



Code of Conduct

1. "Association" shall mean the Association of Independent Crop Consultants.
2. Any member of the Association who is a member of another professional organisation and who shall be found guilty by that organisation of a breach of its Code of Conduct, then such a breach shall amount to a breach of the Code of Conduct of the Association.
3. Members of the Association must maintain a high standard of professional practice, conduct and integrity and abstain from any behaviour which may tend to discredit the profession and/or association of which he is a member.
4. Each member will advise to the best of his/her ability on all aspects of crop husbandry and encourage the safe and proper use, application, storage and disposal of crop protection products with particular regard to operators, consumers, the environment and to the aims and intentions of all current legislation and codes of practice.
5. No member shall:
 - i. Be employed by or have any financial relationship with any individual, firm or company which shall be likely to prejudice the impartiality of his/her advice to clients, nor shall be engaged in any trade profession or occupation which may become prejudicial as aforesaid.
 - ii. Be in any way connected with or have any relationship with any individual, firm or company if such connection or relationship might be or become prejudicial to or inconsistent with his/her duty to any of his/her clients without making a full disclosure to that client.
 - iii. Engage in any work outside the sphere of his/her competence.
 - iv. Seek to obtain instructions from a client in a manner considered to be unprofessional.
 - v. Make any charge for his/her services in a manner considered to be unprofessional.
6. Subject to complying with the foregoing Clauses any member may engage in farming or other occupation on his/her own account or in partnership or in such other manner as he/she shall think fit.
7. It is a condition of membership that all members shall hold adequate professional indemnity insurance.
8. Each member shall ensure that his/her professional development is kept up to date at all times.

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