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# AUSTRALIAN BELTED GALLOWAY ASSOCIATION INC.

ABN 64 054 638 602

## CODE OF ETHICS

### **1. Integrity**

Members shall observe high standards of honesty and integrity in conducting their cattle enterprise and in any provision of advice to others.

### **2. Objectivity**

Members should act objectively in their assessment of cattle placing emphasis on structural correctness, fertility, temperament and traits having commercial importance.

### **3. Competence**

Livestock should be raised in conditions that meet their basic physical and behavioural needs. These include access to fresh water and quality feed, and a humane death. Inducements of any sort (whips, dogs, electric prodders, etc...) should be used as little as possible and only to the extent that is necessary to facilitate animal movement. They should never be used in a punitive or angry manner.

### **4. Fairness**

On sale of any cattle, members shall disclose to the purchaser any known limitation or defect and pricing should be fair and reasonable in accordance with the quality of the animal.

### **5. Diligence**

Members shall act with due skill, care and diligence in their cattle enterprise. Training is encouraged for those who need additional instruction in handling livestock. This applies especially to those who have not previously handled livestock.

### **6. Professionalism**

Members shall ensure their conduct does not bring discredit to the Association or Belted Galloway cattle in general.

### **7. Handling Facilities**

Properly designed, well-kept facilities allow humane, efficient cattle movement. Facilities should be constantly evaluated to see if they can be modified to allow better and more humane cattle handling. People should aim to increase their knowledge of working cattle and cattle behaviour to allow the best use of these facilities.

### **8. Showing**

Cattle exhibitors shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Unacceptable practices include criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors while on the show grounds, or other conduct detrimental to the breed or the show.

### **9. Compliance**

Members shall ensure their conduct complies with the Constitution of the ABGA and the ABGA's rules and regulations, as well as with any State or Federal legislation pertaining to cattle welfare.