

BOX TIE STUDIO, LLC

GENERAL POLICIES & CODE OF CONDUCT

Box Tie Studio is a community space dedicated to learning and practicing rope and other kink activities. We hope that anyone looking to learn can come together, meet one another, share knowledge and experiences, and grow their skills. To be able to foster such an environment, we must all practice consent, risk awareness, and mutual respect. Mistakes will be made, as we are all human and this is part of the learning process. When this happens, we must own up to it and grow from it, and we depend on event leaders and teachers to make a safe place for this to occur. We invite you to join us in creating this welcoming and growth-centered community. The following policies cover most areas, but when in doubt, try to follow your best understanding of what consent, risk awareness, and mutual respect look like or ask an event organizer for assistance.

1. You must be 18 years of age or older to attend. No exceptions. Your ID will be checked at the door.
2. Many of our events will be “public” (e.g., classes, rope jams), meaning you do not have to be vetted to attend and you may bring guests who have not been vetted. Information regarding our location and event-specific details such as date/time may be shared with others. However, some of our other events will be “private” (e.g., play parties, intensives), meaning you must be invited or signed up and approved ahead of time to attend. Whether or not you can bring guests will depend on the specific event and will be clarified in the event description. Information regarding location and date/time may not be shared with others without first getting permission from one of the event organizers.
3. Cost for monthly group classes is on a sliding scale from \$15-\$35 per person. Play party tickets are also on a sliding scale from \$20-\$40 per person. The sliding scale is “a system developed to fight against economic injustice and widen access to education and other events to build community. Please pay according to your available resources” (wording is borrowed and slightly changed from the Boston Rope Collective, with their permission). Costs for class series and classes taught by guest presenters, performances, and intensives will vary. Scholarships are available to those in need; please contact an organizer to inquire about this.
4. This is a drug- and alcohol-free space. If you are suspected to be under the influence, you will be asked to leave.
5. Smoking is allowed outside only, and you must be wearing vanilla-friendly clothing to go out to smoke.
6. Firearms of any kind must NOT be brought onto the premises (inside or on the outside property).
7. Please arrive early to events so that we don’t start late. Check in at the desk upon entering. Choose your spot and get set up, use the restroom, and get water **before** class starts so that we can start on time.

8. Please remove shoes upon entering. Clean up after yourself. Use covered containers only in the rope space. Leave all equipment/furniture free of sweat, toys, personal items, etc. Cleaning supplies, disinfectant wipes, and sprays are provided.
9. Vanilla to the door. Inside, no nudity. This means genitals and anuses must be covered. We do not support double standards, so these rules apply to all bodies, regardless of gender.
10. Never use anyone's real name outside of rope group, as we all like our privacy. Only use FetLife usernames or scene names in follow up posts.
11. Avoid making assumptions about people's dynamics or identities. If you don't know how someone prefers to be addressed, please ask. This includes preferred names and pronouns.
12. P.R.I.C.K. (Personally responsible informed consensual kink) is always in practice for the duration of the event. This includes tying within your skill level, having contingency plans and/or having someone observing you if you are practicing something at the edge of your skill level. If you have a spotter, they should be familiar with and have the skills to assist with whatever you're trying. Do not depend on others around you being able to assist if something goes wrong (unless you get consent from them ahead of time).
13. Do not touch anything or anyone that is not yours without permission. B.T.S. is not responsible for any lost, broken, or stolen property. It's your job to keep track of your belongings. If you borrow something, make sure you return it.
14. We have two gender neutral bathrooms in the studio. If you have any concerns about your personal safety while attending please reach out to us.
15. Leave drama at the door. This means no political debates, no religious debates, and no gossiping about other people in the community.
16. Photography is permitted if you obtain consent from everyone in the photo. Please use walls to avoid people in the background of your photos when possible. Consent must also be obtained from everyone pictured for having any pictures posted on any social media platform, shared privately with anyone, having any identifiable visuals appear in the picture (including faces), and having their rope work photographed. During specific photography events, photographers are encouraged to use model releases to obtain consent in writing. You should remove or delete any pictures promptly if the people in them request it (treat it as revoking consent).
17. We ask that you show all of our educators respect by following their instructions while they are teaching a class or leading a discussion. Please do not tie ahead of them if you are experienced or familiar with what they are teaching. Stay with the pace of the class. Save your questions for when the instructor says it's appropriate.
18. This is an inclusive space. Discrimination on the basis of race, nationality, age, disability, gender, sexuality, economic status, or any other protected status is not tolerated and will result in you being asked to leave without refund. Depending on the severity of the infraction, you may be temporarily or permanently banned from our events. If your behavior outside of our events does not hold up to our anti-discrimination policies, you may be temporarily or permanently banned from our events. If you shame anyone or act

disrespectfully to others you will be asked to leave. If you wish to report someone's behavior during an event, please notify an event organizer. If you wish to report after an event has ended, please send a message to an event organizer on FetLife or Instagram, email us at contact@boxtiestudio.org, or send a message through our website at www.boxtiestudio.org/contact.

19. If you have any concerns about the safety of our equipment, please bring it up to an event organizer.
20. Suggestions for improvement, feedback, and constructive criticism are always welcome.
21. If you break any rules, you will be warned and asked to read the rules again. If it happens again, we will ask you to leave without refund, and depending on the severity of the infraction, you may be banned from future events either temporarily or permanently. We take safety and consent seriously and our members should as well.
22. We reserve the right to temporarily or permanently ban any member whose behavior we find concerning, unsafe or unethical; whose values do not align with our community's; or for any other reason we deem appropriate. We may or may not disclose the reason(s) for the ban to the individual on a case-by-case basis. Temporary bans may be indefinite or may have minimum lengths of time determined; once that time has passed, the leadership team will discuss the situation with the individual(s) involved and reevaluate to determine whether the ban will be lifted, extended for another minimum set length of time, extended indefinitely, or made permanent. The decision will be communicated to all involved parties.