Split - Drop the reins,

(bb) Romal - Remove reins over head of horse, unclip off rein and drop.

(cc) Hackamore - Drop lead.

(vi) Serpentine - Obstacle consisting of four pylons, guardrails optional, through which a horse will maneuver at a walk or jog. Guardrails shall consist of poles placed parallel and a minimum of 3 feet (.91m) from the side of pylons; walk-pylons, minimum of 3 feet (.91m) apart, base to base. Jog pylons minimum 6 feet (1.82m) apart, base to base.

(vii) Jog-around. - Square consisting of 4 poles, minimum 12 feet (3.65m) long, and a pylon placed in the center of the square. Exhibitor will enter over a designated pole, perform a minimum 90 degree jog around the pylon and exit over a designated pole.

(viii) Jog-through - Shall consist of poles L, double L, V, U or similar shaped obstacle. On ground, 3 feet (.91m) minimum and 4 feet (1.21m) maximum; elevated, 3 feet 3 inches (.99m) between minimum and 4 feet 3 inches (1.29m) maximum. Elevated height shall not exceed 12 inches (3048cm).

(F) WORKING HUNTER:

(1) Course:

(a) Judges are responsible for correctness of each course after it has been set and shall call the show committee's attention to any errors that would tend to result in unfair or inappropriate courses.

(b) Minimum obstacles and fences. A minimum of four (4) obstacles.

(i) Horses to jump a minimum of eight fences.

(ii) One change of direction is mandatory.

(c) Fences shall simulate obstacles found in the hunting field, such as natural looking post and rail, brush, walls, coops and ascending oxers (not square).

(d) Triple bar and hogs back are prohibited.

(e) Striped poles are not recommended.

(f) The top element of all fences must be securely placed so that a slight rub will not cause a knockdown.

(g) The distance between fences is recommended to be in 12 foot (3.65m) increments with the exception of some combinations; one stride in and out, 24 feet to 26 feet (7.31-7.92 m); two strides in and out, 36 feet (10.97m); three strides 48 feet (14.63m)

(h) Height of obstacle must be a minimum of 2 foot 6 inches (76.12 cm) and a maximum of 3 feet (91 cm).

(i) A variation of 3 inches (7.62 cm) in fence height, lower than official heights listed, may be instituted if show management and the judge feel circumstances warrant, e.g. footing, weather, etc.

(j) The use of wings on obstacles in hunter classes is recommended.

(k) Jump standards with heights at 3 inch (7.62cm) intervals with jump cups are recommended.

(2) Scoring:

(a) To be judged on manners, way of going and style of jumping. Maintaining an even hunting pace that covers the course with free flowing strides.

(b) Preference will be given to horses with correct jumping style that meet fence squarely, jumping at center of fence.

(c) Judges shall penalize for the following:

(i) Unsafe jumping and bad form over fence, whether touched or untouched, including twisting.

(ii) Incorrect leads around the ends of the course or cross-cantering.

(iii) Excessive use of crop.)

(iv) Incorrect number of strides taken on an In & Out.

(v) Any error which endangers the horse and or rider

(vi) Refusals or knockdowns

(3) Scoring shall be on a basis of 0 - 100, with an approximate breakdown as follows:

(a) 90 - 100: an excellent performer and good mover that jumps the entire course with cadence, balance and style.

(b) 80 - 89: a good performer that jumps all fences reasonably well; an excellent performer that commits one or two minor faults.

(c) 70 - 79: the average, fair mover that makes no serious faults, but lacks the style cadence and good balance of the scoper horses; the good performer that makes a few minor faults.

(d) 60 - 69: poor movers that make minor mistakes; fair or average movers that have one or two poor fences but no major faults or disobediences.

(e) 50 - 59: a horse that commits one major fault, such as a hind knockdown, refusal, trot, cross-canter or drops a leg.

(f) 30 - 39: a horse that commits two or more major faults, including front knockdowns and refusals, or jumps in a manner that otherwise endangers the horse and or rider.

(g) 10 - 29: a horse that avoids elimination but jumps in such an unsafe and dangerous manner as to preclude a higher score.

(4) Elimination:

A total of three disobediences which can include any of the following:

(a) Refusal, stop, run-out, or extra circle.

