

Table Procedures:

Before doing anything else, you need to do these three things. They can be done in any order, but you must complete all three. Keep this handy and near the play space each time you meet this weekend.

Safety (talk about how to check in with each other and have a good time)

Content (talk about themes, potential triggers, and areas of excitement/interest)

Focus (talk about table etiquette, and how you will interact with the game itself)

Safety

Start the conversation now. You have signed up for an entire weekend with this table of people. Work together to create a welcoming environment.

What techniques do you want to use to make sure people can trust one another, and can reach out with when their needs aren't being met?

Do you want to use an "x" card?

Do you want to use a specific phrase or gesture to register an objection? (i.e. "Cut" or "Break")

What does it mean if someone walks away from the table?

If I think someone else is feeling uncomfortable or disengaged, does the table expect me to check in right away, between scenes, or at all?

Talk about this now, and decide on a handful of methods you all can agree on. **YOU MUST ALSO REVIEW THESE** at the start of each new session.

We all agree to:

Safety Review (each session after the first)

Ask the following questions:

Did you engage any of the safety methods?

Did anyone feel like they were close to using a safety method, but stopped themselves? Do they want to talk about why?

Are there modifications you want to make to existing safety techniques?

Are there new or different safety techniques you might try this session?

Are there any pieces of our Focus or Content agreements that are hampering safety?

Do you need outside help with safety techniques?

Do this before each session. Modify this sheet or use new paper as necessary.



Content

Start the conversation now. What things are you going to agree to avoid or to include in your game this weekend? How will you decide?

Do you all want to make a private list of “include” and “avoid” topics, and then share at the end?

Do you want to talk about everything in the open?

Do you want to write down things on slips of paper and toss them into a hat anonymously?

Talk about this now, come up with a method, and create a list. Everyone is responsible for holding each other to it. Attached to this sheet is a consent sheet that might help in defining these lists.

We all agree to include:

We all agree to avoid:



Focus / Intensity

Start the conversation now. How demanding will this game be on your time this weekend, and in what ways? What will that look like?

Do you expect to focus intensely for scenes and then take breaks in between?

Do you want to limit “out-of-character” talking, Monty Python references, or pop-culture jokes?

Do you want to make any rules to encourage or discourage technology or other distractions?

Talk about this now, and anything else that follows. Write down the rules that you agree on, and hold each other to them.

We all agree to: