

Proposed Rule Amendments - AGM 2nd July 2016

Application for Prefix Registration

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Application for Non-Prefix Registrations

17. All non-prefix applications will commence with an administrative prefix which will be agreed by the GCCFI and will change from time to time as considered necessary.
18. The name, including the administrative prefix, may contain no more than a maximum of 26 letters (including spaces) and not less than 2 and not more than 4 words.

PREFIX APPLICATIONS

19. To apply for a prefix a person must be a member of a GCCFI affiliated club.
To be confirmed by the relevant Club Secretary.
20. The granting of prefixes is at the discretion of the Council and their decision is final.
21. Applications for Prefix, **which must be on the approved form**, are sent in the first place to GCCF for a computer check **of existing prefixes**. Because of the vast number registered in the UK ten alternatives should be given.
22. The following will not be accepted as a name or part of a name:
 - a. Names of living people
 - b. Names which are primarily registered business or trade names.
 - c. Names which are primarily those of towns, countries or districts comprising a wide area
 - d. Numbers in figures or letters (John 111, Robert Fourth, Louis Quatorze, Sean a Cuig etc)
 - e. Repetition of words previously registered by the same person or under the same prefix except recognised appropriate breed colour words in English or Irish.
 - f. Hyphens, apostrophes etc.
 - g. GCCFI Show titles (Supreme, Champion, Premier, Tara, **Hibernian** etc.)
 - h. Breed names as part of prefix (not allowed by GCCF) so will not be accepted.
23. No cat once registered can have the name changed in any particular other than if it has been incorrectly sexed, and at the discretion of the Executive

Committee whose decision is final.

SUBSTITUTE THE ABOVE WITH THE FOLLOWING:

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All Registrations

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 - d. GCCFI Show titles (Supreme, Champion, Premier, Tara, Hibernian)
 - e. Names which are primarily registered business or trade names.
 - f. Cedillas, accents etc
 - g. Names which are primarily registered business or trade names.
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Granting of Prefixes

21.
 - a. A prefix may be issued to single or joint owners only. The copyright of the prefix is vested in the owners.
 - b. When a prefix is issued to joint owners, all rules apply to both parties. Either party may sign declarations required as part of applications or agreements in connection with the GCCFI and its services with the exception of changes to the prefix ownership itself.

- c. No change of title of ownership of a prefix will be granted except in exceptional circumstances and at the absolute discretion of the Executive Committee.
- d. All applicants for prefixes must be members of a GCCFI affiliated club. To be confirmed by the club secretary.
- e. A prefix can only be used to register cats bred and registered by the prefix owner(s).
- f. A prefix may NOT be used until notification of approval has been received.
- g. A prefix cannot be added to an existing registration.
- h. Prefixes may consist of ONE word only and may be of any number of letters of the alphabet and the symbols ! * - ‘ (exclamation mark, asterisk, dash, and apostrophe). It must be remembered that the total number of characters, including letters, spaces and punctuation, allowed for registration is 26, including the prefix.
- i. A choice of FOUR names must be given in a prefix application.
- j. The following will not be accepted as prefixes
 1. Names suggesting that a breeder is the sole or most important breeder in a particular area
 2. Words bearing a close resemblance to an existing prefix (words within one letter or sounding the same are considered to bear “a close resemblance”.
 3. GCCFI show titles (Supreme, Champion, Tara, Hibernian).
 4. Any other word considered by the Executive Committee to be unsuitable.
- NB Applicants should ensure that they do not submit a business or trade name which might lead to legal action by the registered owner of that name. The applicant shall be held responsible for any action arising from the granting of a prefix.
- k. The granting of prefixes is at the discretion of the Executive Committee and their decision is final.
- l. The issue of a prefix guarantees that the prefix word will not be used as the first word of any name registered after the date of the issue of the prefix.
- m. The use of a prefix shall lapse on the death of the holder and shall not be used except within three months of the death of the holder or one month from the granting of probate of the holder’s Will, whichever is the later. Cats bred by the deceased may be registered under the prefix of the deceased by the Executor or Administrator.

Cats/Kittens first registered by GCCF:

- 28. When cats first registered by GCCF are subsequently registered by GCCFI having followed all the rules governing such registration, GCCFI in acknowledgement of GCCF requirements agree that we:
 - a. Require a certified **4 generation** pedigree, before importing a cat onto our register. (This will be returned to owner on completion of the process).

- b. A copy of GCCF (or other) transfer to the new owner. Apart from confirming the ownership, this document supplies the names of the owners of sires and dams, necessary to complete our registration document and also confirms the status, i.e. active or non-active (**which the certified pedigree does not specify**)
- c. Respect the validity of the GCCF Non-Active registration.
- d. Require all cats at any shows we licence and/or organise to be vetted-in.
- e. Maintain a rejection list and will supply the GCCF with a copy of this list.

Delete 28a as GCCF will have access to the pedigree and are doing the same for GCCFI registered cats.

SECTION 2

SHOW MANAGEMENT

Proposal to change age for showing kittens from 4 calendar months to 14 weeks

SCHEDULE

16. Kittens may not be shown or **put on exhibition** less than **14 weeks** of age on the day of the show.

SECTION 4 -EXHIBITS AND EXHIBITORS

ENTRY

1. With the exception of Household Pets, all cats and kittens exhibited at a show licensed by the GCCFI must be registered with GCCFI. Cats entering the adult and neuter classes must be 9 calendar months or over on show day. Kittens under the age of **14 weeks** on show day must not be shown (in competition or on exhibition).