- (b) Jumping an obstacle before it is reset.
- (c) Bolting from the arena.
- (d) Off-course.
- (e) Deliberately addressing an obstacle
- (f) Horse and or rider falling. Horses consider to have fallen when shoulder and haunch on same side touch the ground, or the obstacle and the ground.

- (g) Failure to trot the horse in a small circle on a loose rein for soundness, after completing the course while still mounted and prior to leaving the arena.

(5) General:

- (a) Circling once upon entering the ring is permissible.

- (b) Circling once after all obstacles are completed is required.

- (c) Horses shall not be requested to re-jump the course.

- (d) When obstacle is composed of several elements, any disturbance of these elements will be penalized; however, only a reduction in height of the top element shall be considered a knockdown.

- (e) In cases of broken equipment, the rider may either continue without penalty or stop and correct the difficulty and be penalized the same as any loss of forward impulsion.

- (f) When an obstacle requires two or more fences (in and out), faults committed at each obstacle are considered separately. In case of a refusal or run-out at one element, entry must re-jump the previous element(s).

(6) Major faults

- (a) Refusal - When a horse stops in front of an obstacle (whether or not the obstacle is knocked down or altered), it is a refusal unless the horse then immediately jumps the obstacle without backing one step. If horse takes one step backwards it is a refusal.

Note: After refusal, if horse is moved towards the ob-

stacle but does not attempt to jump, it is considered another refusal

(b) Run-out - A run-out occurs when a horse evades or passes the obstacle to be jumped; jumps an obstacle outside its limiting markers; or when the horse or rider knocks down a flag, standard, wing or other element limiting the obstacle (without obstacle being jumped).

(c) Loss of forward movement - Failure to maintain trot, canter or gallop after crossing starting line, except when it is a refusal, a run-out or when due to uncontrollable circumstances such as when an obstacle being reset.

(d) Unnecessary circling on course. Any form of circle or circles whereby the horse crosses its original track between two consecutive obstacles anywhere on course, except to retake obstacle after refusal or run-out.

(e) First disobedience anywhere on course  
- 3 faults

(f) Second cumulative disobedience anywhere on course  
- 6 faults

(g) Whenever possible a schooling area should be provided with at least one practice jump.

(h) Schooling over obstacles in the ring or over any part of an outside course is permitted only at the time designated by show management.

(G) JUMPER:

(1) English Attire and Tack (Exception. Running or standing martingales, leg wraps, and/or boots are permitted.)

(2) Arena Arrangement

(a) Minimum Obstacles and Fences. There will be a minimum of four obstacles; horses are to make a minimum of eight jumps.

(b) A spread fence consisting of two or more elements will be mandatory.

(c) It is recommended the first obstacle be no more than minimum height.

- (d) Optional Obstacles May Include.
  - (i) Post and rail (at least two rails)
  - (ii) Coop
  - (iii) Stone wall
  - (iv) Triple Bar
  - (v) Brush jump

(3) Both a starting line at least 12 feet (3.65m) in front of the first obstacle, and a finish line at least 24 feet (7.31m) beyond the last obstacle must be indicated by markers (at least 12 feet, 3.65m, apart) at each end of the lines. Horse must start and finish by passing between markers.

(4) Obstacles, except within combination, should be located a minimum distance of 48 feet (14.63m) apart, size of arena permitting.

(5) Height of obstacle must be:

(a) Section A's: a minimum of 2 foot 6 inches (76.12 cm).

(b) Section B's: a minimum of 3 feet (91cm)

(6) Jump-off:

(a) Jump-offs will be held over the original course altered as outlined.

(b) In a jump-off, the sequence of obstacles may be in any order as long as the original direction is maintained. Only in the case of clean round ties for first place or when points are involved, the height and spread of at least 50 percent of the obstacles shall be increased not less than three (7.62cm) and not more than six inches (15.24 cm) in height, and to a maximum spread of six feet (1.82m).

(c) In case of ties involving faults, rails shall not be raised, courses may be shortened to less than 50 percent of the original obstacle and must include at least one vertical and one spread jump.

(d) When a jump-off is required, the winner will be decided on the time only if faults are equal. If two or more horses are disqualified in the timed jump-off and tied for a point, they are not to be rejumped, a coin toss will break the tie.

(7) Time

(a) Time shall begin from the instant the horse's chest reaches the starting line until it reaches the finish line.

