

YVR PAH Code of Conduct - 2025

Acknowledgement of Territory

YVR PAH acknowledges that we operate on the unceded traditional territories of the **xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam)**, **Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish)**, and **səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh)** Nations.

Mission Statement

We are committed to fostering safe, inclusive, and accessible spaces that encourage community engagement through volunteering, education, socializing, connecting, and exploring pet play. Our aim is to serve a diverse group of like-minded individuals who embrace inclusivity, sex-positivity, and diversity within pup, handler, pet, and human communities.

Additional Considerations

We are dedicated to creating spaces that allow us to gather for education, socializing, play, connection and exploration. Our goal is to support the growth and wellbeing of the community by enabling opportunities for connection and play.

Purpose of the Code of Conduct

This document outlines community standards for behavior and respect at YVR PAH events. It is designed to foster safe, inclusive environments where pups, handlers, pets, and friends of the community can engage in pet play and exploration together.

General Expectations

To promote a safe and welcoming environment, YVR PAH expects its members to adhere to the following principles:

- **Respect:** Show consideration for others in both speech and actions.

- **Inclusivity:** Create an environment where diversity in all forms is celebrated. This includes all genders, sexual orientations, ethnicities, ages, abilities, experiences, religions, and lifestyles.
 - **Safety:** Prioritize your own safety and the safety of others.
 - **Consent:** R Respect the community's consent culture and boundaries.
 - **Privacy:** PKeep personal information confidential unless explicit permission is given to share it.
 - **Responsibility:** Take responsibility for your actions and their impact on the community.
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Unacceptable Behavior

The following behaviors are prohibited at YVR PAH events:

- Bullying, harassment, or discrimination in any form.
- Abusive behavior - both physical and verbal abuse.
- Disruptive behavior that affects others' enjoyment
- Intimidation, stalking, or coercion
- Engaging in sexual activity, play, or scenes without **informed consent**
- Encouraging or enabling any of the above behaviors

If you experience or witness unacceptable behavior, or if you feel disrespected, please notify an YVR PAH event organizer or a community leader immediately.

Consequences of Unacceptable Behavior

Anyone asked to cease unacceptable behavior must comply immediately. YVR PAH and event organizers reserve the right to take appropriate actions, which may include issuing a warning, removing the individual from the event, or banning them from future YVR PAH events and spaces.

Consent

Consent is crucial to ensuring the safety, comfort, and enjoyment of all participants at YVR PAH events. As a sex-positive community, some of our events may involve sexual or kink-related activities. We have specific expectations for obtaining consent in such

contexts:

- Consent must be mandatory, informed, freely given, ongoing, clearly requested and received, and revocable at any time.
 - Respect all personal boundaries - never make assumptions or push for participation in ongoing activities.
 - No means no: If consent is denied or withdrawn, accept the refusal gracefully and do not persist in asking.
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Photography & Privacy

The privacy and safety of our community members are paramount. The following guidelines should be followed regarding photography at YVR PAH events:

- Obtain consent from individuals before photographing them.
 - Seek consent before posting or sharing any photos.
 - Consent may be revoked at any time; it is the responsibility of the poster to promptly remove any photos if consent is withdrawn.
 - Avoid photographing large groups, especially in private spaces, unless it is a planned "group photo."
 - When taking selfies, ensure that no one is inadvertently included in the background or give them the chance to step out of the frame.
 - If an event facilitator wishes to photograph for promotional purposes, they must notify all attendees and obtain explicit consent, typically via a waiver, text, or email.
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YVR PAH Mosh Rules

To maintain a safe environment at Mosh events:

- Participants must be 19 years or older and comply with all venue requirements.
- Respect personal boundaries while on shared play mats.
- Different mats may have designated activity levels, be mindful of which one you're on.
- No hard-soled shoes on the play mats; wear shoes outside the play area.
Avoid sharp edged gear while playing.
- Light sexual contact over clothing is allowed, but no full nudity, masturbation,

or explicit sexual acts.

- Photography is allowed only with consent from all involved parties.
 - Be aware of your surroundings and consider others when playing.
 - Clean up after yourself to maintain a tidy space.
 - Gear is encouraged but not required.
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Gear Levels

Each event will have a designated "gear level" to guide participants on what is appropriate for that event. These gear levels will be clearly communicated through promotional materials and signage.

Gear Level 1

- Casual attire (no nudity)
- Subtle gear such as collars is acceptable
- No leashes or hoods

Gear Level 2

- Casual attire (no nudity)
- Hoods, tails, and leashes allowed

Gear Level 3

- Street-legal attire
- All gear welcome (no frontal nudity, no insertable toys)

Gear Level 4

- All gear welcome, including insertables
 - Sex-permissive
 - Clothing optional
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YVR PAH Event Types & Policies

- **YVR PAH Events:** Events directly organized or collaborated with the YVR PAH community, with full community decision-making authority.
- **Community Events:** Events supported and promoted by YVR PAH but organized by community members, who retain individual liability.
- **Partnered Events:** Events promoted by YVR PAH but not intrinsically part of the community, which adhere to their own Code of Conduct.

All participants, organizers, and members must comply with local, provincial, and federal laws. YVR PAH does not support illegal activities and will cooperate with legal authorities to ensure the safety of the community.

Affirmation of Participation

By participating in YVR PAH, you agree to uphold and abide by this Code of Conduct, supporting the community and its organizers in maintaining a respectful and safe environment.

Terms & Definitions

Harassment:

Any behavior that causes emotional or mental harm, including harmful verbal or written comments, non-consensual photography, physical contact, unwelcome sexual attention, and promoting such actions.

Community:

Individuals attending events, engaging in regular communication, participating in chats, and supporting the community in any capacity.

Informed Consent:

Consent given by a clear, sober, and informed individual, who understands the nature of the activity and knows they can withdraw consent at any time.

Bullying:

actions intended to cause fear or distress, including coercion, threats, or continual harassment.

Discrimination:

The unfair treatment of individuals based on race, gender, age, religion, etc., either directly or through indirect means that disadvantage a group.