



# THE NATIONAL PONY SOCIETY

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## Registration and Use of a Prefix NPS Rules and Regulations

**“A Prefix is a name chosen by a breeder which is used to preface the name of all foals bred and registered by that breeder and may also identify the breeder’s Stud.”**

### **Registration of a Prefix - Rules and Regulations**

In order for foals to be registered with the NPS using a prefix:

- the prefix must be registered with the British Central Prefix Register (CPR)
- the prefix must be registered for use with the National Pony Society

In order to register a new prefix with the Central Prefix Register for use with the NPS, please complete a **New Prefix Application Form** and send it together with the correct fee to the National Pony Society. We will liaise on your behalf with the CPR. *(Please see our website or contact the office for fees)*

When registering a new prefix the following rules apply:

1. A new prefix should be between 2 and 25 characters long with no spaces, hyphens, numerals or apostrophes
2. A new prefix must be at least 3 characters different from an existing registered prefix. *Existing prefixes may be viewed on the CPR website [www.centralprefixregister.com](http://www.centralprefixregister.com)* In case your first choice is not acceptable, please provide two alternatives
3. A prefix may be registered in the name of more than one breeder operating from the same establishment. All breeders named as the owner of that prefix will be credited as the breeders of all ponies carrying that prefix and both/all will be required to sign Registration Application Forms. The first named owner will be deemed to be the principal owner of that prefix and shall retain that prefix in the event of a dispute. The address of the principal owner will be used in all correspondence and will appear under the breeders’ names on any documentation. *The National Pony Society strongly discourages joint ownership outside the family and reserves the right to decline such a request*
4. Where a breeder resident abroad wishes to register his/her prefix for use when registering stock with the NPS, the prefix should be registered with the CPR in the usual way, but with the abbreviation of the specific country placed directly after the prefix in brackets

In order to extend the use of an existing registered prefix, for use with the NPS when registering ponies, please complete a **Prefix Extension Form**

Fully completed application forms should be sent to the National Pony Society at the above address together with the correct fee. *(Please see our website or contact the office for fees)*

## Use of a Registered Prefix - Rules and Regulations

Once a prefix is registered with the NPS, the following Rules and Regulations apply:

1. A prefix is registered for life
2. A prefix may not be used by any other person other than the breeder(s) in whose name(s) the prefix has been registered
3. A prefix may not be changed but a breeder may apply for more than one prefix (*for example some breeders choose to register pure bred ponies with one prefix and part bred ponies with another*)
4. A prefix dies with the owner unless provision has been made for the inheritance of a prefix. It is strongly recommended that the owner of a prefix makes provision (if desired) for the prefix to be inherited upon their demise. This can be done by inclusion in a legally recognised Last Will and Testament or by notifying the NPS in writing of this express wish. Without written instructions the prefix dies with the owner and can never again be used by anyone
5. A breeder's name may be added to or removed from the ownership of a prefix. Such a request must be made in writing to the NPS and all current holders of that prefix must sign this request to confirm their agreement. The NPS will approve the change and inform the Central Prefix Register in order that records can be amended. The Central Prefix Register may make a charge for another Certificate to be issued in the names of the new holders of the prefix. *The National Pony Society reserves the right to decline a request to extend the ownership of a prefix and strongly discourages the addition of owners outside the family*
6. The ownership of a prefix may be transferred into new ownership. The NPS must receive such a request in writing. This must be signed by the existing prefix owner to confirm that they are relinquishing the prefix and by the new owner to confirm that they accept ownership of the prefix. The NPS will approve the transfer of ownership and inform the Central Prefix Register in order that records can be amended. The Central Prefix Register may make a charge for another Certificate to be issued to the new prefix owner. *The National Pony Society reserves the right to decline the transfer of ownership of a prefix and strongly discourages the transfer to owners outside the family*
7. Where a family member of a jointly owned well known prefix wishes to set up their own stud at a different location but wishes to continue using that same prefix, it may be possible to do so with the addition of initials in brackets after the name of the prefix. In this way each member of the family breeding ponies independently but with the same prefix may be identified. This is not a common occurrence and would require the written and signed agreement of all parties involved. *The National Pony Society reserves the right to decline such a request*
8. Prefixes registered for use with the NPS but never used with the NPS or any other society with which the prefix may have been extended for use may be relinquished after 20 years. The NPS will make every effort to contact the registered owner and their immediate family to ensure that there is no intention to use the prefix in the future
9. There are no other circumstances under which the NPS will relinquish a registered prefix for use by someone else.

