



# **REGULATIONS**

## **PART 10**

### **NATIONAL PREFIX REGISTER**

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## AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL KENNEL COUNCIL LIMITED

### REGULATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE NATIONAL PREFIX REGISTER

1. Each ANKC Ltd Member Body shall receive applications for registration of prefixes, from members residing in the State or Territory under their control, and shall forward them to the National Prefix Registrar for processing.
2. The National Prefix Registrar shall deal only with the ANKC Ltd Member Body and shall not enter into discussion, or correspondence with any person without the express approval of the Member Body through which the application was lodged.
3. The applications shall be submitted on the prescribed form, and shall include two (2) alternative selections of names in order of preference.
4. A prefix name application is accepted by the National Prefix Register subject to renewal annually, in the State or Territory in which it is registered.
5. A prefix which remains in the Register, and is shown as unfinancial for five (5) consecutive years, shall be transferred to an "inactive file" for a further period of five (5) years, after which time the prefix will be eligible to be reallocated as a prefix.  
**(10/00)**

(Note - The animal registration system requires that where progeny have been registered bearing the prefix in their name it is essential the prefix not be purged from the file.)

6. A Prefix name shall:
  - (a) be limited to one (1) word consisting of not less than four (4) letters and not more than twelve (12) letters; **(03/10)**
  - (b) not include numbers, whether in numerals or words;
  - (c) not include apostrophes, hyphens, or punctuation marks of any kind, however no restrictions shall be placed on the use of the words "von" or "vom".
  - (d) not be identical to, or similar in spelling, or phonetically, to a prefix name already registered, which could be deemed to cause misunderstanding, or confusion. Wherever possible, prefix registered with Canine Controlling Bodies overseas shall be protected.
  - (e) not include the name of any breed of dog. **(10/00)**
7. A prefix name, once accepted and registered shall not be altered, or amended in any manner whatsoever. The name may be cancelled and a new name submitted, however, the new name shall be deemed to be a new application, and processed as such.
8. Where a prefix is jointly owned by persons residing in more than one (1) State and/or Territory, the use of the prefix in each of the States and/or Territories in which the joint owners reside is permissible without transfer, providing the prefix name is registered, and maintained, in each State and/or Territory in which the prefix name is to be used. The registration procedures in each State or Territory in which the prefix is to be used shall apply for all registration purposes.

## 9. Appeals

Where an objection is raised to the registration of a prefix name, the objection must be in writing, and lodged with the ANKC Ltd Member Body in the state or Territory in which the objector resides.

- (a) Where an objection is raised to a prefix registered with the ANKC Ltd Member Body in the State or Territory in which the objector resides - the objection shall be considered by that Member Body, and the decision of that Member Body shall be final.
  - (b) Where an objection is raised to a prefix registered with the ANKC Ltd Member Body in another State or Territory to that in which the objector resides - the objection shall be referred to the National Prefix Registrar who shall consider the objection and decide what action, if any, be taken.
  - (c) Where a Member Body is unwilling to accept the decision of the Registrar, the Member Body may lodge an appeal with the ANKC Ltd Administrator for consideration by Delegates at the next ANKC Ltd Conference. The decision of the ANKC Ltd Conference shall be final and binding on all parties.
10. The applications may be submitted by mail, or fax to expedite delivery, and notification of acceptance or rejection shall be returned, wherever possible, within seven (7) days from the date of receipt.
  11. The National Prefix Registrar shall, wherever possible, ensure that the person in control of the Prefix Register is conversant with Prefix names, to ensure the integrity of the file is maintained.
  12. A membership may only register one Prefix for a particular breed of dog, but that Prefix may be used by the membership for other breeds. **(05/02)**

*“Membership” – any category of membership which under the Rules of the Member Body is entitled to register a Prefix.*

## **GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE LIFETIME PREFIX REGISTER**

(Adopted 10/00 to be effective 1.1.2001)  
(Amended 02/16, EM#131)  
(Amended 04/16, EM#133)

1. The owner of any prefix that has been held continuously for a period of 15 years may apply to protect their prefix for a further 25 years subject to a payment of a fee as laid down from time to time and providing that the prefix is not being actively used. After the expiry of the second 25 years the owner of the prefix may apply to renew the arrangement on similar terms.
2. Where a protected prefix is required to be used again the period of protection shall be suspended and normal prefix fees shall be payable during the active period after which the remainder of the protected period comes back into effect. This provision to apply once only, subsequent active use of the prefix shall result in the remainder of the protected period being cancelled until renewed for a further twenty five (25) years.

(The Protection fee is \$250.00 plus GST. The fee shall not be altered by Member Bodies and shall only be amended by the ANKC Ltd.)

## **PROTECTION OF OVERSEAS PREFIXES**

(Adopted 05/01)

Overseas Prefixes will be recorded by the ANKC Ltd under the following conditions:

- (a) the Prefix is registered with a Body recognised by the ANKC Ltd. **10/01**
- (b) application must be made direct to the ANKC Ltd on a form provided by the ANKC Ltd for that purpose.
- (c) the fee basis will be as follows:
  - (i) initial registration fee of \$250.00 will be paid to the ANKC Ltd
  - (ii) annual maintenance fee at Member Body rates which is acting as the National Prefix Registrar. **(05/04)**



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## APPLICATION FOR PROTECTION OF REGISTRATION OF AN OVERSEAS PREFIX

Overseas Prefixes will be recorded by the ANKC Ltd under the following conditions:

- (a) the Prefix is registered with a Controlling Body recognised by the ANKC Ltd.
- (b) applications must be made direct to the ANKC Ltd on this form.
- (c) payment of an initial registration fee of \$250.00 AUD must accompany this application and be made payable to the Australian National Kennel Council Ltd.
- (d) a maintenance fee will apply with a renewal notice being sent annually.

<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Facsimile:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Contact Telephone No:</b>	
<b>Name of Prefix to be protected:</b>	
<b>DETAILS OF MEMBERSHIP OF NATURAL KENNEL CLUB</b>	
<b>Name of Kennel Club where the Prefix is currently registered:</b> (Copy of current ownership of prefix to be attached)	
<b>Membership No:</b> (Copy of current Membership to be attached)	

***Please note the following:***

*Application Fee must be paid on application to the Australian National Kennel Council Limited (ANKC Ltd).*

*An Annual Maintenance Fee must be paid each year upon receipt of the renewal advice.*

*If the Annual Fee is not paid, the protection lapses 30 days from the annual renewal date.*

*Only Australian Residents are eligible to register progeny.*