

# CANADIAN PONY CHUCKWAGON SOCIETY

## Section 1: Measuring

To insure that measurement stay consistent, rules and guidelines will be introduced as necessary. Any horses to be ran in CPCS sanctioned shows must be measured by an approved method

- The measuring committee shall be elected annually by the members of the CPCS
- The measure shall be 58 ½ inches using a laser beam
- The horse will lead under the beam with the head or neck no lower than the wither
- The horse will be given three (3) attempts to pass under the beam (if necessary)
- One clear pass under the beam, horse is measured in
- When beam hits high point of the wither, the horse is measured out (failed attempt)
- To be judged by the measuring committee, backed by video camera
- Maximum three (3) attempts, NO EXCEPTIONS

## Rules

1.1 Handler must be a CPCS member

1.2 Bridles may be used. Halter shanks must be attached to the halter. Lead horse by the shank only, applying no pressure to the shank and no touching the horse. No twitches allowed

1.3 Horses with at least two (2) five (5) year teeth through will be judged full mouth and in for life

1.4 All horses will be micro chipped and have records kept with the secretary of the CPCS



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## Section 2: General Provisions

2.1 The executive committee or CPCS shall assume no responsibility for injury or damage to the persons, property or stock of any owner, contestant or assistant

2.2 The CPCS shall maintain and enforce a set of rules known as the “Rules and Regulations” regarding terms, standards, conduct and administration of races

2.3 All horses cannot run more than once a day at any one given show, unless a legitimate claim is made to the show committee

2.4 Rules and regulations have been drawn up to cover most circumstances but judges and/or show committee have the right in fairness to all concerned to make or recommend further rules and regulations which do not conflict with the current rules

2.5 The executive committee shall have the power to make new rules and regulations and to amend or rescind rules and regulations but in doing so the executive committee shall bear in mind the best interests and the general consensus of the CPCS members regarding such additions

2.6 The executive committee shall make available to all members printed copies of all rules and regulations currently enforced by the CPCS

## Rules and Regulations

1. Every member must be knowledgeable of rules and regulations at their own expense
2. Members in good standing may drive two wagons in any CPCS sanctioned shows
3. Each wagon outfit must have their own wagon except in the case of an accident in which the wagon has been damaged
4. Each wagon outfit must have a holder



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5. Rookie wagon drivers must be the full age of fifteen
6. Any driver who is injured or becomes ill may use another member to drive his/her outfit with the approval of the show committee
7. Any drivers participating in our sanctioned races must have approval of the show committee to use a substitute driver
8. Payout sheets shall be posted on the first day of a race meet
9. Hard hats and flack jackets may be worn on the track
10. Expenses for shows may be taken out of show/prize money
11. An ambulance facility must be present at all CPCS shows
12. All entry fees at race meets may be paid by cash or cheque
13. All payments are to be made to the show committee designate and no petty cash will be kept on hand
14. Barrels used for chuckwagon races are to be plastic
15. All times plus penalties are to be posted each day and totaled on the final day
16. All outfits must be in the infield before the start of the races and at the discretion of the show committee, must remain in the infield until the races are completed
17. Drivers shall have reliable help to hold outfits in the infield while the races are on
18. No horse under two years old shall be allowed to run in any race
19. Horses that are thin, underfed and not properly cared for shall not be permitted to race
20. Equipment must be in good order. Any equipment may be ordered repaired by the show committee and these repairs must be done before it can be used in a race
21. Timing shall be done with the aid of a mechanical device to start the watches simultaneously (video camera backed by stop watches). Time given an outfit will be the part of the horse recorded touching the finish line first whether it be the nose or foot
22. A horn is to be used as the starting signal



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23. An outfit whose time is affected through no fault of his/her own will get the average running time from that heat, plus his/her own penalties incurred previous to and following the foul if faulted outfit is unable to complete race
24. Each owner may be responsible for the cost of drug testing for any horse that tests positive for any performance enhancing substance hooked on his/her own outfit, if show committee requests
25. Random testing for drugs can be carried out at the track at the discretion of the government veterinarian
26. The entry fee to the CPCS shows shall be one hundred dollars (\$100) per wagon
27. Insurance-if a claim is made for property damaged by a chuckwagon outfit, the person responsible will pay one hundred percent (100%) of the deductible up to one thousand dollars (\$1000)
28. Drivers are not to talk to the judges directly. They are to make a complaint to the selected members appointed by the show committee

## Chuckwagon Rules

1. A chuckwagon outfit consists of a legal wagon drawn by four (4) horses measured under the CPCS accepted measurement
2. Wagons can be weighed at any show. The total weight of wagon including added weight shall be stamped on the wagon by the show committee conducting the wagon weighing
3. Wagon weight must be a minimum of five hundred fifty (550) pounds dry without the driver. Only one chance shall be given to get the weight up to proper weight
4. Each outfit must do a figure eight around their designated set of barrels. Positions will be drawn for the first day and



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thereafter will be changed ie. One to two, two to three, three to four and four to one. Final day will be a total redraw

5. Barrels shall be set according to the infield shape and size, at the discretion of the infield committee
6. A legible chalk line (mark) between top barrels must be used as a guide for judging interference. Mark to be midway between top barrels
7. All four horses can be changed on a wagon outfit if they have not been on any other outfit in that show on that day

