We are TES (The Eulenspiegel Society), a not-for-profit BDSM / Leather / Fetish group dedicated to the social interaction, educational exchange, and ever-changing diversity of our community.

RULES OF ETIQUETTE
We want TES to be a “safe space” for our members and guests, so we have developed these Rules of Etiquette. We expect all members and quests to follow them. We believe they will help you fit in and establish successful relationships with the people at TES.
1. Treat other people with respect and consideration at all times. Get to know them as you would in any other social situation. Don’t assume that the only worthwhile outcome of attending is a sexual encounter.
2. First names and pseudonyms are usually used at TES. Everyone’s personal identity is confidential, so avoid using all last (or real) names in meetings and pseudonyms in non-scene settings.
3. Never touch anyone, their equipment, or belongings without permission.
4. No soliciting for sexual services is allowed.
5. Don’t smoke, drink alcohol or use drugs at TES meetings. If you come to a function under the influence of alcohol or drugs, you will be asked to leave.
6. No penetration, oral sex or exchanging of body fluids is ever allowed at TES meetings or functions.
7. No scenes are allowed during a meeting, unless it’s on the program or requested by the speaker or group leader.
8. At meetings, raise your hand if you have a question or comment when someone else is speaking, so you may be recognized by the speaker or group leader.
9. The Board of Directors is responsible for supervising all TES functions. The Board, or their designated agents, will stop any scene they consider to be unsafe.
10. Use your common sense. Members or guests who violate these rules, or behave in a manner inconsistent with the TES Creed may be asked to leave.

OUTING & CONFIDENTIALITY - General Policy Statement
Our policy is that no one should be outed in any venue for any reason without the express permission of that person. The whole idea of TES is to allow people to freely express their feelings and desires in a safe place without fear of retribution. Everyone has their own reasons for not wanting their private lives out in the open. We must respect their wishes. Someone’s livelihood or family life could be in jeopardy if this occurs. Confidentiality is the cornerstone of our organization. We expect our members to abide by this policy.
Some Terms You May Not Already Know:

**Aftercare** – Post-scene activities or processing. Styles vary.

**BDSM** – Bondage/Discipline, Dominance/Submission, and Sadism/Masochism. It is also used to describe the kink communities as a whole or any kink activities in general.

**Bottom** – The recipient of physical sensation in a scene (aka bottoming).

**Collared** – The state of an individual engaged in a committed power exchange relationship. Variations include temporary collars, play collars, training collars, and collars of consideration. (aka owned)

**Consensual non-consent** (CNC) – A scene or dynamic in which consent has been granted to “violate” specific boundaries. Often considered edge play.

Please note that persons engaging in this should be aware of the risks involved and take appropriate precautions.

**D/s** – (Domination/submission) An erotic play or relationship style that focuses on power exchange. Related: M/s (Master/slave), O/p (Owner/property)

**Drop** – A physical and emotional post-scene reaction. This can be characterized by feelings of loss, sadness, anxiety or regret. (aka bottom drop, con drop, dom drop, sub drop, top drop)

**Edge play** – A type of play that pushes personal boundaries or limits; a BDSM activity that involves a higher level of physical or psychological risk. Approach with care and experience.

**Fetish** – A sexual arousal resulting from specific objects, situations, or individuals. (aka fetishism, a kink)

**Gorean** – A style of power exchange based on the Gor erotic novels of John Norman, predominantly featuring male dominance and female submission.

**Impact Play** – Any practice that involves physically striking the body. Tools may include bare hands, fists, belts, canes, paddles, whips and more.

**Limits** – Personal guidelines that outline what is outside an individual’s comfort zone. Hard limits are scenes or activities that are forbidden as non-negotiable, while soft limits are potentially negotiable.

**Masochist** – Someone who experiences sexual, sensual, or emotional gratification from the act of receiving intense sensation, pain or suffering.

**Mindfuck** – A technique for psychological play that utilizes misdirection to intensify or enhance a perceived experience.

**Munch** – An informal gathering of people involved with or interested in kink.

**Negotiation** – Discussion of desires and limits, and agreement on what will and will not happen in play or relationships.

**Pick-up play** – Scenes or play of a spontaneous or casual nature.

**RACK** – “Risk-Aware Consensual Kink.”

**Sadist** – Someone who experiences sexual, sensual, or emotional gratification from the act of providing intense sensation, pain or suffering.

**Safeword** – A word that a player can use to immediately stop a scene in progress. A common practice is the stoplight system (“red” = stop; “yellow” = pause; “green” = go) or a random word rather than “no” or “stop”, since some people enjoy “protesting” but really don’t want it to end.

**Sensation play** – Activities that focus on a wide range of physical or sensory techniques or interactions, including exploring touch, sight, scent, taste, sound, or the deprivation of input to those senses.

**SSC** – “Safe, Sane and Consensual.”

**Switch** – Someone who enjoys being a top or a bottom.

**Top** – Someone who is the provider of physical sensation in a scene (aka topping).

**Vanilla** – Slang for people, things, or activities that are not kink-identified or related.

**Warm-up** – The practice of gradually escalating the intensity of a scene.

Some Books You May Find Interesting:

- *Learning the Ropes* by Race Bannon
- *50 Shades of Curious: BDSM for Beginners* by Bo Blaze PCC
- *The New Bottoming Book* by Dossie Easton & Catherine A. Liszt
- *The New Topping Book* by Dossie Easton & Catherine A. Liszt
- *The Ethical Slut* by Janet Hardy & Dossie Easton
- *Playing Well With Others* by Lee Harrington & Mollena Williams
- *Power Circuits: Polyamory in a Power Dynamic* by Raven Kaldera & Joshua Tenpenny
- *Screw the Roses, Send Me the Thorns* by Philip Miller & Molly Devon
- *Real Service* by Joshua Tenpenny
- *The Leatherman’s Handbook* by Larry Townsend
- *The Loving Dominant* by John Warren
- *SM 101: A Realistic Introduction* by Jay Wiseman
- *The Toybag Guides* by Multiple Authors (Greenery Press)

Other Resources:

- TES Fest 2015 – TesFest.org
- FetLife.com – Free Social Network for the BDSM & fetish community
- National Coalition for Sexual Freedom – NCSFreedom.org
- New England Leather Alliance (NELA) – NELAonline.org
- Purple Passion – 211 West 20th St. | www.purplepassion.com