



AWEBSA RULE 1 OF 2014: CODE OF CONDUCT

Introduction

This Code of Conduct is not intended to create a bureaucratic, regulatory environment, but rather, to promote and enhance the Association's values of integrity, respect and fairness. To quote for the minutes of the founding meeting of AWEBSA held on 7 September 2014: "It was decided to start a new association which will focus on breeding budgies and to have a mutual respect for other breeders."

The Code of Conduct is designed to promote honesty, civility and equality and to serve as a constant reminder to AWEBSA members to show due consideration and respect to fellow members sharing in the wonderful hobby of breeding and exhibiting budgies.

If every AWEBSA member treated every other member and the public with honesty, respect, courtesy and consideration there would hardly be a need for a Code of Conduct or any disciplinary procedures.

However, the need exists to provide guidelines to members with regard to their relationship with each other, office-bearers, judges and the public and to indicate the spirit in which members should behave.

The primary purpose of the Code is a positive one, viz. to promote exemplary conduct. Notwithstanding this, a member shall be guilty of misconduct if he or she contravenes any provision of the Code of Conduct or fails to comply with any provision thereof.

Mindful of the fact that even the most courteous and considerate of people like a predetermined code of acceptable conduct, this Code of Conduct has been adopted for the Association.

It is expected that an AWEBSA member:

- R1.1 Is polite, helpful and respectful in his or her dealings with fellow members and the public and at all times treating members of the public as potential members;
- R1.2 Will not knowingly contravene the Code of Conduct, the AWEBSA Constitution and any of the Rules;
- R1.3 Deals fairly, professionally and equitably with other members of the Association and the public, irrespective of race, gender, ethnic or social origin, colour, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, political persuasion, conscience, belief, culture or language;

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- R1.4 Strives to achieve the objectives of the Association in a cost-effective manner and in the membership's interest and not for personal gain;
- R1.5 Is creative in thought and in the execution of his or her duties, seeks innovative ways to attract members and enhances effectiveness and efficiency within the context of the Association's Constitution and Rules;
- R1.6 Is punctual, within reason, in the execution of his or her duties on behalf of the Association;
- R1.7 Does not engage in any transaction or action that is in conflict with or infringes the objectives of the Association, including but not limited to the irresponsible use of social media;
- R1.8 Will recuse himself or herself from any action or decision-making process which may result in improper personal gain or impede ethical and fair actions;
- R1.9 Is honest, transparent and accountable in dealing with the Associations funds and uses its property and other resources effectively, efficiently, and only for authorised purposes;
- R1.10 Would promote sound, efficient, effective, transparent and accountable administration of the Association at all levels and to behave and act in a manner that promotes the interest, passion, breeding and exhibition of budgies;
- R1.11 Shall report to the appropriate structures, fraud, corruption, unethical behaviour and any other act which constitutes an offence, or which is prejudicial to the Association;
- R1.12 Gives honest and impartial advice, based on all available relevant information, to members and the public when asked for assistance regarding budgies;
- R1.13 Honours the confidentiality of matters such as the intellectual property of the Association will not use or disclose any of the Association's information for personal gain or the gain of others;
- R1.14 During the performance of the Association's duties dresses and behaves in a manner that enhances the reputation of the Association;
- R1.15 Acts responsibly as far as the use of alcoholic beverages or any other substance with an intoxicating effect is concerned when involved with the Association's activities;
- R1.16 Uses the appropriate channels to air his or her grievances or to direct representations; and
- R1.18 May not partake in any activities or be knowingly involved in any activities that leads to the abuse of budgies or any other animals.