## Penalties

### Two Seconds

1. Short or rolled up sleeves (driver or holder)
2. No western hat at the start of a race (hard hat accepted)
3. If driver and holders jackets don't match
4. Holder interfering with other contestants
5. Holder assistance after the horn
6. Holder knocking over a barrel
7. Wagon starting ahead of the horn
8. Driver interference with another driver after the race
9. Whipping with the line ends, substitutes or slapping with hands
10. Rear wheel being ahead of track barrel when the horn blows
11. Canvas or sign coming loose and flapping or falling down/off during a race
12. Dragging lines

### Five Seconds

1. Knocking over a barrel (five seconds each)
2. Off course (barrel area or on the track)



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3. Touching the barrel with free hand to avoid barrel from tipping over

## Ten Seconds

1. Missing a barrel (ten seconds for each barrel missed)

## Five to Ten Seconds/Fines/Suspensions

1. Cutting off another driver
2. Crowding (judges discretion)
3. Interference with another outfit

## Two to Twelve Seconds/Fines/Suspensions

1. Foul or abusive language
2. Abusive gestures

## Judges

1. Judges must wear cowboy hats and western shirts or appropriate attire
2. Judges and/or show committee may disqualify a member for one or more days if he/she had been guilty of a deliberate infraction of the CPCS rules and regulations
3. When penalties, fines or suspensions are assessed, decisions are final
4. Judges shall be appointed or hired by the show committee in charge of the race meet
5. One judge shall start the races and observe infractions in the starting area
6. There must be at least one judge on horseback to observe infractions of rules or rules and regulations on the track and also to pick up outfits in trouble



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7. Judges shall carry out their duties without prejudice or favoritism
8. Judges and show committee may check any driver, horse or equipment before a race, and any driver or outfit who for any reason, on their opinion is a menace to other contestants will not be allowed on the track and not be allowed to run until a hearing from the review committee
9. All judges must abide and be knowledgeable of the rules and regulations of the CPCS

## Schedule A

### Hurt Horse Rule

Chuckwagon driver interference fine shall be a minimum of \$50.00, provided that the interference results in an injury to a horse, additional fines up to \$250.00 can be assessed at the discretion of the Review & Disciplinary Board.

The following schedule will be used to assess all infractions:

1. \$50 fine if interference results in an injury to a horse and five (5) points deducted
2. \$75 fine if blood flows from the injury and ten (10) points deducted
3. \$150 fine if the injury receives stitches and fifteen (15) points deducted
4. \$200 fine if the injury is serious (cannot run for 30 days, with a veterinary's note) and twenty (20) points deducted
5. \$250 fine if the interference results in the horse being put down within twenty-four (24) hours or does not run for 30 plus days (with a veterinary's note) and twenty-five (25) points deducted



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If an interference penalty results in an injury to one's own horse, then only the point deduction would apply.

CPCS requires a minimum of three members of the Review & Disciplinary Board available to assess "Hurt Horse Fine" or the CPCS executive needs to appoint a temporary replacement to fill committee to a minimum of three (3).

If a conflict of interest arises where any member of the Review & Disciplinary Board is involved in the incident, then that member or members defer from any decision-making regarding the incident and the executive will appoint temporary replacements.

All files need to be documented on the "Hurt Horse Rule" form. Any fines assessed in accordance with this schedule shall be paid to the CPCS secretary to be forwarded to the driver of the chuckwagon outfit to which the injured horse belongs. A member who has been assessed a fine in accordance with this schedule cannot run in the next show until the fine has been paid in full to the CPCS secretary.

## Repeat Offences

Second offence is double the fine and double points deducted from the severity list from the first infraction.

Third offence driver attends hearing with the executive of the CPCS after which fines and possible suspensions will be levied by the executive.



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Date	Penalty to Driver		Description of Injury	Severity	Fine	Points Deducted
	Name	Penalty				

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## Section 3: Power

The legislation of rule making power of the CPCS shall be held by the general membership except as otherwise set out herein, but the supervision over the business and affairs of the CPCS shall be left to the executive committee and the appointed committees.

## Section 6: Membership

3.1 3a) Shall be open to such persons connected with chuckwagon racing as the executive may decide to admit

b) A member fee shall be set accordingly each year by the membership of the CPCS

c) Annual membership fee shall be payable on or before January 1st of each year

d) Members of the previous year failing to comply with "b" shall pay a \$25.00 penalty plus the membership fee for that year

e) The membership fee shall include the cost of public liability and property damage insurance coverage purchased by the CPCS

f) Members will sign waivers of insurance purposes for the hosting organization as required

3.2 Members of the CPCS shall be the members of the CPCS's rules and regulations

3.3 All members in good standing shall be eligible to vote, hold office, drive chuckwagons, and accumulate points or money as determined by the members of the CPCS

3.4 Each driver member shall have his/her membership card and shall present it upon request at a race meet, or general membership meeting of the CPCS



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3.5 Each member shall abide by the rules and regulations of the CPCS. Only members in good standing shall be allowed to participate at races, vote, or hold office

3.6 A person and his/her outfit shall cease to be a member of the CPCS

## Schedule B

### Duties of the Review & Disciplinary Board

The following will be the make-up of the Review & Disciplinary Board:

- Vice President of the CPCS, plus elected chairman and three (3) officers.

### Duties Include:

- Review and update the CPCS's Rules and Regulations
- Review all membership applications
- The decision of the Review Board to accept or reject new membership application for that year is final
- Update or change the membership application form
- Work in conjunction with the measuring crew, to deal with all membership horse measure
- Disciplinary Board for Hurt Horse Fine
- Work closely with the Penalty Intervene Team to deal with the Hurt Horse Rule, but will not serve on the Penalty Intervene Team
- Disciplinary Board for behavior conduct

