

ASHBA Registry Rules and Regulations

As effective May 1, 2022

SECTION III. REGISTRATION

H. NAMES

1. Each horse for which Application for Registration is made must be given an acceptable name which does not conflict with the name of any other horse registered with the Registry, living or dead, and which is approved by the Registry in its discretion. A conflicting name is one which is judged to be too similar to an existing name either in spelling or pronunciation, e.g., Black Knight/Black Night. Adding "A", "An" or "The" to an existing name or removing "A", "An" or "The" from an existing name is judged to be too similar. The Registry may consider waiving this requirement for horses with the same or similar names with a foaling date of 40 years or more prior to the request date that (a) do not have registered progeny, or (b) are not designated Saddlebred Record Champion horses, World Champion horses, or Reserve World Champion horses.
2. The name may not exceed 35 characters, including letters, spaces and punctuation.
3. It is recommended that three name choices be provided on the application in order of preference.
4. The Registry reserves the right, in its discretion, to accept or reject any or all of the names submitted, whether for reasons of conflict or good taste, and also reserves the right, but is not obligated, to correct obvious misspellings.
5. The following are not allowed as part of a horse's name:
 - a. Numerical prefixes or suffixes: Numerals;
 - b. "Jr." and "Sr." as suffixes;
 - c. Diacritical marks;
 - d. Punctuation marks as prefixes;
 - e. Initials added as a prefix or suffix to a name already in use, e.g. Wing CommanderG.G.
6. Any available name may be reserved with the Registry and will be reserved for a period of twelve (12) months. A fee must be paid for each name reservation.
7. The same person/entity that has used a name to register a horse may reuse the same or similar name, if the originally named horse is still listed in their Recorded Ownership and has been listed as deceased in Registry records and does not have any registered progeny or show records.
8. Name choices are not required at the time of application for registration. Owners may choose to name their horse at the time the application is submitted for no additional fee by providing name choices on the application for registration form. It is recommended that three name choices be provided on the application form in order of preference. If the requested names are not available, the owner will be contacted to supply new options. However, if no name choices are listed on the application at the time of submission, the Registry will complete the registration process (registration number will be assigned) provided all other requirements for registration are met. Owners of unnamed "registered" horses will be required to submit a Name Claim form along with a Name Claim fee before the Certificate of Registration will be issued. Registration certificates will only be issued for those horses that have officially claimed names. The Registry will not record any further transactions concerning an unnamed horse until a name has been officially claimed.

SECTION XI. FEES

Name Reservation (for 12 months) \$50.00

SECTION IV. CERTIFICATE CHANGES & REPLACEMENTS

A. CHANGE OF NAME

The name of a registered horse may be changed no more than four (4) times during the lifetime of that horse provided that:

1. No foals have been registered from the horse in question, whether it be a mare or a stallion.
2. The horse has not been designated as a Saddlebred Record Champion.
3. If the horse's name includes a registered farm name, written permission from the owner or authorized agent of the farm is required to remove a registered farm name as a prefix from the horse's registered name. Otherwise, the horse's name may be changed but the registered farm name will remain as a prefix as part of the name. [See Section IX. Registered Farm Names.](#)

The original Certificate of Registration must be submitted along with the name change request and correct fee. The old certificate will be cancelled and retained by the Registry and a new certificate issued. The new name must meet the criteria described in [Section III.H. Names.](#)

FEES

First Change of Registered Name or Change back to Original Registered Name \$250.00

Third Change of Registered Name \$500.00

Fourth Change of Registered Name \$1,000.00

(Allowed four times)

SECTION IX. REGISTERED FARM NAMES

Exclusive use of a farm name for the purpose of using the entire farm name or an approved portion of the name as a prefix for a horse's registered name may be granted upon submitting the proper application with the required fee provided the following conditions are met:

- A. Use of the farm name selected has not already been exclusively granted;
- B. The name applied for is not one to be considered in the public domain, such as "American," "Beauty," etc., and
- C. Payment of a fee has been made for the registration of the farm name. Note: When a farm is sold, exclusive use of its registered name does not automatically pass to the purchaser. Written transfer or release of the registered farm name must be submitted to the Registry office by the person to whom exclusive use was originally granted. Application for exclusive use of that farm name must then be made by the purchaser together with the initial registration fee. Once a farm name has been registered, the Registry will recognize no other user except the registrant.
- D. If a horse's name includes a registered farm name, written permission from the owner or authorized agent of the farm is required to remove a registered farm name as a prefix from the horse's registered name. Otherwise, the horse's name may be changed but the registered farm name will remain as a prefix as part of the name.
- E. Such other information requested by the Registry is provided.

FEE

Farm/Stable Name Registration \$1,000.00