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GENERAL RULES

- 1. You must be 18 or older for entry.
- 2. Be patient and courteous with volunteers and Portland Expo Center staff. Many volunteers only volunteer for the weekend and may not have all the answers. Be respectful of everyone. We're all doing our best!
- 3. Respect the privacy of others. Do not repeat names, behavior, appearance or other details that could lead to a person being identified. Do not share confidential information such as addresses, account information, phone numbers, or email. Do not post photos or private conversations without consent.
- 4. KinkFest is committed to creating a safer, inclusive, and respectful environment for all attendees. Hate speech, including but not limited to language or behavior that promotes racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, xenophobia, religious intolerance, or any other form of discrimination or violence, will not be tolerated. KinkFest reserves the right to remove any individual engaging in hate speech from the event. We are dedicated to fostering an environment of mutual respect and welcome, and we expect all attendees to uphold these values.
- 5. Do not touch people, toys, or personal items without explicit permission.
- 6. Electronic Device Policy
 - Electronic Devices Include cell phones, laptops, tablets, smartwatches, and any electronic capable of recording.
 - Allowed Areas: Cell phones are permitted everywhere EXCEPT the dungeon.
 - Recording/Photography: No photos or recordings allowed in any area unless otherwise marked.
 - Camera Lenses: All devices with cameras must have KinkFest Tape over their lenses in common areas.
 - Destruction of Content: KinkFest retains the right to ensure the destruction of any unauthorized recordings or photos at its discretion.
 - Designated Photo Areas: Photos are allowed only in clearly marked areas.
 - Transactions: Vendors and buyers may use cell phones for payment transactions.
 - Disability Accommodations: Attendees with disabilities that require an electronic device may request a
 Reasonable Accommodation (RA). Approved requests will be signed by KinkFest Accessibility staff. Be prepared
 to show your RA when asked.
- 7. In accordance with the ADA KinkFest may make exceptions to the event rules for individual attendees based on a disability-related need, by offering a Reasonable Accommodation (RA). For assisting with communication, we offer the service of providing reasonable accommodation cards that may be used by attendees to inform staff of the negotiated and agreed to accommodation. An RA may be asked for at any time
- 8. Some seats in each classroom have been reserved and clearly marked as "Accessibility Seating" for those with a Reasonable Accommodation. If you do not have an RA for accessible seating, you may be asked to move to a different seat by a member of the KinkFest staff. With the exception of seats reserved for those requesting ASL interpretation, these seats will become available for general participants once a class starts. If you have any questions regarding these policies, please consult with a room monitor.
- 9. Consent is the foundation of BDSM activities. You must have informed and continuous consent between all players before engaging in play. Past consent does not indicate future consent. Negotiate in advance of playing, and be prepared to not play if you're not compatible. You are not obligated to participate in any activity, and you may leave a space/workshop at any time for any reason.
- 10. We recognize that certain forms of play and activities may be triggering for some individuals. When events or areas have the potential to be triggering, we strive to minimize any negative impact by providing attendees with clear information about the location and nature of the activity. This allows attendees to make an informed decision and avoid areas or events that may be distressing to them.
- 11. Do not follow or repeatedly ask someone to play. If someone declines to talk or play, do not engage with that person again at KinkFest unless they approach you again. Accept 'no' graciously and without resentment. If you feel unsafe, please speak with a KinkFest Team member as soon as possible and we will help you.
- 12. You will see a wide variety of bodies, sexualities, and play at KinkFest. Do not shame others for these reasons. It's your responsibility to remove yourself if you don't enjoy seeing any particular play.
- 13. We recognize and celebrate the diversity of kinks and fetishes within our community. However, to maintain a respectful and inclusive environment, attire that displays or symbolizes hate groups, racism, racist imagery, or

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hateful ideologies is strictly prohibited. Event organizers reserve the right to determine the appropriateness of attire and may request changes to ensure compliance with this policy.

- 14. Please be thoughtful when interacting with your fellow attendees and do not make assumptions around gender, roles, power dynamics or relationships. Treat all attendees equally; do not interact with others from an assumed power dynamic position without obtaining their consent.
- 15. Anyone appearing to be intoxicated may be removed from KinkFest without warning or refund. Recreational drugs, including marijuana, are not allowed at KinkFest. Legal drugs for which you have a prescription are the only drugs allowed at KinkFest. Medical marijuana use is not allowed on the property.
- 16. Tobacco smoking and vaping is allowed only in designated outdoor smoking areas.
- 17. Prostitution, solicitation or negotiation for BDSM/kink services for consideration or compensation is not allowed.
- 18. Publicly appropriate clothing and behavior (vanilla) is required outside of the event areas, which includes: food courts, hallways, smoking areas, parking lots, hotels, restaurants, public transportation and all other areas any non-attendees, including Portland Expo Center staff, may be present.
- 19. Please refrain from wearing perfume, cologne or heavy scents.
- 20. Clothing or another barrier (towel, sheet, etc.) must be between bare skin and the floor, furniture or wall.
- 21. Attendee wristbands must always be worn and shown to volunteers at checkpoints. If you lose/cut your wristband, a replacement can be issued by a member of our registration team.

