

CODE OF ETHICS

This Code of Ethics establishes a standard of conduct to be followed by all members of the ADWDA Inc in the normal course of owning, breeding, exhibiting and selling of Dorper and White Dorper sheep. Breeders must be aware of their responsibilities and aim at all times to conscientiously maintain the highest possible standards of integrity.

1. Members should work to increase awareness of the Dorper and White Dorper sheep breed and encourage a realistic appreciation of its role in the commercial sheep meat industry.
2. Members should advance the interests of the Association and maintain its integrity and status, including observing the highest standard of stud management, professional probity, business practice and fair and proper competition.
3. The business of the Association will be conducted in accordance with its Regulations.
4. Members should present a professional appearance and demeanour when representing the Association or participating in its activities and must suppress dishonourable or unprofessional conduct or practice.
5. Members should treat industry associates in a fair and equitable manner. Members should be willing to share their experience.
6. Prospective members and other enquirers should be treated with courtesy. Requests for information, documentation, merchandise or advice should be satisfied in a prompt, professional and impartial manner.
Bias of any kind should be avoided.
7. Members will not knowingly use for breeding any animal with major defects or hereditary diseases.
8. Members will deregister any animal developing such defects.
9. Members will ensure that registration and transfer of stock is completed promptly in accordance with the rules of the Association.
10. Members should be sensitive to conflict of interest and should immediately declare their interest and disqualify themselves from any activity that might be seen to suffer from that conflict. In this regard, no member will judge an animal in which they hold ownership. Perceived conflicts of interest should also be avoided in order to protect and promote the standing of the Association.
11. Members will avoid exaggeration, misrepresentation or concealment of pertinent facts. Members will accept with good grace the outcomes of activities conducted and decisions made under the auspices of the Association.
12. Office bearers of the Association are in a position of trust and will do nothing to abuse that trust. In addition they will observe good and fair business principles when acting on behalf of the Association.
13. Members will strictly observe all statutory obligations associated with their membership and observe them not only in the letter but also in spirit.