

# HORSE NAME CHANGE GUIDELINES

## Definitions

### **Horse Birth Name:**

1. The name of the Horse in the document issued at Horse birth
2. If (1.) is not applicable, the name of the Horse in the first birth studbook document
3. If the Horse is not affiliated with any studbook, the name of the Horse is based on the name written in the first document issued (either national passport / first original document, or FEI recognised document or FEI Passport)

The Horse Birth Name must remain the same for the entire life of the Horse in the FEI Database and/or FEI Document.

### **Horse Name Change:**

Any modification/change to the current name of the Horse or the creation of a different current name than the Horse Birth Name.

### **Inappropriate Names:**

Horse names that are offensive towards other persons, that could be considered political, religious or racial propaganda, or which are discriminatory in any way (an "Inappropriate Name") will not be accepted by the FEI, whether that is the birth name of the Horse or a requested name change. Even after a name has previously been accepted by the FEI, whether as a requested name change or the original birth name of the Horse, the FEI reserves the right, acting in its sole discretion, to subsequently require a name change if the FEI determines, based on validated information, that the name in question is an Inappropriate Name.

Documents uploaded to the FEI Database will be used for verification. In the case that there is no document available on the FEI Database for a Horse, the FEI can request a copy of the Horse's document.

In case of multiple changes on a name, the most expensive change will be taken into consideration for invoicing.

## Horse Name Criteria and Name Change Fees

### I. Free of charge

#### 1. Back to Birth Name

Change from the Horse's Current Name back to the Horse's Birth Name as defined above.

#### 2. Use of the National Sport Name

The use of the Horse's National Sport Name as the Horse's Current Name in accordance with the following criteria:

- ✓ Creation of a new Horse in the FEI Database
- ✓ The National Sport Name (Current Name) must be significantly different from that of the Birth Name, with the exception of name shortenings which fulfil all other criteria of a National Sports Name
- ✓ The Horse must have competed regularly at a National level for at least 12 months. This does not apply to Horses of 6 YO and younger.
- ✓ The National Sport Name does not fall into any of the cases mentioned in **sections II.2 or III**
- ✓ A Horse may only have one National Sport Name entered as Current Name in the FEI Database. Any change to this name will be invoiced according to section II.

The FEI reserves the right to ask the National Federation to provide proof of the Horse competing at National Events (CN) using its National Sport Name.

### II. Invoiced - 1000 CHF Fee

Any Horse Name Change for a Horse created or already existing in the FEI Database is invoiced following the criteria below.

#### 1. Complete change of Current Name:

*i.e.* VLEUT => GUCCIO  
TEQUILA DU TYL => AL MAZYOUNA

#### 2. Commercial Names:

We consider a commercial name as:

- **A company/brand:** adding the name of the company or brand to the Horse's Current Name
- **A stable:** adding the name of the stable to the Horse's Current Name
- **A group of persons/association:** adding the name of the group of persons/association to the Horse's Current Name
- **A person:** adding the name of the person/owner to the Horse's Current Name

*i.e.*

<i>Brand name</i>	<i>CONTENTO =&gt; AUDI'S CONTENTO</i>
<i>Company name</i>	<i>CADJANINE Z =&gt; CITIZENGARD CADJANINE Z</i>
<i>Stable name</i>	<i>BOWMAN =&gt; FE BOWMAN (FE = Fredericks Equestrian)</i>
<i>Group of person</i>	<i>ZENITH =&gt; ZENITH SFN</i>
<i>Association</i>	<i>ARLANDO =&gt; ARLANDO N.O.P</i>
<i>Person name</i>	<i>BANANA =&gt; DJB BANANA (DJB = Darolyn Jane Butler)</i>

### III. Invoiced - 200 CHF Fee

#### 1. Addition of Breed or Breeding associations' initials

*i.e:* CH, SF, DSP, NRW, OLD, FRH, ...  
COPAIN DU PERCHET => COPAIN DU PERCHET CH

#### 2. Addition of non-profit organisation or state organisation name initials

*i.e:* MILI, HN, ...  
NARKOS D'OREAL => NARKOS D'OREAL MILI

#### 3. Addition of Non-Commercial Initials

Addition of initials, 2 letters or 3 figures maximum which are not listed in any category in **section II.2**

*i.e:* COMO => COMO II

#### 4. Addition of Stable Name or Initials

Addition of the name or initials of the stable where the Horse was bred to the Horse' Current Name

*i.e:* LORE JANE => LORE JANE ZSZ  
When the stable name is confirmed as: ZUCHT UND SPORTPFERDE ZEY

#### 5. Name Shortening

Removal of one or more parts from the Horse' name

*i.e:* CADE VAN'T ZORGVLJET => CADE

#### 6. Addition of Horse Pedigree Names

Addition of the Sire, Dam or Sire of Dam's name, or part of their name, to the Horse' Current Name

*i.e:* DONNA => DONNA DANCIER  
When the Sire's name is confirmed as: DANCIER

*i.e:* DORADE => DIAMOND FLAME  
When the Sire is DIAMOND HIT and FLAME is confirmed as a National Sports Name

*i.e:* BOB => BOB CHACCO  
When the Sire's name is confirmed as: CHACCO BLUE

## 8. Small name change

A small name change that does not fall into any cases mentioned in **section II**. This can include but is not limited to:

- the addition or change of a few letters within a word

*i.e:* EMY RAVA => EDY RAVA

*i.e:* CKIKI CARLOU => CIKY CALOU

- the order of the Horse's name

*i.e:* WINTER COLD => COLD WINTER

- the addition or change of 1 or 2 non-commercial word(s) to the Horse's Current Name

*i.e:* COCKTAIL => DRESSCODE COCKTAIL

*i.e:* CALL ME RUDIGER => CALL ME DREAM

## 9. Any other name change