

PREFIXES

A breeder of registered Brown Swiss cattle may reserve for his exclusive use a PREFIX, which has not been previously reserved by the Association for another breeder. Such PREFIX may not be used by any other breeder unless the National Office receives written permission from the owner of the reserved PREFIX. The owner's right to the reserved PREFIX shall be lost by twenty (20) consecutive years of not using the PREFIX. The Association cannot guarantee that parts or all of a PREFIX have not been used in the names of animals prior to the time it is reserved.

A PREFIX shall be limited to fifteen (15) letter spaces. A PREFIX can be the distinctive part of a farm name, but it cannot be a name that pertains to known and established bloodlines of Brown Swiss cattle. The words "Swiss" - "Farm" - "Dairy" or "Ranch" cannot be part of any PREFIX. Names that are in common usage, such as the barn names of cows, cannot be a part of a PREFIX. Single words that may be used in a combination to form a PREFIX cannot be reserved. For example, the word "Maple" which can be used as part of a PREFIX such as "Maple Ridge", "Maple Knoll", etc. cannot be reserved.

The following other names are not allowed in the registration of Brown Swiss: All American, Bell Ringer, Certified, Elite, Superior, Qualified, Premier, and Type Classification designations (Excellent, E; Very Good, VG; Good Plus, GP; Good, G; Fair, F; Poor or P) or any other word denoting recognition in Association programs.

No duplication of a reserved PREFIX shall be permitted; and a slight change of spelling shall not constitute an original PREFIX. The Executive Secretary of the Association shall be the authority to reject a PREFIX that, in his judgment, is too similar to a previously reserved PREFIX, but the applicant shall have the right of appeal to the Board of Directors, whose decision shall be final.

The fee to reserve a PREFIX shall be \$25.00.

The PREFIX used in naming an animal at registration shall be the PREFIX of the person owning the dam at the time of breeding.

RELEASE OF A RESERVED PREFIX

A breeder may give written notice to the Association that he is releasing his reserved PREFIX to another breeder, in which case such breeder may then reserve the released PREFIX at the regular fee of \$25.00.

APPLICATION TO REGISTER A PREFIX

I do hereby apply to have the following "PREFIX" reserved for my exclusive use in the name of my animals:

Prefix _____

Customer Numbers/Names to be registered to the prefix:

Name of Applicant _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature: _____

**Please send this application (entire sheet) along with \$25.00 to
the Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders' Association, 800 Pleasant Street, Beloit, Wisconsin 53511-5456**