

British Cavy Council

Prefix Registration Scheme

Application to register a prefix

Please ensure that all details are completed.

Name

Please enter both names if a partnership

Address

Post Code

Telephone

E Mail Address

Website (if applicable)

Prefix 1st Choice

Prefix 2nd Choice

Please enclose the registration fee of ten pounds (**Cheques or Postal Orders made payable to British Cavy Council**). You will be informed that a prefix has been allocated to you: or asked to choose again if both choices have been allocated to another fancier. For any further details on enquiries please

Email prefix@britishcavycouncil.org.uk

NB: Your attention is drawn to the conditions on the final page. For your application to be considered, your agreement by signature to these terms is required.

Return this form with your payment to:

**Mr Allan Trigg
BCC Prefix Registrar
90 Gloucester Avenue
Chelmsford
Essex, CM2 9LF**

(Please allow 28 days for process)

Telephone: 01245 350 443

British Cavy Club Stud Prefixes

It has been brought to the attention of the British Cavy Council that stud prefix registration certificates are being used on some websites as a form of endorsement of the stud concerned, so as to promote the sale of cavies

It should be made clear **that the purpose of the BCC registration certificate is simply to confirm that a fee has been paid by someone to give him or her the sole use of the stud name when exhibiting stock at UK cavy shows.** The stud prefix may also be used in adverts; but the display of a BCC certificate as a means of endorsement of the quality of stock sold is wholly inappropriate, as the British Cavy Council is unable to endorse the quality or suitability of any stock or product being sold.

Should the Council become aware of any cases where stud prefix certificates are being misused in this way, then it will report such cases to all breed clubs of which the person concerned is a member and ask them to take disciplinary action that could result in the termination of membership. It may also report the matter to the appropriate Trading Standards Office.

Stud Prefix Applications

When choosing a stud prefix, certain factors need to be taken into consideration. The prefix will be a lasting point of reference to your activities within the cavy fancy and should reflect well on the individual(s) and the fancy as a whole. Whilst, not wishing to take things too seriously, some prefixes that have been accepted in the past bear little relevance to our hobby and others show too flippant an approach to the fancy. Additionally, prefixes should not imply superiority over others, be in bad taste or provocative and any links with commercial interests should be avoided; Savoy Hotel Stud, for example, may well lead to claims that the use of this name is being inappropriately exploited.

Also, one has to consider that this prefix will be used at shows and may well be written several times especially if one is successful in the final duplicates when the card writers will be hard pressed to complete the rush of classes before the finalities of the show culminate. For this reason, a limit of no more than 18 letters is imposed on current prefix applications and only suffixes of "stud" or "cavies" are now being accepted for similar reasons of brevity.

These matters are itemised below:

- The stud name to be appropriate, not likely to be confused with others and in good taste.
- The name should not be linked to any commercial interests or imply superiority over other studs.
- The name should not be too long with a maximum length of 18 letters inclusive of the suffix.

In addition, it should be remembered that, if the application relates to a partnership and one of the individuals involved is a juvenile, the acceptance and use of this prefix will have implications on the juvenile as they will be seen as exhibiting within a partnership with adult interests and, as such, will be not eligible for juvenile classes.

The above information will be held on a computerised data base but will only be used for the administration of the Council's activities including the maintenance of a register of valid prefixes and the British Cavy Council's website operations. For the registration of a prefix to be accepted, consent is required for minimal information concerning the prefix to be displayed on the BCC website. Subsequent enquiries to confirm the registration of a prefix may be answered but no other Information will be supplied to third parties.

When possible, contact by email will be made if there are any queries and notification of certificate production will be copied later.

The onus is with the prefix-holder to advise the Prefix Registrar if they wish for a prefix to be cancelled and removed from the register and website. Once cancellation has been made, the prefix can no longer be used for exhibition purposes or the promotion of sales. Such details will be removed the Council's database as soon as possible and within three months latest.

Signed: _____ (Applicant or Parent/Guardian if a child/children are involved)

Date: _____