



## **Sex-Positive Guidelines**

We in The Satanic Temple take sexual liberation and bodily autonomy seriously. These aspects are a part of our religious experience as Satanists. As such, some TST events are sex positive. The following guidelines will delineate between participatory and non-participatory sex positive events, and provide guidance for chapter leadership who wish to host these types of events.

### **I. Sex-Positive Events**

- a. Sex-positive events are ones in which sexual activity is taking place; sex positive events can be either participatory or non-participatory
  1. Participatory events are those in which attendees may participate in consensual sex-positive activity
    1. Might include orgies, BDSM, fetish balls
    2. Proposals for participatory events require special event proposal and checklist
    3. Participatory events must have aftercare areas provided
  2. Non-participatory events are those in which attendees are onlookers but where consensual sex-positive activity is part of the event
    1. Might include ritual flogging, live ritual sex, burlesque show
- b. Chapter leaders must check local laws regarding sexually-themed events prior to submitting an event proposal
- c. Safety
  1. Consent — Consent is permission for something to happen or an agreement to do something. Consent is freely given; agreeing to do something is consent only if it's voluntary. 'No' always means 'no' whether given verbally or non-verbally. A lack of affirmative positive, freely given 'yes' is also a 'no'. People who are incapacitated by alcohol or drugs are unable to give consent. Consent can be withdrawn by any parties at any time. Consent at an event is not consent for future sexual activity or relationships. Violating consent will result in removal from the event and ban from future TST activities.
  2. Attendees must provide proof-of-age before being admitted to any sex-positive events



3. Name tags with pronouns available to all attendees
4. Waiver/release form — any sex-positive, participatory events should include a waiver/release form that affirm the signatory understands the nature of the event they are attending. Must include language to the effect that TST/the affiliate Chapter is not responsible for pregnancies or contraction of STIs.
5. “No locked doors” policy — security needs to be able to see into all rooms at all times and nothing can block the exits
6. First Aid kit must be on-site; there should preferably be someone on site with first aid training; a designated first aid area is advisable
7. Cleaning supplies must be available to sanitize areas before and after use; this includes toy and/or hardware specific cleaning reagents
8. Condoms/dental dams should be made available for attendees (free condoms/dams are often available from PP or state DOHs)
9. Beverage testing kits should be available if possible
10. All sex-positive events must have clearly-marked exits
11. Security — all sex-positive events must have security personnel who are clearly and visibly marked as being part of security (i.e., “SECURITY” shirt; yellow vest, etc.)
12. Delineating levels of sexual activity. Chapters might utilize one or both of these methods:
  1. Colored wristbands
    - (1) Charts explaining meaning of wristbands should be posted in any area designated for sexual activity
      - (a) Colored wristbands denote what a participant **might** be willing to engage in, not what they are expected to or required to engage in<sup>1</sup>
    - (2) Print-outs of chart of color coded activities should be made available to attendees
  2. Designated areas
    - (1) Clearly-marked areas for varying levels of activity (lounge; observation area; BDSM; sex; aftercare with first aid kit)

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<sup>1</sup> Common wristband designations are: green = spectator only; yellow = soft play (making out; heavy petting; solo play); red = full participation with one or more partners (e.g., manual stimulation; oral sex; intercourse, etc.)



13. Drugs/alcohol not permitted to be served at participatory sex-positive events

1. Intoxicated individuals will be asked to leave

14. Prohibited activities

1. Abusive behavior (i.e. coercion, harassment, assault, etc.) will not be tolerated and will result in immediate removal from event, as well as a permanent ban from all future chapter activities
2. Any reports of these behaviors will be addressed not only with hosts of the event but with local authorities, as applicable

15. BDSM

1. Skilled practitioners should be available to participate and/or oversee play activities
  - (1) Come prepared and know your play style and skill level prior to engaging others in that play
  - (2) Someone wanting to try something new should be under the supervision of another skilled practitioner of that particular play (i.e. flogging, suspension, bondage. etc.)
2. Boundaries and safewords must be established before engaging in play
  - (1) New activities should be thoroughly discussed and agreed upon by all parties
3. Know your toys
  - (1) If you want to use a new toy you're not familiar with, ask a skilled user for assistance and/or to demonstrate
  - (2) Misuse or abuse of toys towards another individual will result in immediate removal and permanent ban
4. Discuss potential risks with play partners (e.g. latex allergy)
  - (1) Latex use should be in a designated space in play area to help avoid accidental allergy exposure
  - (2) Discuss any medical issues with your play partner(s) that may lead to complications and/or injury

16. Photography

1. Photography of any kind should be in clearly marked, designated areas ONLY



2. Designated areas should be closed off and have signage indicating that photographs or video will be taken in that area
  3. Entrance into designated area assumes consent to have pictures or video taken
17. Know your status
1. It is your responsibility to know your current STI status and to use common sense as to whether or not participating in sexual activities with other individuals will put them at risk of unknowingly contracting an STI, thus violating their bodily autonomy
  2. Hosts of any sex positive events should research and provide information for participants where free or low cost STI testing can be obtained if they so choose
  3. Participants engaging in fluid exchange may specifically request to know current STI status/results prior to engaging in play. Refusal to share upon request may result in consent being rescinded.

## **II. Practicing Ethical Romantic Relationship**

### **A. Guidelines**

As a leader in The Satanic Temple, you hold a position of power relative to your membership. Personal Safety and inclusivity is the backbone of our mission statement. It is essential that all members feel safe in your presence, at meetings, and at events. Members should never feel as though they have to sacrifice their safety or dignity in order to stay in favor with leadership. To that end:

No leader shall use their position for personal, political, financial, or sexual gain/favor among membership.

All members of The Satanic Temple should

1. Avoid flirtatious behavior or sexual banter at meetings or with members, including:
  - Discussing personal sexual history or bragging about sexual “conquests,”
  - Comments on members’ physical appearance, physique, beauty, etc.
  - Making sexually suggestive statements to or regarding members.
2. Exercise caution and good judgement about having romantic or sexual relationships with members.



3. Do not accept sexual or romantic favors from members or reward sexually or romantically flirtatious behavior with favorable treatment.
4. Do not accept personal or financial favors or gifts from members with the intent of granting favorable treatment or reward.

Remember that as a leader in The Satanic Temple, it is your duty to forward the organization's goals and mission statement. The Satanic Temple is not to be treated as a dating pool, as an opportunity to wield power, or as an avenue for undue personal gain.

#### **B. Disclosure**

If a relationship has the potential to create an ethical dilemma because the members of the relationship hold inherently unequal positions within the organizational hierarchy and where one party has real or perceived authority, influence, or power over the other, or if the establishment or ending of a relationship has the potential to disrupt the work of the organization, the relationship must be disclosed to the members' International Council point-of-contact. If one or both of the members of the relationship are members of the International Council, that member must recuse themselves from voting on personnel issues regarding their romantic partner.