

Smut Slam Code of Conduct

(the "I" in this document is Cameryn, our host)

RULES FOR TELLERS

- no notes, unless you have ADHD or some other condition where you will absolutely get lost. Other than that, no notes. This is not an erotica reading.
- along those lines, please don't try to engage the audience sexually in your story. You don't have to turn us on for us to enjoy the story.
- no costumes or props, but sound effects are great.
- only five minutes, with a one-minute grace period. I'll be down there time-keeping. At six minutes, I will hug you off stage, which sounds like a good time, but also you will lose a point off your final score.
- the story must be real and have happened to you.
- CONSENT IS KEY. These must be stories about consensual activities. If it's not consensual, whether you're victim or perpetrator, then it's not sex and the story doesn't belong at Smut Slam.
- This is not a "Kinkier Than Thou" competition; tellers don't get bonus points for more people and/or equipment in the story. We welcome people with all types and amounts of sexual experiences..
- This is not a comedy competition. We want to encourage people to consider sharing their sad, disturbing, poignant, serious, simple and/or "fail" experiences, too.
- Your kink is not my kink and that's okay. Also known as "don't yuck on someone else's yum." If you must leave the room during a story, that is fine; no one will mock you for taking care of yourself. But don't sit there scowling about someone else's good time.
- No one relationship style is more enlightened than any other. Polyamory is not perfect, monogamy is not the default, and there are assholes in any and every type of relationship style.
- People don't always have the genitals we have been socialised to expect, based on pronouns, names, hairstyles, attire. You don't know what they have in their pants unless and until they tell you. Don't make a story about that—"a surprise in someone else's pants"—but do be aware of your own biases as you tell your story and as you listen to others.
- People don't always do or enjoy things you might think, based on their stated sexual orientation. Some lesbians love the D, some gay men never want to do blowjobs. They will tell you in their story what they like to do.
- No body shaming. That includes no fat shaming, talk about tiny penises, how gross pussies are, how ugly someone is, etc. You can talk about what turns you on without dissing other people's bodies. Try turning some of this compassionate gaze on yourself as well. As we struggle our way through pandemic, lots of people's bodies have changed and their feelings about their bodies. But you can be kind to yourself too as you talk about your own body.
- Smut Slam is queer-friendly, kink- AND vanilla-friendly, fat-friendly, virgin-friendly, polyamory-friendly, sex-worker-friendly, asexual friendly... we're really, really friendly. We DO NOT welcome stories involving racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia or any other kind of discrimination, or non consensual objectification or fetishization.
- Starting your story with "My story probably goes against your code of conduct" is a bad idea. Pick another story.

- What happens if you tell a story that violates anything of the above? We will have an educational moment. I'll let you finish the story, and then I will get up and we will have a 30-45 second socratic conversation, in which we discuss why that story was not right for Smut Slam. Don't be afraid of an educational moment! I'm not trying to scold or shame you, but just reset the boundaries around what I'm trying to do in shifting the way we talk about sex and our sexual partners.
- don't worry about your language skills. If English is not your first language, do not worry!

RULES FOR LISTENERS

- No interrupting.
- No heckling. (demo three ways of interacting: burlesque heckle, "your life is awesome," and booing villains [give examples])
- No making out or strong sexual activity in Smut Slam space.
- Just because someone says they're into something in their story doesn't mean they're into it with you. Don't make assumptions about someone's availability or sexuality based on their story.
- if anyone is making you feel uncomfortable in their behaviour to you, please find one of the smutterlings.
- What happens at Smut Slam stays at Smut Slam; if it's not your story, it's not your story to tell. (Think of it as our own mini-Las Vegas!). We are recording for the official smut slam podcast, your life is awesome, but we double check with tellers to make sure it's okay first