

REGISTRATION OF OWNERS' COLOURS GUIDELINES

The following Guidelines should be followed when processing colours registrations in addition to matters specifically covered by Rule, Instruction or the colours application form. Bearing in mind that each registration of racing colours is required to be unique the standard which should be adopted is to prevent, wherever possible, colours from being registered which are too close to those currently registered. These guidelines apply to both standard and bespoke colours applications.

A. GENERAL

1. The cap should not normally act as a distinguishing feature for new registrations. All fresh applications for new Racing Colours must have a unique body and sleeve design/colour except that when the exceptions in C3, E1(b), E2(c), F1 and G1 apply, a cap may be a distinguishing feature. Any other exception regarding caps must be referred to the BHA.
2. Seams on the sleeves are not a distinguishing feature and therefore are not allowed if a plain sleeve is present and vice versa. They are only allowed with a seamed body. However, a seamed body is a distinguishing feature provided it contrasts with the main body colour.
3. Where a plain body has halved sleeves, the colour of the top of the sleeves must differ from the body.
4. The top half of a diabolo design on the body will be the first named colour in the description.
5. Colour combinations which are hard to distinguish on the racecourse or are too similar will not be registered. Any combination of BLACK, DARK BLUE, DARK GREEN or PURPLE will not be permitted in new registrations.
6. Small differences between registrations will not, ordinarily, act as distinguishing features. e.g tassels on caps or braid. Some discretion may be applied depending upon each individual application.

B. DESCRIPTIONS

1. All colour descriptions should be standardised and made as concise as possible. Where the cap is the same as the body it is not necessary to repeat it (e.g. WHITE and RED diamonds, WHITE sleeves denotes that the cap is also WHITE and RED diamonds). Also it is unnecessary to repeat those colours again (e.g. BLACK, WHITE sleeves, hooped cap is sufficient to describe a BLACK and WHITE hooped cap).

C. SHARING COLOURS

1. Individuals may share their colours with Partnerships, Syndicates, Racing Club and Companies if the individual is known to the BHA to be included within the ownership they wish to share with. If that individual leaves the entity with which they are sharing colours, the colours will revert to the individual and the entity will need to register new colours. However, if the individual cancels their colours they may become available in the normal

manner and the entity may be able to register them without waiting for the three-month moratorium.

2. Companies are also able to share colours when they are involved in Partnerships, Syndicates and Racing Clubs.
3. The spouse (including common law partners), child, parent or grandchild of a registrant may register the same colours provided a differentiating cap is registered. However, this differentiating cap must contrast sufficiently with the original e.g. BLACK and PINK but not DARK BLUE and PURPLE.

D. TRANSFERRING COLOURS

1. Unless the BHA otherwise direct, transfers of colours will be permitted between persons where the transferee is the spouse, parent, son, daughter or grandchild (or the executors or the administrators of such persons) or in the case of a deceased transferor the heir to his racing interests. There is no charge for such a transfer.
2. In the case of all other transfers (including those made following colours being sold) the requisite colours transfer fee must be paid.

E. RE-REGISTERING COLOURS AFTER LAPSING

1. Combinations permitted under the current instructions:
 - a. All colour combinations which lapse will be available for re-registration following a three-month moratorium unless being transferred under section D.
 - b. If a person re-applies for lapsed colours considered too close to a current registration, then the Judges Team Principal may be consulted and a compromise sought. If the applicant cannot be satisfied and insists on taking the matter further an appeal may be referred to the BHA.
2. Combinations no longer permitted under a standard registration:
 - a. 'Family colours' of a design or colour no longer available through a standard registration can still be re-registered subject to the approval of the BHA. For this to occur the colours must have been previously registered for a minimum of five years to either (i) the applicant, (ii) a member of the applicant's immediate family or (iii) family 'lineage' to which the colour registration must be established (see below). Additionally, the design and colour must be sufficiently different from any other registration.
 - b. In all cases proof of previous registration must be traced. When (ii) above applies and the original registrant is alive written confirmation giving permission to transfer the colours is required. If not, written confirmation from the Executors, spouse, son, daughter, etc of the person is necessary. If the applicant is not an immediate family member (e.g. nephew, cousin, etc) the matter should be referred to the BHA.

- c. Provided the above criteria have been met the colours will be registered as a matter of course. The Judges Team Principal will be consulted in cases where the application is considered too close to a current registration and a compromise is sought or in cases in which the applicant persists, despite not meeting the relevant criteria. An appeal to the Judges Team Principal's decision should be made in writing by the applicant to the Chief Operating Officer at the BHA.

F. SECOND COLOURS

1. Second colours with a different colour cap may be allowed to be registered. The cap must be contrasting on the lines indicated above (see C3) but black caps are not to be allowed in this instance (because the crash helmet is normally black, and a silk may be lost or removed in the course of a race).
2. When an owner has two runners in the same race, differing colours for each horse must be declared to Weatherbys (Rule (C)29). In this case it is not necessary to have second colours registered as the existing colours, with a differing cap, may be declared as second colours.

G. COLOURS REGISTERED ABROAD

1. Exceptions to the instructions contained in the colours form can be made when colours are registered with a Recognised Turf Authority. Where confirmation has been received from the relevant Turf Authority that the application falls within current advertising guidelines, has been registered for over five years and does not clash with an existing registration, the colours will be registered and the Judges Team Principal notified. In cases where the application is deemed too close to an existing registration the Judges Team Principal may be consulted and a compromise sought.

*The person to whom initial referral should be made is the Judges Team Principal. Any further appeals will be referred to the Chief Operating Officer at the BHA.

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