



BALTIMORE EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SOCIETY

TERMS OF CONTRIBUTORSHIP

Contributors to the Baltimore Educational and Social Society (hereafter referred to as BESS) agree to and are bound by the following terms of contributorship:

1. I agree that my attendance at any event or activity of BESS shall be solely as a contributor to the organization and not as a member of the public.
2. I understand further that contributorship in BESS is open only to people over the age of nineteen (19), and I certify that I am at least nineteen (19) years old.
3. I understand that the subject matter concerns the practice of consensual bondage and discipline, sadomasochism, power exchange between willing and consenting adults, homosexuality, bisexuality, heterosexuality, fetishism, and other related sexual or dominance-and-submission activities.
4. I state and agree that I find none of these subjects or activities offensive or objectionable. I wish to be a contributor to BESS for the purpose of learning more about these subjects, including safety issues relating to BDSM and the ethical values of the BDSM community, and to socialize with others who have these subjects as a genuine interest.
5. I recognize that in order to teach the subject matter effectively, some of the programs sponsored by BESS may involve nudity or be sexually explicit. I consent to the explicit nature of such programs and certify that this does not make them offensive or objectionable to me.
6. I agree not to bring or consume any alcoholic beverage or illegal drug at any meeting, program, or gathering sponsored by BESS. The only exception is that I may consume alcoholic beverages at an event held in a bar where the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages is legal and expected or an event at which the Board of Directors of BESS authorizes the consumption of alcoholic beverages.
7. I agree not to bring a camera, video recording device, or audio recording device

into any meeting, program, or gathering sponsored by BESS, unless specifically authorized in advance by the Board of Directors. I further agree that should any camera, video recording device, or audio recording device be brought into a BESS event by me or someone acting on my behalf, such equipment will be subject to immediate confiscation and all its film, media or recording data will be subject to immediate destruction.

I recognize that BDSM and the related activities described in Paragraph 3 above carry inherent risks. I assume the risk of physical and emotional injury incident to my participation at meetings, programs, and gatherings sponsored by BESS, and I waive any claim of liability that might arise against BESS, or its officers, team leaders, volunteers, or contributors, from my participation at meetings, programs, and gatherings sponsored by BESS or from my use of information or techniques learned at such meetings, programs, and gatherings.