

AYRSHIRE AUSTRALIA LTD - CODE OF ETHICS



REGISTRATIONS AND TRANSFERS

- All registrations should be an accurate account of the sire, dam and date of birth along with the correct tattoo of the calf involved. Tattoos should be done as early as possible to ensure accuracy, to make the job easier and for clearer tattoos in later life. Errors may result in deregistration.
- If a transfer is unreasonably delayed Ayrshire Australia Limited (AAL) may conduct the transfer and charge for all costs involved as determined by AAL.

LEASES

- All leases should clearly state the dates of commencement and conclusion.
- For a leased animal to be eligible for an AAL competition the lease must start at least 3 months prior to the date of that competition.

THE SHOWRING

- All animals must be of the correct age as outlined by the show or competition involved.
- All rules of the organisation conducting the show must be complied with.
- No drug or item of foreign matter (except as directed by a Vet) may be used to modify the natural appearance or behaviour of an animal. While clipping, parading and grooming etc. are all to be encouraged, activities which are dangerous to the well being of the animal or to unnaturally change the appearance of the animal (such as surgery or gluing hair from one part of the body into another to fill a gap) are not allowed.
- Sealing of teats. This is allowed by the rules of some show societies. AAL considers that it would be putting Ayrshire breeders at a disadvantage if this is not allowed. Therefore sealing of teats will be allowed if the show society permits this practice.
- Where an animal is shown under lease arrangement, it must meet the requirements of the show and AAL.

PHOTOGRAPHS

- Photographs should abide by the Showring rules.
- All photographs for competition and advertising purposes must be their original, unaltered state.

CLASSIFICATIONS

- When classifying, all first calf heifers should be submitted for classification.
- The rules of classification do allow for some clipping and tidying up, therefore showring rules apply.
- Classification scores should be included on pedigree information in sale catalogues.

HERD RECORDING

- There are many different Herd Recording Schemes and methods, the basic rule of all are the same. The animal must be accurately identified and the sample taken must be accurately recorded. Officially recorded has different meanings in the different areas,

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therefore it should be explained what method of herd recording is used, i.e. Farmers own sampling, Government contractor etc.

- All rules of the Herd Recording Organisation must be complied with. AAL will endorse and carry out penalties imposed by Herd Recording authorities.
- AAL has as a condition of membership, the authority to demand a check test to be performed by the members Herd Recording Organisation and the right to obtain information resulting from the tests. The cost will be borne by AAL, except when the variance is considered unreasonable.

ADVERTISING

- No advertisement should contain information that is untrue.
- Advertising should consider the promotion of the whole Ayrshire breed.

SALES

- All information supplied should be true and correct.
- There should be no blurring of the distinction between reduction and various dispersal sales.
- If a member advertises a complete dispersal sale, their position regarding the retention of embryos, either implanted or frozen, should be declared in the catalogue or by the auctioneer at the time of the sale.
- The number and success of flushes for animals included in ET programs should be included.

SALE CATALOGUES AND ADVERTISING

- Where production figures are quoted in sale catalogues or advertisements for lactations that are greater than 305 days the number of days for each lactation must be stated.
- All lactation details must be quoted or if space is insufficient, then they must be the average of all lactations completed.
- Production Indexes must be quoted.

COMPLIANCE, PENALTIES AND DISPUTES

- Compliance with the Code of Ethics and the Rules of AAL is a condition of membership.
- Penalties will range from a reprimand, suspension from the registrar for a period, through to expulsion from the registrar. This would mean that the membership concerned would not be eligible for entry in competitions run by AAL.
- All disputes shall have the right of appeal. However, any penalties levied must be discharged before any further transactions can be processed.