

PREFIX - RULES

1. The Central Prefix Register (CPR) administers the register of prefixes, and you can search to check the availability of your chosen prefix. For guidance please see the website at <https://www.centralprefixregister.com/>
2. Here is the link to the application form on the CPR website https://www.centralprefixregister.com/registration_form.pdf
3. You do not need to use a prefix to register a horse. Whilst it is not essential for breeders to use a prefix on their home-bred stock, it is a good idea if breeders might want to use the same word again in the future.
4. Multiple horses can be registered by a breeder without using a prefix, but any name can only be used once by that breeder. If the same name is asked to be used for a second time by the breeder, a prefix must be applied for and approved before the use of the name again.
5. Prefixes must be one distinctive word with a minimum of two letters and no hyphens, spaces, numerals or apostrophes.
6. Once a prefix name is approved to a breeder, the prefix belongs to the breeder.
7. A prefix/suffix has to be approved by Council prior to a horse being registered using that name as a prefix.
8. CBHS members can apply to register a prefix through the CBHS. Non-members are also allowed to apply through the CBHS at an additional cost. Please see list of fees for the charges.
9. A prefix owner does not need to be a member of CBHS in order to use the prefix that belongs to them.
10. Only the breeder of a horse is allowed to register the horse using their prefix, and this must be done at the time of first registration. (A breeder is the person that owns or leases the Dam of the horse to be registered at the time of foaling. If leased the CBHS must be provided with a copy of the lease document prior to registration). If a prefix is shared by, e.g. four people then the mare (Dam) need not be owned by all four, but must be owned/leased by the individual who is named as the breeder on the registration application.
11. A breeder must own (or have in place a lease) the mare at the time of foaling to be able to use their own prefix to register the foal regardless of who owned the mare when the mare was inseminated.
12. It is not permitted for a prefix to be broken down in to several words to form the entire name of a horse.
13. Name Change – if a horse is already registered with CBHS then the name should not be changed. This is to ensure that all pedigree information that is held by the CBHS is not compromised by the change of a name.