

American Saddlebred Registry Rules and Regulations

As effective February 10, 2016 Rules and Regulations for the Registration and Transfer of the American Saddlebred Horse and Hearings, Violations and Penalties.

SECTION III. REGISTRATION H. NAMES

1. Each animal for which Application for Registration is made must be given an acceptable name which does not conflict with the name of any other animal registered with the Registry, living or dead. 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" (effective 7/9/12) to an existing name or removing "A", "An" or "The" (effective 11/1/14) from an existing name is judged to be too similar. The Registry shall consider waiving this requirement for horses with the same or similar names with a foaling date of 40 years or more prior that do not have registered progeny and are not Saddlebred Record (CH), Broodmare Hall of Fame, World Champion or Reserve World Champion horses.

The name may not exceed 35 characters, including letters, spaces and punctuation.
It is recommended that three name choices be provided on the application in order of owner's preference.

4. The Registry reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the names submitted, whether for reasons of conflict or good taste, and also reserves the right 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 Commander G.G.

6. Any available name may be reserved with the Registry and will be reserved for a period of twelve (12) months. Effective 5/1/02, a fee will be assessed for each name reservation. See Section XI. regarding Fees.

SECTION IV. CERTIFICATE CHANGES & REPLACEMENTS

A. CHANGE OF NAME

The name of a registered horse may be changed one time only during the lifetime of that horse provided that: *(See Note below)* 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(s) or authorized agent(s) 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. Note: If a horse has had a name change, subsequent owners may reregister the horse by either name, subject to above limitations.

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. See Section III. H. for rules on naming horses.