



## IDHSNA Prefix Rules

- 1) A Registered Prefix may be registered for a one-time charge and cannot be used by another person without the written consent of the registered owner or his or her executors.
- 2) A Registered Prefix must be cleared with the Central Prefix Register and adhere to their guidelines.
- 3) The Registered Prefix can be used in any/all IDHSNA Studbooks or Registries
- 4) New prefixes must be between 3 and 20 characters long with no spaces, hyphens, numerals, apostrophes or other special characters. (i.e., one word).
- 5) Registered Prefixes must be unique and distinguishable from all other Registered Prefixes. The prefix should be a geographical name or a distinctive word or name. Prefixes cannot solely be made of obviously descriptive Irish wording "Shamrock", "Clover", etc. If these words are part of a farm name or business, the obviously descriptive Irish word/name and one or more additional words/names must be combined to create a unique prefix. Breed names are not allowed.
- 6) A Registered Prefix that is pronounced the same as one already registered but has different spelling will not be allowed.
- 7) Prefixes known to be used or registered in Ireland and Great Britain will not be approved for purebreds. Some commonly used words, for example Flagmount's *may* be allowed for use in partbred names. Final decision shall rest with the IDHSNA.
- 8) Profane, or overtly offensive prefixes will not be allowed.
- 9) Only members in good standing may apply for a Registered Prefix.
- 10) The IDHSNA shall publish a list of Registered Prefixes at least once a year.
- 11) The Registration Officer shall keep the list of Registered Prefixes.
- 12) Only prefixes used at the beginning of the horse name can be effectively protected by IDHSNA.
- 13) The Board of the IDHSNA reserves the right to modify the rules and processes at any time for prefix retention.
- 14) Final approval rests with IDHSNA and the Central Prefix Register.