

## WELFARE - BODY CONDITION SCORING INDEX

C/S	PELVIS	BACK & RIBS	NECK
0 VERY POOR	Angular, skin tight. Very sunken rump. Deep cavity under tail.	Skin tight over ribs. Very prominent and sharp backbone.	Marked ewe neck. Narrow and slack at base.
1 POOR	Prominent pelvis and croup. Sunken rump but skin supple. Deep cavity under tail.	Ribs easily visible. Prominent backbone with sunken skin on either side.	Ewe neck, narrow and slack base.
2 MODERATE	Rump flat either side of back bone. Croup well defined, some fat. Slight cavity under tail.	Ribs just visible. Backbone covered but spines can be felt.	Narrow but firm.
3 GOOD	Covered by fat and rounded. No gutter. Pelvis easily felt.	Ribs just covered and easily felt. No gutter along the back. Backbone well covered but spines can be felt.	No crest (except for Stallions) Firm neck.
4 FAT	Gutter to root of tail. Pelvis covered by fat. Need firm pressure to feel.	Ribs well covered – need pressure to feel.	Slight crest. Wide and firm.
5 VERY FAT	Deep gutter to root of tail. Skin distended. Pelvis buried, cannot be felt.	Ribs buried, cannot be felt. Deep gutter along back. Back broad and flat	Marked crest very wide and firm. Fold of fat.

*(Based on the Carroll and Huntington method)*

To obtain a body score, score the pelvis first, then adjust by half a point if it differs by one point or more to the back of the neck.

Judges and Competitors are required to take particular note of the Body Condition Scoring Index. Judges will be using this index as part of their assessment of your pony.