

Thai Cultural Association (2026) Constitution

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Current as at 23/4/2026

1. UWA Thai Club

1.1 The formal name of the Club shall be **Thai Cultural Association**

1.2 The Club may also be known as **TCA**

1.3 The Club shall henceforth be referred to as **Thai Cultural Association** or **UWA Thai Club**.

2. Preliminary

2.1 Thai Cultural Association is a not-for-profit Student Society established pursuant to Chapter 5 of the Student Guild Regulations. The Club seeks to affiliate to the University of Western Australia Student Guild Societies Council.

2.2 This Constitution governs the operation of the Club.

2.3 Definitions follow Societies Council Rules unless stated otherwise.

2.4 In case of conflict, Societies Council Rules prevail.

3. Objectives

3.1 The objective of the Club shall be to:

- The aim of the Thai Cultural Association (TCA) is to promote Thai culture, traditions, and community engagement within the university through exciting events and activities. It also seeks to create a supportive environment that connects Thai and non-Thai students on campus.

3.2 The Club promotes inclusivity for all students.

3.3 The Club aims to remain affiliated to the Societies Council [+ PAC if applicable].

3.4 The Club promotes cooperation with other clubs and the Guild.

3.5 The Club acts in the best interest of its members.

3.6 Club funds are used only for club purposes.

3.7 The Club must follow all Guild rules and policies.

4. Membership

4.1 Membership includes Financial, Ordinary Committee, Executive, Associate, and Honorary members.

4.2 Only Financial Members can vote.

4.3 Financial Members must:

- Pay membership fee (\$5)
- Be a Guild member
- Be a UWA student

4.4 Financial Members can:

- Attend meetings
- Vote
- Run for elections

4.5–4.14

5. Meetings

5.1 The Club must hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) each year.

5.2 At least one general meeting per semester is required.

5.3 Special meetings can be called by committee.

5.4 A Special General Meeting must be called if requested by:

- 10 members

6. General Meeting Rules

6.1 Meetings are chaired by the President (or VP if unavailable).

6.2 Members vote equally.

6.3 Quorum = 10 members

7. Elections

7.1 Elections must occur at least once per year.

7.2 Must follow Guild election rules.

7.3 Voting is secret ballot.

7.4 A Returning Officer oversees elections.

7.5–7.19

8. Patron

8.1 A temporary patron may be appointed if needed.

9. Executive Committee

9.1 Executive roles:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Marketing Director
- Engagement Director
- Events Director
- Partnerships Director

9.2 Responsibilities include:

- Running events
- Managing finances
- Representing the club

9.3–9.9

9.9.2 Impeachment requires:

- 5 members

10. Casual Vacancies

10.1 Vacant roles can be temporarily filled by committee.

11. Ordinary Committee

11.1 Must include:

- 1 First Year Representatives

12. Non-Discrimination

12.1 The Club and its committee shall at all times act in a manner which gives no special treatment, favour, advantage or disadvantage to any group of people, and shall vigorously defend the right of all members to feel safe and accepted within the community.

13. Expulsion from Committee

13.1 Any Financial, Ordinary, or Executive Committee Member who, in the unanimous opinion of the Executive Committee, or a two-thirds majority opinion of the Ordinary Committee, contravenes Article 12.1 to such an extent that the Club or another individual is directly and detrimentally harmed, may immediately have their membership revoked.

13.2 Any Financial, Ordinary, or Executive Committee Member who is found to be encouraging or enforcing disciplinary measures for non-participation in any sort of initiation ceremony, or encouraging or requiring participation in such a ceremony as a precondition of membership, may immediately have their membership revoked.

13.3 Any Financial, Ordinary, or Executive Committee Member who is found to be taking or have taken any action which represses any student's implied right to academic freedom and freedom of speech may immediately have their membership revoked.

13.4 Any member (Financial, Ordinary, Executive, or Associate) shall only have their membership suspended or removed in accordance with Articles 13.1 to 13.3, or in the following circumstances:

13.4.1 They are no longer eligible to be a member under this Constitution; or

13.4.2 They are subject to suspension, expulsion, or other disciplinary action by the University.

14. Power and Responsibilities of the Committee

14.1 Subject to this Constitution, the Committee shall be responsible for:

14.1.1 Pursuing the Club's objectives set out in Article 3; and

14.1.2 Carrying out the day-to-day business of the Club.

14.2 The Committee may, by simple majority, have the power to:

14.2.1 Acquire and dispose of property;

14.2.2 Deposit and receive sums of money;

14.2.3 Open bank accounts;

14.2.4 Enter into contracts;

14.2.5 Make, alter, and repeal regulations for the proper management of the Club's affairs; and

14.2.6 Make, alter, and repeal by-laws consistent with this Constitution.

14.3 The Committee shall not incur debts or liabilities unless approved at a General Meeting.

14.4 The Executive Committee may hold records of members, including personal information relevant to membership.

14.4.1 Such records must be used only for Club purposes and handled securely.

14.5 The Committee shall report suspected Guild misconduct to appropriate authorities and may revoke membership but not impose further disciplinary action.

15. Deposits and Withdrawals of Monies

15.1 All monies due to the Club must be received by the Treasurer (or President if necessary).

15.2 All withdrawals from Club accounts must be authorised by the Treasurer.

15.3 All payments must be authorised and processed by the Treasurer in a timely manner.

16. Payments

16.1 No payment shall be made on behalf of the Club unless authorised by the Treasurer or approved by simple majority of the Committee.

17. Major Obligations to the Guild

17.1 The Club must comply with all Guild regulations, including mandatory training requirements.

17.2 All Committee Members are jointly responsible for compliance.

17.3 An Executive Committee Member must attend Societies Council General Meetings.

18. Dispute Resolution

18.1 Disputes must first be attempted to be resolved internally within ten University Working Days.

18.2 If unresolved, written notice must be given and a mediator appointed as follows:

18.2.1 Club vs another club → Governance Committee

18.2.2 Club vs Societies Council → SOC President

18.2.3 Member vs Club → Executive Committee

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18.2.5 Expulsion disputes → Governance Committee

18.3 The mediator must act according to Societies Council Rules.

19. Transparency of Documentation

19.1 The Secretary must provide meeting minutes upon request.

19.2 The Treasurer must provide financial records upon request.

19.3 The Executive Committee must provide documents to Guild officials upon request.

20. Availability of this Constitution

20.1 This Constitution must be made available to any member upon request.

21. Alteration of this Constitution

21.1 Proposed changes must be submitted at least five University Working Days before a General Meeting.

21.2 Changes must be proposed and seconded by Financial Members.

21.3 Changes require a two-thirds majority vote at a General Meeting.

21.4 Changes take effect upon approval by the Societies Council President.

21.5 This Constitution replaces all previous rules.

22. Interpretation of this Constitution

22.1 Disputes about interpretation shall be decided by a panel consisting of the President, Vice President, and three Ordinary Committee Members.

22.1.1 If contested, the matter may be decided by majority vote at a General Meeting.

23. Dissolution of the Club

23.1 If the Club dissolves, remaining assets shall be liquidated and transferred to the Societies Council Committee after liabilities are settled.