



Prefix Sharing FAQs

Overview:

The Association will designate for each member upon the Certificate of Membership a unique prefix. A prefix is reserved for the exclusive use of the member and shall be used as the first word of the name of all offspring resulting from a service to a female owned at the time of service by such member.

Each prefix is one word and cannot exceed 15 characters in length, including hyphens and apostrophes. A member of a designated prefix may extend the use of their prefix to Junior members of their immediate family.

Q: What is prefix sharing?

A: A regular member with a prefix may extend the use of their prefix to members of the immediate family operating under the same farm business.

Q: Who counts as immediate family?

A: A spouse, parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, mothers-in-law, fathers-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, adopted, half & step children all count as immediate family.

Q: Do both parties need to be a member to share a prefix?

A: In order to be eligible for prefix use, all parties must be members of Holstein Canada.

Q: Who needs to give approval to share a prefix?

A: It is the responsibility of the prefix owner/holder to give permission in writing for someone from his or her immediate family to be authorized to use their prefix. If the prefix is no longer to be shared, notification must be given to Holstein Canada. The authorization form is available on the Junior Membership Application.

Q: If sharing a prefix do I have to be on the same customer billing account?

A: No but often the junior member goes under the billing account of the parent so all invoices and statements are sent to the parents customers billing account.



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Q: Can a Junior member continue to share a parent's prefix even if they are no longer a Junior member?

A: Yes, as long as they are part of the farm business unit and continue to have permission from the prefix owner.

Q: Can I share a prefix and have my own prefix?

A: No. This would cause some confusion with ownership of animals in which prefix would be used.

Q: What if I already have a prefix and want share one now?

A: We can update your existing prefix to be the new shared one. Animals already registered will not have the prefix updated.

Q: Where do I find Junior membership application?

A: The forms are located on the Holstein Canada website: www.holstein.ca → Services → Resources