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PREFIX – GUIDELINES

1. The Central Prefix Register (CPR) administers the registration of prefixes. Applicants may search the register to ascertain the availability of their chosen prefix. For further guidance, please refer to the website at https://www.centralprefixregister.com/

2. The application form is available on the CPR website via the following link: https://www.centralprefixregister.com/registration_form.pdf

3. It is not necessary to use a prefix in order to register a horse with the CBHS. Although it is not essential for breeders to apply a prefix to home-bred stock, it is advisable to do so should breeders wish to use the same name again in future.

4. A breeder may register multiple horses without using a prefix; however, any given name may be used only once by that breeder. Should the breeder wish to use the same name for a second time, a prefix must be applied for and approved before that name may be used again.

5. Where more than one word is used to name a horse, the CBHS will contact the applicant, who will be offered the following three options:

(a) to combine all the words to form a single word and proceed with the registration;
(b) to retain the name as submitted and register the prefix (subject to the prefix being available);
(c) to select an alternative single-word name.

6. A prefix must consist of a single distinctive word comprising a minimum of two letters, and must not contain hyphens, spaces, numerals or apostrophes.

7. Once a prefix has been approved for a breeder, that prefix becomes the property of the breeder.

8. A prefix or suffix must be approved by the Council prior to a horse being registered using that name.

9. Members of the CBHS may apply to register a prefix through the Society. Non-members may also apply through the CBHS, subject to an additional charge; please refer to the schedule of fees for further details.

10. A prefix owner is not required to be a member of the CBHS in order to use the prefix belonging to them.

11. Only the breeder of a horse may register that horse using their prefix, and this must be undertaken at the time of first registration. (A breeder is defined as the person who owns or leases the dam of the horse at the time of foaling. Where the dam is leased; the CBHS must be provided with a copy of the lease document prior to registration.) Where a prefix is shared by, for example, four individuals, the dam need not be owned by all four; however, she must be owned or leased by the individual named as the breeder on the registration application.

12. In order to use their own prefix to register a foal, a breeder must own (or hold a lease for) the mare at the time of foaling, regardless of who owned the mare at the time of insemination.

13. A prefix may not be divided into several words to form the entire name of a horse.

14. Change of Name – Once a horse has been registered with the CBHS, its name should not subsequently be changed. This requirement ensures that the pedigree information held by the CBHS is not compromised by any alteration to a horse's name.

PLEASE NOTE THAT USE OF THE FOLLOWING NAMES IS PROHIBITED WHEN REGISTERING WITH THE CBHS: ROYAL, BAY, HEIR.