

OneTaste Coach Association Code of Conduct

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Overview

OneTaste Coaches & Trainers recognize that in a world of separation, we are about connection. We provide tools for intimacy in everyday life. Going to the root of experience, OneTaste teachings integrate the principles of mindfulness with the practice of orgasm. By nourishing and including this basic and essential part of life, we support students and clients to discover richer relationships, an embodied sense of self and the uncompromised feeling of wholeness.

As OneTaste Coaches & Trainers we agree to support the natural unfolding of each individual. That being said, we agree to not push clients' boundaries and encourage all individuals to participate within their comfort zone. All coaching and training exercises, homework assignments and activities are optional and clients reserve the right to decline participation at any time.

Acknowledging the sensitivity of client-teacher relating, OneTaste coaches & trainers agree to not exploit their authority and position in order to assume a sexual, romantic or OM relationship with a client. Because several coaches & trainers in our organization have developed relationships with former clients, we acknowledge that such a healthy relationship can be possible, but that great care and sensitivity are needed. In such cases, the coach/trainer and the client can consult with the Ethics Committee to determine the healthiest approach.

OneTaste maintains an Ethics Committee to provide guidance in individual circumstances and to administer an explicit *Code of Conduct* for the benefit of the community. The committee consists of three individuals known for their integrity and fairness. In reviewing potential violations, the committee begins with the presumption that responsibility for honoring the code rests 100% with the coach or trainer and never with the client. Final decisions on the repercussions of violations rest with the Ethics Committee.

Petitions

Any party (coach/trainer or client) can contact the ethics committee to discuss or request an exemption to the Code of Conduct rules. The ethics committee will discuss with all applicable parties and respond once a decision has been reached. Submissions should be presented in email to all members of the committee. Petitioners should expect the petition process to take **one week** from the date submitted. Decisions will either be: approved; denied; responded to with a request for more information; or a notice that a specific amount of additional time will be required to investigate the request. Petitioners and involved parties should expect they might be asked to discuss the request in a telephone call with the ethics committee. The committee can be contacted at otethics@googlegroups.com.

Grievances

We hold central to our Code of Conduct a deep respect for our clients and this learning. It is of utmost importance that our clients feel they are given the respect and support they need while working with us.

At OneTaste, we discuss and deal with sexuality and subjects that are deeply personal. This may at times be difficult or confronting. While it's not unusual to feel personally challenged in this work, it is very important to us that clients know they have the support of the coaches, trainers and staff. If they feel uncomfortable about the behavior of any staff member, we want to know.

Any client who has any questions or concerns to share with the ethics committee is encouraged to contact them at otethics@googlegroups.com

Regulations

All coaches and trainers agree to:

1. Engage in responsible behavior when initiating any sexual relationship within the OneTaste extended community,
2. Not offer illegal services or sexual entertainment in exchange for money,
3. Refrain from illegal activity during their service in one of these roles

In addition, there are specific requirements and consequences governing sexual relationships between coaches, trainers and students. The following consequences represent the uppermost limit of repercussion. Discretion as to final discipline rests with the ethics committee.

Sexual Guidelines

A minimum of **3 months** must pass after a coaching or training relationship ends before initiation of a sexual or romantic relationship with a client. **30 days must pass before OM.**

If you have a pre-existing OM or sexual relationship with an individual who becomes your coaching or OM training client, all OM and sexual contact must be suspended for the length of your coaching relationship. You may resume your prior relationship **30 days** after the coaching relationship ends.

In order to maintain clear boundaries between our personal OM practice and training others, we also have clear guidelines on the training of OM partners. Coaches & trainers may only OM with individuals who have received OM training through official OneTaste channels. Your OM partner must have completed The OM Class or a full OM training session with a Certified Trainer before you start an OM practice with them. If you wish to be their partner for their first OM, another trainer must lead the session. The Learn to OM video is not considered sufficient training to meet this standard.

First offense:

1. The coach or trainer is suspended from all coaching & training activities and the OneTaste Coach Association for 30 days.
2. During the 30 days, the coach or trainer is required to attend 4 anonymous program meetings* and complete daily inventory.
3. At the end of the 30 days, the coach or trainer must appear before the Ethics Committee for a review.

Second offense:

1. The coach or trainer is suspended from all coaching and training activities and the OneTaste Coach Association for 3 months.
2. During the 3 months, the coach or trainer is required to attend 4 anonymous program meetings per month, complete daily inventory, and check in monthly with an ethics guide.
3. The coach or trainer is required to complete 4 hours of service per month for a program approved by the Ethics Committee.
4. At the end of the 3 months, the coach or trainer must appear before the Ethics Committee for a review.

Third and final offense:

1. The coach or trainer will lose coaching and training status, including removal from the OneTaste Coach Association, for a minimum of 1 year.
2. During the year or more, the coach or trainer is required to attend 4 anonymous program meetings per month, complete daily inventory, and check in monthly with an ethics guide.
3. At the end of the one year suspension, the coach or trainer can petition the Ethics Committee for reinstatement of teaching and coaching duties. The Ethics Committee reserves the right to deny any request.