(b) Time shall be stopped while a knock-down jump is being replaced, this is from the moment the rider gets his mount in a position to retake the jump until the proper authority signals that the jump has been replaced. It shall be the rider's responsibility to be ready to continue the course when the signal is given.

(8) Scoring: Jumpers are scored on a mathematical basis and penalty faults, which include knock-downs, disobediences and falls. Knockdowns. An obstacle is considered knocked down and four faults assessed, when a horse or rider, by contact:

(a) Lowers any part thereof which established the height of the obstacle or the height of any element of a spread obstacle even when the falling part is arrested in its fall by any portion of the obstacle.

(b) Moves any part thereof which establishes the height of the obstacle so it rests on a different support from the one on which it was originally placed.

(c) Knocks down an obstacle, standard wing, automatic timing equipment or other designated markers on start and finish lines.

(d) If an obstacle falls after the horse leaves the ring, it shall not be considered a knockdown.

(9) Disobediences.

(a) Refusal. When a horse stops in front of an obstacle (whether or not the obstacle is knocked down or altered) it is a refusal unless the horse then immediately jumps the obstacle without backing one step. If horse takes one step backwards, it is a refusal. After refusal, if horse is moved toward the obstacle but does not attempt to jump, it is considered another refusal. In the case of a refusal on an in-and-out jump, the horse must return to the start of the in-and-out sequence and rejump previous elements as well as following elements.

(b) Run-out. A run-out occurs when the horse evades or passes the obstacle to be jumped; jumps an obstacle outside its limiting markers; or, when the horse or rider knocks down a flag, stand, wing or other element limiting the obstacle (without obstacle being jumped).

(c) Loss of Forward Movement. Failure to maintain trot, canter or gallop after crossing starting line, except when it is a refusal, a run-out or when due to uncontrollable circumstances, such as when an obstacle is being reset.

(d) Unnecessary Circling on Course: Any form of circle or circles, whereby the horse crosses its original track between two consecutive obstacles anywhere on course, except to retake obstacle after refusal or run-out.

(e) First disobedience anywhere on course – 3 faults

(f) Second cumulative disobedience anywhere on course – 6 faults.

(10) Eliminations.

(a) Third cumulative disobedience anywhere on course.

(b) Fall of horse and/or rider after the starting line and before the finish line.

(c) Jumping an obstacle before it is reset, or without waiting for signal to proceed.

(d) Starting before judge's signal to proceed.

(e) Failure to enter ring within one minute of being called.

(f) Failure to cross the starting line within one minute after an audible, or visible signal from and official to proceed.

(g) Jumping an obstacle before crossing starting line unless said obstacle is designed as a practice obstacle or after crossing the finish line, whether forming part of the course or not.

(h) Off course.

(i) Deliberately addressing an obstacle

(penalized at any time the horse is in the ring).

(j) Rider and/or horse leaving the arena before finishing the course (penalized at any time the horse is in the ring).

(11) In cases of broken equipment the rider may either continue without penalty or stop and correct difficulty, in which case he will be penalized three faults. In case of loss of shoe, rider may either continue without penalty or be eliminated.

### **PROTESTS**

Protests shall be handled according to the following rules:

(A) Any protest must be made in writing to the show manager or the show steward not later than one hour after the completion of the show session in the show schedule where the problem occurred. The protest shall be accompanied by a \$50 deposit, which shall be returned to the protester in the event the protest is sustained. If not sustained, the local show management shall forward the \$50 to the GCSA national office.

(B) Protests shall be adjudicated by a protest committee made up of all GCSA Directors present along with the show manager, show steward and the show judge(s) (provided none are parties in the protest).

(C) The protest committee shall promptly meet and adjudicate the issue, make effective decision upon the parties in interest and report its determination to all parties. A show protest committee may disqualify a person and/or his or her entries for the duration of the show.

(D) The decision of the protest committee may be appealed to the GCSA board, with an additional \$50 fee. The decision of the GCSA board is final.

(E) Protests must be made by the owner, trainer or agent of the horse who is in the same class where the protest occurred.

(F) Height Protests: If a horse's height is protested, the protest must be in writing, accompanied by a \$50 deposit.

(1) The horse in question must be brought to a place designated by the protest committee within one hour of notification.

(2) The horse must remain in full view of at least one show official, or designated person, until protest is finally resolved.

(3) Horse may not be trimmed, medicated, ridden, exercised, or otherwise altered prior to final resolution of the protest. Any such alteration will result in the disqualification of the animal for the remainder of the competition, with forfeiture of all prizes and entry fees paid by the owner.

(4) The horse shall be measured by the show steward (unless the steward was the person who measured the horse in question, then the protest committee shall appoint an official) with the same measuring stick as used at the show. The protest committee, the owner, trainer or agent of the horse and the person filing the protest are to be present at the time of measuring.

(5) If there is no discrepancy from the first measurement or the permanent measurement card after the protest, the original measurement stands as official and \$50.00 protest fee shall be sent to the GCSA home office with a report by the show steward.

(6) If there is a discrepancy in measurements, the owner, agent, or trainer of the horse may have the horse measured again (without paying a protest fee). The horse shall be reset and measured again. This measurement is final.

(7) If a horse whose height is protested has left the show grounds, all expenses must be paid by the person requesting the measurement. Prior to measurement, a deposit of \$200 is required by the GCSA.

(i) The GCSA will select a location and time (as convenient as possible) for the official measurement.

(ii) The owner or trainer must deliver the animal to the location at his or her own expense.

(iii) The measurement must be performed by at least 2 persons appointed by the GCSA including one licensed veterinarian.

(iv) Any animal submitted for an official measurement must show no evidence of lameness.

(v) The horse shall be measured in the same procedure described in the measurement section (pg. 46-47) of the rule book.

(vi) The person protesting is to be notified of the place and time of the measurement and has the option to be there or have a representative present. This measurement is final.

## **VIOLATIONS**

### **(A) INHUMANE TREATMENT**

Inhumane Manner of Treatment. No person on showgrounds, (which) include but not limited to, barns, stalls, parking area and show arena, may treat a horse in an inhumane manner, which includes but is not limited to:

(1) Placing an object in a horse's mouth so as to cause undue discomfort or distress;

(2) Tying a horse in a manner as to cause undue discomfort or distress in a stall, trailer or when longing or riding;

(3) Letting blood from a horse;

(4) Use of inhumane training techniques or methods;

(5) Poling or striking horses legs with objects (e.g. tack poles, jump poles, etc.)

(6) Use of inhumane equipment, including, but not limited to, saw tooth bits, hock hobbles, tack collars or tack hackamores;

(7) Any item or appliance that restricts the movement or circulation of the tail, or intentional inhumane treatment which results in bleeding or raised welts.

### **(B) DRUGS AND MEDICATIONS**

Forbidden Substances. A horse shall not be shown in any class at a show approved by the GCSA or event held in conjunction with a GCSA approved show,

whether or not the event is approved by GCSA, if the animal has been administered in any manner a forbidden substance.

(1) A forbidden substance is defined as any stimulant, depressant, tranquilizer or sedative which could affect the performance of the horse.

(2) Stimulant and depressant are defined as substances which stimulate or depress the cardiovascular, respiratory or central nervous system.

(3) Also forbidden is any substance, regardless of how harmless or innocuous it might be, which might interfere with the detection or quantification of any substance defined above.

(4) In the event any forbidden substance is administered to any horse for any reason, the owner and/or trainer should withdraw the horse from competition until the drug is no longer present in the plasma or urine.

(5) Permitted Substances. The following 6 drugs or medications are permitted. Administration of these drugs or medications do not require that the horse be withdrawn or kept out of competition.

- (a) Phenylbutazone
- (b) Flunixin
- (c) Ketoprofen
- (d) Meclofenamic Acid
- (e) Naproxen
- (f) Lidocaine/ Mepivacaine

When administered within 24 hours of showing and may only be used under actual observation of event management (designated representative) and/or veterinarian, either of which must sign the medication report form, to aid in the surgical repair of minor skin lacerations which, by their very nature, would not prevent the horse from competing following surgery. A medication report form must be filed with show management as required in section 6 (a) below.

(6) Conditionally permitted substances. In addition to those drugs listed in Section 5., medications given for the legitimate treatment of illness or injury are

permitted if ALL of the following conditions are met:

(a) Filing of a completed medication report with the show management before exhibiting the horse. The medication report must contain the following information;

(i) Diagnosis of illness/injury, reason for administration and name of administering and/or prescribing licensed veterinarian.

(ii) Signature of veterinarian or person administering the medication. If prescribing by written instructions, a copy must be attached to the medication report.

(iii) Identification of the medicine; the name, amount, strength, and mode of administration.

(iv) Date and time of administration.

(v) Identification of the horse; the name, age, color, sex and entry number.

(b) The horse must be withdrawn and kept out of competition for not less than 24 hours after medication is administered.

(c) The medication report must be filed with show management within one hour of administration of the medication or one hour after show management is available, if administration occurs at a time other than during competition hours.

(d) The medication report must be signed by show management and the time of receipt recorded on the report. While this report must be filed only if the administered medication will be present in amounts detectable in the blood and/or urine samples at the time of competition/ sampling, exhibitors are hereby cautioned it is their responsibility to determine whether or not such medication has had time to clear the horse's system. If there is any doubt, a medication report should be filed.

(7) Medicinal Preparations. The use of medicinal preparations and tonics of any kind in which the ingredients and quantitative analysis are not specially known is also cautioned against as the use of such may result in a positive analysis of the specimen taken

from the horse.

(8) Responsible Parties. All owners, trainers and exhibitors are accountable for the condition of any horse which they enter or allow to be entered, in any GCSA sponsored or approved event or event held in conjunction with an approved GCSA show, whether or not the event is approved by GCSA. Such persons are hereafter referred to as “responsible parties”.

(a) By voluntarily entering a horse in a GCSA approved or sponsored event or event held in conjunction with a GCSA approved show, whether or not the event is approved by GCSA, the responsible parties are presumed to know all rules and regulations of the Association.

(b) Based on their accountability for their horse’s condition, all responsible parties are subject to disciplinary action any time a prohibited substance(s) is detected at a GCSA approved or sponsored event, regardless of the reason the prohibited substance has been administered, and whether or not the responsible parties had actual knowledge of the administration or presence of the prohibited substance.

(9) Involved Parties. In addition to the “responsible parties” as that term is used in this rule, any person who administers, aids in the administration, causes to be administered, or conspires in the administration of any prohibited substances shall be subject to disciplinary action. Such persons are hereafter referred to as involved parties.

(10) Testing by GCSA or State Government.

(a) All drug testing of GCSA approved events will be done under the direction of the GCSA unless the show is being conducted in a state whose government has established drug testing procedures.

(b) Those shows that are tested by the GCSA will be selected at random by the GCSA office, however, the show management of any GCSA approved event can request that a show be tested if show management agrees to be responsible for the cost associated with the testing.

(c) Any drug testing performed at the request of show management shall be conducted by the GCSA staff or its designated representative.

(11) Laboratory Integrity

(a) It shall be presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it was sent is the one taken from the horse in question, that its integrity has been preserved, and that all the procedures of the collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory, analysis of the sample and report received from the laboratory pertaining to the horse in question are presumed to be accurate and correct reflections of the condition of the horse during the show in which the horse was entered.

(b) The burden shall be on the responsible parties involved to rebut the aforesaid presumptions in a hearing conducted by the GCSA Board of Directors or its appointed committee.

(12) Request for Specimen

(a) A request by the GCSA representative or its designee to take a specimen of urine, saliva, or blood or other substance for testing shall not be refused by any grounds for immediate disqualification of the horse from further participation in the show and shall also be considered a positive drug test for purposes of this rule.

(b) Artificial induction of urination is at the option of the owner/ agent.

(13) Cooperation with GCSA Representative  
Cooperation with the GCSA approved veterinarian and/ or their agent and/ or Association representative shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) Taking the animal immediately to the location selected by the appointed veterinarian and/ or his agent for testing the horse and presenting it for testing and presenting the registration certificate or a photo copy for the veterinarian's report.

(b) Assisting the veterinarian and/ or his agent in procuring the sample promptly, including, but not limited to, removing equipment from the horse,

leaving it quietly in the stall and avoiding distractions to it.

(c) Schooling, lengthy cooling out, bandaging and other delays of this type may be construed as non-cooperation.

(d) Polite attitude and actions toward the veterinarian and/or their agents and/or the Association representative.

(e) Failure to cooperate shall be considered a refusal.

#### (13) Horses Subject to Examination

(a) Horses in competition at any GCSA sponsored or approved event or event held in conjunction with a GCSA approved show, whether or not event is approved by GCSA, are subject to examination by a licensed veterinarian or an Association representative who must be approved by GCSA.

