



Code of Ethics

In order to maintain the integrity of the Registry, the BBSAI depends on the ethical conduct of its members. Members are expected to:

- A. Maintain accurate records of parentage and dates of birth for each registered sheep.
- B. Properly identify their sheep. All registered sheep must be identified by ear tags, legible tattoos, or microchips. The BBSAI recommends a back up identification in the event an ear tag becomes lost - either a second ear tag in the other ear, a tattoo, a neck chain and tag, or some other method that would allow an outside person to identify the sheep.
- C. Insure that identification numbers of sheep correspond to the identification numbers listed on each sheep's registration. In the event that an ear tag is lost and replaced with a different number, a record of that number change must be maintained by the owner, and corrected by the Registrar prior to the transfer of the sheep.
- D. Register all sheep intended as breeding stock before selling them. Provide purchasers of registered animals with the animals' registration certificates.
- E. Fill out the proper section on the back of the ewe's registration, or provide the Purchaser with a properly filled out certificate of parentage when selling a bred ewe.
- F. Have proper registration certificates in his/her own name for any sheep being sold as registered animals. Animals must be officially transferred to each new owner for their registrations to remain valid, i.e. you cannot purchase an animal, and then sell it as registered to a third party without having registered it in your name.
- G. The BBSAI shall maintain a "best effort" policy in overseeing this process, as part of the registration process.
- H. Provide the purchaser with a Bill of Sale, explain the transfer process, and keep records of the purchasers of their registered sheep. A sample Bill of Sale is provided on the website.
- I. Provide their sheep with adequate food, water and shelter.

Breeders/members who fail to abide by the preceding policies may be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the Board of Directors of the BBSAI, and may include suspension or revocation of their membership and/or registration privileges