

Code of Conduct

smOdyssey, Incorporated

1. All policies and procedures of smOdyssey, Inc., including this code of conduct, are established for the comfort and protection of our membership. It is our intent to further the mission and goals of smOdyssey, Inc. by creating an environment which fosters social contact, education and community among adults who are interested in consensual leather/BDSM topics and practices.
2. smOdyssey, Inc. is an educational and social organization dedicated to alternative sexual expression, whose purpose requires a responsible public image, and whose fundamental standard for sexual conduct is mutual consent between adults. Therefore any conduct that is deemed by the Board of Directors to be inconsistent with the essential principles of smOdyssey, Inc. may result in the denial or revocation of membership.
3. Participation in any smOdyssey, Inc. activity is voluntary and at the free-will of all members and guests. Choosing to attend and/or participate in any activity will likely result in exposure to adult oriented and sexually explicit discussion and behaviors that involve acts of domination, submission, bondage, discipline, sadism and masochism, and other explicit and extreme sexual fetishes and activities including, but not limited to, spanking, paddling, whipping, waxing, piercing, fire play, knife or edge or blood play, suspension, fisting and other oral, vaginal and anal penetration. Participation in any smOdyssey, Inc. activity is acknowledgement that members and guests will not be offended by that which they observe and hear.
4. smOdyssey strongly encourages that all members and guests participate in educational courses and seminars to expand the knowledge and understanding of risks associated with the practice of BDSM and fetish behaviors. Participation in any smOdyssey, Inc. activity is acknowledgement that members and guests are aware that these activities may be considered extremely hazardous activities, and that they assume full responsibility for any and all risks of property damage, personal injury or death. Further it is acknowledgement that risk may also result from the negligent or reckless conduct of other participants.
5. Every person, member or guest, who attends an smOdyssey event, agrees that he or she, and his or her representatives and assigns, will not hold smOdyssey, Inc., or any officer, director or agent thereof responsible or liable, directly or vicariously, for injuries or other damages, real or imagined, emotional or physical, that result directly or indirectly from attending or participating in any smOdyssey, Inc. activity.
6. As a private membership organization, smOdyssey, Inc. retains the right to refuse membership to anyone, and to deny admittance to any event, or to disallow participation in any discussion group or list at its discretion.
7. All members and guests must:
 - a) Abide by the policies, rules and code of conduct of smOdyssey, Inc. Anyone who ignores these, or who engages in unsafe, exploitive or non-consensual behavior of any kind may be required to leave the premises. Expulsion from any smOdyssey, Inc. activity for which payment has been made, or from membership, will result in the loss of those fees paid. Money will not be refunded.

- b) Be courteous of others regardless the differences in gender, sexual orientation, kink, fetish, race, religion, age, size, etc.
 - c) Respect the privacy of others at all times. Unless explicit permission has been provided, members shall keep confidential all information pertaining to the identity of another member, former member, or prospective member. This information includes, but is not limited to the legal name, address, phone numbers, and identity or location of employers or relatives.
8. All members and guests must NOT:
- a) Make audio and visual recordings of any kind, at any smOdyssey event, without prior approval by smOdyssey officials and the consent of all individuals being photographed, taped, or recorded.
 - b) Touch anyone or their property without first asking and receiving permission
 - c) Make repeated efforts to gain acquiescence. Such action shall be construed as harassment and will not be tolerated. **No means no.**
 - d) Masturbate or engage in other explicit forms of sexual gratification outside the appropriately designated areas.
 - e) Engage in any illegal activity on the premises of any smOdyssey, Inc. event. This includes, but is not limited to vandalism or destruction of property, theft, falsification of identity, possession of child pornography, prostitution and solicitation, and the possession, use or sales of illegal drugs, inhalants, or other intoxicants.
 - f) Act or represent themselves as an officer, director, agent or other official of smOdyssey without express permission from the organization.
9. Unless specifically stated otherwise, no alcohol is allowed at any smOdyssey event. Other recreational inhalants or intoxicants are not allowed at any smOdyssey event. smOdyssey reserves the right to refuse entrance to anyone who appears intoxicated, smells of alcohol, or who is observed bringing alcohol or other intoxicants onto the premises.
10. smOdyssey is not a sex club, dating or escort service and does not provide referrals.
11. Firearms, whether real, replica, or toy, are not permitted at any smOdyssey, Inc. event.
12. Deliberately falsifying a formal complaint against another member shall result in the revocation of membership.