(b) The examination may include positive identification, physical, saliva, urine, blood tests or other tests or procedures at the discretion of said licensed veterinarian necessary to effectuate the purpose of this rule.

(c) Said veterinarian may examine any or all horses in the class, whether in competition or not, or any horse scratched or withdrawn or which simply fails to appear for competition, by any other exhibitor within 24 hours prior to the class for which it is entered.

(d) A horse which has been withdrawn from competition may be administered a prohibited substance provided the prohibited substance is declared to show management prior to a requested drug testing.

#### (14) Temporary Suspension

(a) At such time as the GCSA receives written notification of a positive drug test involving a violation of the rule, all "responsible parties" shall immediately be placed on temporary suspension and denied all privileges of GCSA, pending hearing on the matter.

(b) The Association shall mail written notifi-

cation of this action to the responsible parties and shall also give notification via telephone when possible.

(c) Any responsible party will be charged \$500.00 reinstatement upon receipt of notice to GCSA of a positive drug test.

(15) Post Bond

Each responsible party may post \$500.00 bond at which time that party will be allowed to participate in all GCSA events and activities until such time as a hearing is held.

(16) Certified Check

The \$500.00 bond must be in a form of a certified check or money order made payable to the GCSA. The bond will become effective at such time as it is received in the GCSA home office.

(17) Bond Return

If it is determined after the hearing that there has been no violation of this rule, the \$500.00 bond will be returned.

(18) Bond Forfeiture

If it is determined after the hearing that there has been a violation of this rule, the \$500.00 bond will be automatically forfeited to the GCSA. This bond forfeiture is in addition to any other penalties or disciplinary action that may be taken against the responsible or involved parties.

(19) Horse Subject to Penalties

The horse involved, as well as the responsible or involved parties, may be subject to, but not limited to, the following penalties where appropriate.

(a) Barred: Barred from competition.

(b) Forfeiture: Forfeit awards, monies, or points or placings, thereby moving up horses placing behind the disqualified horses and possible redistribution of awards, or monies, or points, or placings.

(c) Certification Relinquishment: Relinquishment of the horse's registration certificate to GCSA for a specific period of time. Although ownership of such horse may, thereafter, be transferred to another party, the transfer of ownership will not dis-

solve or shorten the terms of the disciplinary action.

(d) Penalties or fines.

(e) Suspension.

(C) Unsportsmanlike Conduct

When an exhibitor, owner or trainer is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct, such person is subject to disciplinary action by the GCSA, including but not limited to, fines or suspensions.

**DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

Conduct by an exhibitor, trainer or owner, which is in violation of any of these rules will subject the offending individual to disciplinary action for the offensive conduct. All disciplinary matters shall be promptly adjudicated by the Board of Directors of the Gypsy Cob Society of America, Inc.

**GCSA APPROVED CLASS LIST**

Any other non-approved classes may be added by show management.

Numbers following Classes are for tallying points for award programs.

**Halter Classes**

**Sections A&B and sexes may be combined in some classes, contact the GCSA office for complete class list and options.**

Foal of Current Year

Section A Mare (1001)

Section A Stallion (1002)

Section A Gelding (1003)

Foal of Current Year

Section B Mare (2001)

Section B Stallion (2002)

Section B Gelding (2003)

Foal of Current Year

Section C Mare (3001)

Section C Stallion (3002)

Section C Gelding (3003)

Yearling

Section A Mare (1005)

- Section A Stallion (1006)
- Section A Gelding (1007)
- Yearling
  - Section B Mare (2005)
- 3 & 4 Years Old
  - Section A Mare (1010)
  - Section A Stallion (1011)
  - Section A Gelding (1012)
- 3 & 4 Years Old
  - Section B Mare (2010)
  - Section B Stallion (2011)
  - Section B Gelding (2012)
- 3 & 4 Years Old
  - Section C Mare (3010)
  - Section C Stallion (3011)
  - Section C Gelding (3012)
- 5 Years Old & Older
  - Section A Mare (1013)
  - Section A Stallion (1014)
  - Section A Gelding (1015)
- 5 Years Old & Older
  - Section B Mare (2013)
  - Section B Stallion (2014)
  - Section B Gelding (2015)
- 5 Years Old & Older
  - Section C Mare (3013)
  - Section C Stallion (3014)
  - Section C Gelding (3015)
- Broodmares
  - Section A (1020)
  - Section B (2020)
  - Section C (3020)
- Junior Champion and Reserve
  - Section A Mare (1065)
  - Section A Stallion (1066)
  - Section A Gelding (1067)
- Junior Champion and Reserve
  - Section B Mare (2065)
  - Section B Stallion (2066)

