

Ownership Guidelines

TYPES OF OWNERSHIPS

Individuals

One person listed as the owner:

- Michael E. Smith
- Amanda Anderson

Organizations

A single entity that is not an individual (typically stables, farms, or businesses):

- Triple J Farm
- Brownstone LLC

Partnerships

A combination of two or more individuals and/or organizations:

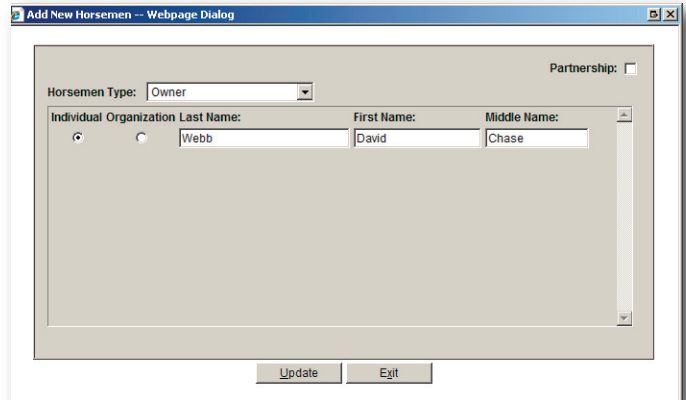
- A and B Stable and Smith, Michael E.
- Anderson, Amanda and Stone, Andrew

CREATING INDIVIDUAL OWNERS

STEP ONE: Before entering any individual, make sure the name does not exist in the system (scanner). If an individual name comes in with a different middle initial, investigate for the correct middle initial before creating a new owner name. If numerous iterations of a name exist with different middle initials, do not add this name with no initial. Try to contact the owner or trainer to find out the correct initial or middle name.

NOTE: All new owner names that you enter go directly into Equibase's central database. Any individual created may be incorrectly associated with a partnership if the name is not as complete as possible. Always add as much information as possible when adding a new name.

Example: Michael R. Smithers should be added with the full first name and middle initial, rather than Mike and no middle initial.



STEP TWO: Enter the names in the appropriate fields.

Exceptions:

1. Sheik Mohammed al Maktoum
Last Name: al Maktoum First Name: Sheik Middle Name: Mohammed
2. Lessee: Equibase's database can accept a Lessee only as part of an owner's name. Do not enter a Lessor. For example, Michael M. Smithers, Lessee, should be entered in to fields as:
Last Name: Smithers, Lessee First Name: Michael Middle Name: M.
3. Mr. or Mrs. and Dr. titles should be entered so that prefix and first name appear in the first name field. These titles should not be used unless the client insists. Adding a master name of Mrs. or Dr. SoandSo in the first name field does not allow an intuitive search for this owner at a later date. If you are searching for an owner you are sure must exist, remember to search a Mr., Mrs. or Dr. in front of the first name. Please note: All initials and titles, such as Dr., Jr., and Sr., must be followed by a period.
4. Suffixes should be entered in the last name field. If multiple people exist with a suffix of Jr., Sr., II, III, etc., do not add the name without a suffix. Try to contact the owner or trainer to establish the correct suffix. Please note: Roman numerals should not be followed by a period. There should be no comma between the last name and a roman numeral.
5. Royal names should be entered "as is" in the last name field only:
 - Queen Elizabeth
 - Lord Hartington
 - Duke of Roxburgh
6. Be aware that an owner may go by a nickname. When searching for an owner with the first name of Richard, know that he may exist as Rick, Rich or Dick. If you have an owner with an unlikely given name, e.g., "Scooter," establish his given name and use when creating a master name.

CREATING ORGANIZATIONS

STEP ONE: Before entering any organization, make sure the name does not exist in the system using the people scanner/search function. If there is already an organization with the same name, but it contains LLC, it may be the same organization. Conversely, if there is already an organization with the same name, but without LLC, it may be the same organization. If numerous iterations of a name exist, do not add another until you have established that the new name is a different entity. Try to contact the owner or trainer to find out if an existing organization is correct. The same applies if you have a "Stable" and the name exists as "Stables," "Farm" / "Farms," "Corp." / "Corporation," etc.

NOTE: All new owner names that you enter go directly into Equibase's central database and are reviewed on a daily basis. If there are questions regarding a name that appears to be a duplicate of another existing owner, Equibase will contact you.

STEP TWO: Enter the organization name in the last name field. Do not use the first name or middle name fields for an organization. Enter only a single entity. More than one entity must be created as a partnership.

Examples of organization names:

- Smith Corporation LLC (Note there is no comma)
- Smith Company, Inc. (Note that Inc. is abbreviated.)
- Estate of Michael Smith
- Crown's Way Farm

Example of formatting stable names: Winner Stable (R. Diccilia)* – R. Diccilia, the principal owner, should not be entered – it should read Winner Stable.

**Equibase uses principal owner in parenthesis only if the same farm or stable name is duplicated by different owners.*

The process capitalizes the first letter of a word and lowercases following letters.

Example: DLRS Stable will appear as Dlrs Stable.

PARTNERSHIPS (See “Creating Partnerships Quick Guide”)

Equibase has changed the way partnerships are constructed and stored in the Equibase database to facilitate search for an owner within a partnership, even if not listed as the first partner in the partnership name.

Partnerships are constructed by selecting each individual and/or organization that makes up the partnership. In the process of creating a new partnership, any individual or organization that does not exist must be created and then associated with the partnership.

The RTO system will automatically build the Equibase master owner name according to Equibase’s master name rules. This name will be displayed in RTO dynamically, adding one member of the partnership at a time, until all individuals and/or organizations have been added to complete the partnership.

The Equibase database is limited to 80 characters for a partnership name. Automatic rules are applied when the master name is being built to shorten the master name logically rather than truncating it. These steps include automatic shortening of the first name to first name initial only, eliminating the middle name, etc.

The entry of individuals and/or organizations as members of a partnership is necessary for proper upkeep of the entire Equibase owner database. Now, even a shortened master name of a partnership will have all associated members stored in the Equibase database.

Creating Partnerships

STEP ONE: Before entering a new partnership, make sure the name does not exist in the system using the people scanner/search function. Each owner’s last name will have to be searched to find the first owner name that the partnership might be listed under. Multiple owners can appear in different order within an existing partnership name.

STEP TWO: Check the **Partnership** box. All of the entities in a partnership must exist as an individual or an organization before you can construct the new partnership name. Your partnership name will build as you add the individuals and/or organizations to the list. If the string of names exceeds 80 characters, the process will shorten the names.

Updating Existing Partnerships

If a partnership was created before the new rules were created, it might not have the individual and/or organization owners associated with it. You will need to make these associations. If an existing partnership ends with an “et al,” the individuals and/or organizations must be added to this partnership as well.

PROGRAMS AND OVERNIGHTS

You can customize program and overnight fields:

- Shorten owner names
- Use a nickname
- Add a title
- Add a lessor
- Add a principal owner in parenthesis
- Display names in all caps

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