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DUNGEON RULES

- 1. All decisions by the KinkFest Director, Assistant Director, Safety Director or Head DM on duty are final. There is no appeal process.
- 2. Dungeon Monitors (DMs) in safety vests are on duty to enforce the dungeon rules and to answer questions. Be courteous to any DM that may interrupt or stop your play and follow their instructions. A DM can help facilitate scene logistics; when in doubt, ask!
- 3. The house safewords are "Red" or "Safeword." A visual safeword is required for play that impairs speech.
- 4. No racist imagery, hate speech, or forms of play that perpetuate racism or hate will be tolerated. Event organizers reserve the right to assess and address behavior to ensure a welcoming and inclusive environment for all attendees.
- 5. KinkFest is NOT a latex-free OR nut-free environment.
- 6. Only packaged snacks and water in closed containers may be taken inside the dungeon.
- 7. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the dungeon.
- 8. No vaping of any kind is allowed in the dungeon or indoors.
- 9. Medical edge play is allowed only in the designated medical play area. Medical edge play includes, but is not limited to, any play that intentionally breaks the skin. If the Head DM decides that a scene in the main dungeon meets medical edge play standards, the Head DM will stop the scene and ask you to relocate it. A new play station is not guaranteed.
- 10. Before initiating a medical edge play scene, you must check in with the DM in the medical edge play area. Dispose of sharps, and only sharps, in the provided sharps containers. Dispose of other bodily fluid contaminated waste, such as gloves or gauze, in the biohazard trash cans.
- 11. Do not leave the medical edge play area while wearing skin-piercing items for any reason, including to use the bathroom.
- 12. Make sure all wounds are covered and no longer bleeding before leaving the medical edge play area.
- 13. Players are required to have all items necessary to safely carry out their play/scenes, including aftercare. This includes supplies for wound covering.
- 14. Clean all equipment before and after use with disinfectant. Players are responsible for cleaning up between scenes. Cleaning supplies are available at stations throughout the dungeon, or you may bring your own.
- 15. We strongly recommend, but do not require body substance isolation practices. We provide items for body substance isolation, including nitrile gloves at stations throughout the dungeon.

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16. Barriers for dungeon furniture are required for any play involving bodily fluids, and clothing or boots that have treatments that can stain furniture such as silicon lube or fresh bootback Bring your own or purchase pads at coat check. If barriers are not present or visible, you will be asked to stop the scene until barriers are introduced.

- 17. KinkFest play stations are first-come-first-serve and have a one-hour time limit during peak dungeon hours. This time includes setup and clean up. DMs will enforce time limits.
- 18. Bags may be placed in the waiting area near play spaces, and you must be present near your bag to hold space in line. Reserving multiple play spaces is not allowed.
- 19. Do not intrude into a play space or scene unless specifically invited. Watching scenes from a respectful distance is allowed, but please keep conversation and laughter to a minimum. Do not talk to players until they are leaving the play space unless they invite you to talk. Please keep walkways clear.
- 20. Solo scenes where the player is incapacitated in any way require a spotter or helper..
- 21. Do not move chairs or dungeon furniture. If seating is needed or dungeon furniture needs to be moved for accessibility, check in at the Head DM table and they will be happy to assist you.
- 22. KinkFest has designated "Quiet Room" spaces for attendees needing a sensory break. These areas may not be used for scenes or aftercare. To use the space, ask a DM or the Info table in Hall D for assistance.
- 23. Ear protection and other methods of stimuli reduction are permitted as long as they do not affect the attendees ability to play safely or affect the safety of others.
- 24. PROHIBITED ITEMS & PLAY
 - No guns of any kind (real, replica, antique or fantasy/cosplay).
 - No fire play, fireworks or open flames of any kind.
 - No wax play of any kind (candle or hot plate).
 - No scat, vomit, or urine (water sports) play.
 - No chemical play that could affect other players (mace aerosol spray, etc.).
 - No glitter, balloons, or messy art supplies.
 - No waterboarding or scenes involving uncontained water.
- 25. Recording devices or accessories ARE NOT permitted inside the dungeon. See the Electronic Devices Policy in the General Rules.

ACTIONS THAT COULD RESULT IN IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM KINKFEST

- Racism, sexism, bigotry, and trolling or toxic behavior.
- Promotion, encouragement or facilitation of discrimination, harassment or violence based on ethnicity, race, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, kinks and sexual expression, age, disability, body size, religion or nationality.
- Direct or indirect threats of harm (i.e. "I will..." or "I hope you..."), stalking, unwelcome sexual attention, unsolicited sharing of pornographic images, deadnaming or purposeful misgendering.

The KinkFest Code of Conduct is NOT a comprehensive list of all prohibited behavior, but covers many common issues.

For items not covered, defer to the direction of KinkFest leadership.

For disagreements, decisions by the KinkFest Director and Assistant Director are final. KinkFest and the PLA reserve the right to remove anyone for any reason without warning or refund.

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