Section B Gelding (2067)  
Junior Champion and Reserve  
Section C Mare (3041)  
Section C Stallion (3042)  
Section C Gelding (3043)  
Senior Champion and Reserve  
Section A Mare (1068)  
Section A Stallion (1069)  
Section A Gelding (1070)

**Performance Classes**  
**Sections A&B may be combined as desired, con-**  
**tact the GCSA**  
**office for complete class list and options.**

Pleasure Driving  
Section A (1031)  
Section B (2031)  
Section C (3031)  
Traditional Vehicle Driving  
Section A (1035)  
Section B (2035)  
Section C (3032)  
Pleasure Obstacle Driving  
Section A (1039)  
Section B (2039)  
Section C (3033)

Leadline  
Section A (1043)  
Section B (2043)  
Section C (3034)

Leading Rein  
Section A (1044)  
Section B (2044)

Section C (3035) **Call GCSA office for complete**  
**Class List and Show Packet with sample Show**  
**Bills for various size shows.**

## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

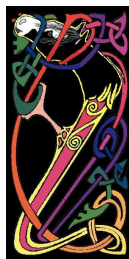
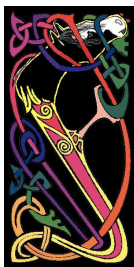
Lifetime Achievement Point system “The Feather Awards” presented with three award levels; Bronze (50 points), Silver (75 points) and Gold (100 points) Awards. Points may be earned at all GCSA sanctioned shows as well as any horse show that has specific Gypsy horse classes

Point System						
Number of Horses in Class	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
1	1	0	0	0	0	0
2-3	2	1	0	0	0	0
4-6	3	2	1	0	0	0
7-9	4	3	2	1	0	0
10-12	5	4	3	2	1	0
13-15	6	5	4	3	2	1
16 and over	7	6	5	4	3	2
Jr/Sr/Grand Champion & Reserves	1 more point than the highest point horse defeated					

Code	Item	FEES	
		Member	Non-Member
RGR	Registration (EU Passport \$10)	\$25	\$50
TRN	Owner transfer, within 6 months	\$15	\$30
THL	Owner transfer, after 6 months	\$30	\$60

<b>TMP</b>	Temporary to permanent, <small>within 6 months</small>	\$15	\$30
<b>TML</b>	Temporary to permanent, <small>after 6 months</small>	\$20	\$60
<b>DUP</b>	Duplicate certificate	\$20	\$20
<b>LSE</b>	Lease fee	\$20	\$20
<b>LFT</b>	Membership, lifetime	\$250	NA
<b>ANL</b>	Membership, annual	\$25	NA
<b>ASC</b>	Membership, associate	\$25	NA
<b>YTH</b>	Membership, youth	\$10	NA
<b>SRO</b>	Stallion report, on time	NA	NA
<b>SRL</b>	Stallion report, late (+ \$10 per mare)	\$25	\$20
<b>FPR</b>	Farm prefix reservation	\$50	\$50
<b>DNA</b>	DNA Testing	\$30	\$30
<b>EMB</b>	Embryo transfer enrollment	\$50	\$100
<b>EML</b>	Embryo transfer enrollment <small>late (before foaling)</small>	\$75	\$150
<b>EMF</b>	Embryo transfer enrollment <small>late (after foaling)</small>	\$100	\$200
<b>EXP</b>	Expedite fee (per horse)	\$25	\$25
<b>RCM</b>	Return via certified mail	\$5	\$5
<b>INS</b>	Insufficient funds charge	\$15	\$25
<b>SAF</b>	Show application (per Judge)	\$25	\$25
<b>JUD</b>	Judge's card application	\$25	\$25
<b>JUA</b>	Judge's card annual fee	\$25	\$25
<b>MAP</b>	Merit Award Program application	\$10	NA
<b>CLB</b>	Club annual fee	\$25	NA
<b>SYN</b>	Syndicate fee	\$20	\$40





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