

# CODE OF ETHICS

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The American Boer Goat Association (ABGA), its Board of Directors, Members, Non-

Members and/or Agents are committed to conduct ourselves in a manner that:

- Creates good corporate citizenship in all jurisdictions in which we operate.
- Does not discriminate on the basis of age, disability, economic status, ethnicity, gender, race, religion, or sexual orientation.
- Honors the core values of integrity, respect, and accountability, as this is at the heart of everything that we do.
- Maintains a high level of ethical behavior.
- Provides for an excellent pedigree service through accurate information provided by its members.
- Refrains from a conflict of interest or the perception thereof.
- Any form of participation by an ABGA registered goat, or a member/non-member with a person banned from participation at ABGA sanctioned events is considered a violation of, and punishable under the Code of Ethics. Participation is defined as, but not limited to: clipping washing, feeding, leading, transporting, present on premises, medicating, trimming feet, coaching, photographing, etc.

By the authority given to them through Section 2.9 of the Bylaws, the Board of Directors of the ABGA may enforce this Code of Ethics by: a written letter of reprimand, which may or may not be made available to the general membership; a fine up to \$10,000; freezing of account; ban from ABGA functions\*; or a combination of any or all of the above, dependent upon the severity of the infraction which is approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the whole Board of Directors present that constitutes a quorum excluding any Board member that may be accused of a violation of this Code of Ethics.