BOX TIE STUDIO, LLC SCENES & PLAY POLICIES

- 1. Scenes and play are allowed during play parties, rope jams, and free tying time following classes. Please do not engage in scenes or play during classes.
- 2. Avoid "asking" people to play; instead, "offer" your availability and desire to play without expecting any response or commitment. If you have already offered your intent and availability once and they declined, please refrain from offering again and definitely do not insist or pressure anyone to engage in any activity.
- 3. Please do not interrupt someone who is having a scene. This includes solo scenes like self-tying. If you have a question or concern, please bring it to one of the event organizers or DMs, who will decide what, if any, action to take. If you decide to have a scene, please be aware that background noise is inevitable. Please be respectful of other people's scenes. Do not, for any reason except if a safe word is called interfere with a scene, including greeting/saying goodbye to people in a scene, making loud comments about them, or getting too close. Watching is fine, but keep a respectful distance. Do not film or photograph other people's scenes unless they explicitly ask you to do so.
- 4. Rope-focused scenes are preferred at rope jams and free tying times. Other types of play are allowed at play parties. You are welcome to include BDSM elements in your scene if you have properly negotiated for them. If your intended scene involves extreme forms of play, sharps, or spilling bodily fluids, please check in with one of the event organizers first. If someone else's scene is uncomfortable for you, please inform an event organizer or DM and we will try to find a positive solution for everyone.
- 5. We do allow neck rope as part of rope scenes, with some exceptions. Neck rope that is an integrated part of a harness, such as over-the-shoulder straps, is allowed at all times. Neck rope that is not an integrated part of a harness, such as finishing your upline with light choking, is also allowed. However, we do not allow neck rope that consists of a single column tie around the neck tied up to a hard point (resembling a noose).
- 6. Although we are a sex-positive community, we are not a sex-positive space. No penetration is allowed (kissing and touching are okay, but genitals must remain covered at all times). Do not stimulate anyone's genitals including your own, no fingering, no toys/vibrators, no oral sex, and no intentional orgasms. Over-clothing crotch rope is allowed.
- 7. Consent that is freely given, revocable for any reason at any time, informed, and specific is mandatory for all physical contact and play from all attendees. Consent can be revoked at any time during an interaction. For scenes, it is each person's responsibility to agree on a method for checking in with each other to ensure consent is still present and ongoing. Please familiarize yourself with our consent and incident reporting policies before attending any B.T.S. events.

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- 8. Safewords will always be respected in this space; we tend to use the "red, yellow, green" (a.k.a. "traffic light") system. We also ask that everyone uses and respects plain English as safewords, meaning the words, "no," "stop," "untie me," and "bring me down," all function as safewords. There is no consensual-non-consent play allowed. If any of these words are spoken, it means consent to continue has been revoked and the scene must end. Event staff and bystanders may approach your scene if a safeword is said.
- 9. The event organizers and any dungeon monitors (DMs) they have appointed have the authority to stop anything at any time as they see fit. This includes pausing your scene to assess the situation, asking you to end your scene, or stop participating in a class if we feel that you are tying outside of your skill level or in an unacceptable, dangerous, or risky way. We will also interrupt if we have good reason to believe that what is taking place was not negotiated or consented to prior to the start of the scene. If your scene is stopped, please be kind and cooperative so that we can maintain a safer environment for everyone.

If you have questions, concerns, or doubts, please reach out to an event organizer or DM at the event, or get in touch with us.

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