

### Boundless Events Consent, Conduct, and General Guidelines

Boundless' events are designed to foster spaces that are diverse, inclusive and safe; where people are free to express love, intimacy, and connection through kink-focused activities. Each of us are responsible for helping to create and nurture these spaces in our community and events. We do this by making sure we practice consent, negotiations, sex positivity, and observe the event rules. You are responsible for reading, understanding, and abiding by the rules for the event you are attending.

# By entering this event you agree to abide by these rules, and you also agree to follow any and all directions provided by the Dungeon Monitors, Event Organizers, and Venue Staff.

### **Consent Guidelines for Boundless Events:**

CONSENT IS THE FOUNDATION OF EVERYTHING WE DO AT BOUNDLESS. Consent is "an agreement between participants to engage in sexual or kink activities. A verbal and affirmative expression of consent can help both you and your partner to understand and respect each other's boundaries." Consent should always be FREELY GIVEN, REVERSIBLE, INFORMED, ENTHUSIASTIC, and SPECIFIC from all participants involved.

- 1. Consent is required for all forms of touch on any part of someone's body, even if they have given you consent to touch them in the past. This includes both non-sexual, and sexual types of touch.
- 2. Consent is required before touching anyone's belongings.
- 3. Consent is required before addressing anyone using honorifics/titles, pet names, any potentially offensive or derogatory terms, or violating words.
- 4. Consent must be obtained before engaging in any forms of kink, BDSM, or sexual activities. Consent must be:
  - a. FREELY GIVEN: Consent must be provided free of pressure, manipulation, and cannot be given under the influence of drugs or alcohol. When seeking affirmative consent, be aware of power differentials between individuals (e.g. age, position within the community, level of experience, etc.). Furthermore, NO does not mean "try to convince me."
  - b. REVERSIBLE: Consent can be freely revoked, by any person, at any time, for any reason.
  - c. INFORMED: Consent requires discussing and understanding the risks involved in the proposed activities and the steps needed to reduce those risks. Informed consent also requires disclosing all information necessary for participants to make a fully informed decision, including STI status, and whether you are under the influence of *any amount* of mind-altering substances, including alcohol, prescription medication, or cannabis. NOTE: intoxicated individuals may not attend, and may be asked to leave our events.
  - d. ENTHUSIASTIC: Consent requires that all individuals are positively and affirmatively expressing their desire to engage in the proposed activities. Consent should be explicit, affirmative, and not implied. We require a "YES," not just the absence of a "NO."
  - e. SPECIFIC: Consent is granted for a specific time, and a set of clearly negotiated activities. Consent is an ongoing discussion. Prior consent does not imply consent now or in the future..
- 5. Do not attempt to negotiate, or renegotiate, consent once kink or sexual activity has begun, unless it is to revoke consent for previously agreed upon activities.
- 6. Do not interrupt, ask to join, or join a scene in progress even if invited to do so. A person who is in an altered state of mind of any kind, including play-induced headspace, may not be able to give affirmative and informed consent even if the people playing with them are asking you to join in.
- ALL ACTIVITIES MUST IMMEDIATELY STOP if consent is withdrawn. Any participant in a scene has the right to withdraw consent at any time by means of a mutually agreed-upon safeword; a non-verbal safesign; or by using the house safeword "SAFEWORD".
- 8. Pay attention to your partner(s) during play and check in for ongoing consent, and a desire to continue (not just the absence of a safeword), especially if you sense that they may be uncomfortable.
- 9. Do not do anything that may be likely to result in serious bodily injury, or go beyond a participant's reasonable expectations, even where the participant may have given consent.

- 10. Inform the Dungeon Monitors ahead of time if you plan on engaging in activities that may have the appearance of being non-consensual (wax, knife play, loud scenes, interrogation, CNC, etc.).
- 11. Do not interrupt ongoing scenes, unless it is any absolute emergency. If you have safety or health concerns about a scene in progress, talk to a Dungeon Monitor or to an Event Organizer.

#### **General Guidelines:**

- 1. THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED at Boundless events unless given explicit prior permission from the Event Organizers:
  - a. ANY forms of "breath play" including: choking; "light choking;" "blood choking;" strangulation; asphyxiation; simulated choking; hand wrapped around the neck; waterboarding; drowning; rope or other materials being wrapped around a neck in a manner that simulates or actually impedes breath or blood flow; rope or other materials being wrapped around a neck and fixed to a hard point, fixture, or piece of furniture; etc.
  - b. ANY activities involving open flame, including: candles, fire cupping, fire flogging, fire batons, etc.
  - c. ANY form of scat play.
  - d. ANY knives that are illegal under CA Penal Code.
  - e. ANY guns of any kind (real or simulated).
- Audio recording, photography, or videotaping anywhere in the event venue is not allowed at any time. Cell phones are permitted in the venue, but must remain on silent and all cameras must be covered with tape at all times if out. App controlled toys may be permitted on a case-by-case basis with prior approval of the Dungeon Monitors. Failure to comply will result in immediate removal from the event.
- 3. Anyone gagged, hooded, or verbally impaired should have a visual safeword provided.
- 4. Do not use locks to confine anyone into bondage, in a cage, to a fixture, or piece of furniture.
- 5. Any persons bound or gagged should not be left unattended for any amount of time as they cannot safeword.
- 6. Any activities involving urine are only allowed in the venue showers.
- 7. Treat your fellow attendees, venue, and equipment with respect. No bare butts on furniture.
- 8. Respect your fellow attendees by cleaning equipment when done with cleaning materials at the safer sex stations.
- 9. Do recognize that, by playing at our event, you may at times be watched by other attendees.
- 10. Understand that you may watch scenes from a respectful distance as long as watching does not interrupt the energy of those scenes. Practice respectful voyeurism.
- 11. Do not masturbate unless you are involved in a scene with at least one other person.
- 12. Do not engage in any illegal activities. No smoking, drugs, or alcohol are permitted inside the venue.

Boundless hosts private events. Entry and ongoing access is always at the discretion of the Event Organizers. Boundless reserves the right to ask anyone to leave, for any reason, at any time. The decision to remove a guest from the event, is at the sole discretion of the Event Organizer. All conduct decisions are final. If you have to be asked to leave, you will not receive a refund. Additionally, you will be subject to a further Conduct Review.

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