

Regulations Of The 13th Global Buddhist Conference

§1. General Provisions

1. The 13th Global Buddhist Conference, hereinafter referred to as the “Conference”, is organized by the Theravada Foundation, hereinafter referred to as the “Organizer”, at a time and place designated by the Organizer.
2. The Organizer of the Conference is the Theravada Foundation, based in Warsaw (ul. Eugeniusza Szwankowskiego 4A/32, 01-318 Warsaw, Poland).
3. These Regulations constitute an integral part of the Conference registration and are binding for all participants.
4. Participants of the Conference may be natural persons interested in the Buddha’s teachings — regardless of the tradition they represent, their level of meditation experience, or affiliation with any community — both practitioners and those interested in the subject matter of the Conference, as well as individuals professionally or privately connected with it, and media representatives holding press accreditation.
5. The Conference will include lecture sessions of a scientific, didactic, educational, and practical nature, including meditation sessions.
6. The official Conference website is: buddha2026.org.

§2. Participation in the Conference

1. Participation in the Conference requires registration.
2. Registration means fulfilling all of the following conditions:
 - proper submission of willingness to participate in the Conference. The Participant has the option to make a voluntary donation to the Organizer via designated collections. The donation constitutes a form of support for the implementation of the Conference and is not a condition for participation. Persons who are unable to provide it may apply for free participation by contacting the Organizer;
 - receiving an invitation from the Organizer;
 - generating a ticket with an individual QR code granting entry to the Conference premises.

§3. Attendance at the Conference

1. Participants of the Conference may be adults and children over 12 years of age who are interested in the Conference subject, able to attend lectures in focus and silence,

and remain under the care of a parent or legal guardian at all times on the Conference premises.

2. The participation of a minor (a child over 12 years of age) requires notification by a parent or legal guardian to the Organizer via email at: konferencja@buddha2026.org.

The parent or legal guardian:

- registers on behalf of the minor and provides their personal data,
 - accepts these Regulations and reviews the information clause regarding personal data processing,
 - is obliged to exercise personal care over the minor at all times while on the Conference premises,
 - bears full responsibility for the actions of the minor under their care, including financial responsibility specified in these Regulations.
3. Press accreditation can be obtained by completing the form available on the official Conference website: <https://buddha2026.org/dla-mediow/>.
 1. Accreditation applications are reviewed individually by the press officer.
 2. The number of accreditations is not limited at this stage. A decision will be communicated by email no later than a few days before the Conference.
 3. Accreditation grants access to press materials and, in selected cases, participation in planned media activities in accordance with Conference rules.
 4. Only registered persons with Participant status may attend the Conference.
 5. Participants may attend selected parts of the Conference, including individual lectures or specific days. If it is necessary to leave early or exit a session, this must be done in a way that does not disrupt the event, particularly maintaining silence and minimizing disturbance to others.
 6. Persons with special needs, including persons with disabilities, are requested to contact the Organizer via email at: konferencja@buddha2026.org prior to generating a ticket. This will allow for early verification of the possibility of providing appropriate conditions and support during the Conference.

§4. Description of the process for obtaining a free QR-code Ticket

1. Approximately six months before the event, the Organizer will twice send an email to persons holding an individual invitation number, informing them of the need to confirm participation in a dedicated application.
2. Failure to exchange the invitation for a QR-code ticket within 30 days of sending the first of these messages will result in the loss of the reservation. The spot will be allocated to a person from the waiting list, and the late participant will be placed at the end of this list.
3. The primary deadline for submitting expressions of interest in participating in the Conference is February 10, 2026. After this date, it is only possible to join the waiting

list. Persons on the waiting list will be informed via electronic communication about available spots in chronological order of submissions. The option to generate a ticket under this procedure is time-limited, in accordance with the details provided by the Organizer. Failure to generate a ticket within the specified deadline will result in being moved to the end of the waiting list and allocating the spot to the next person.

4. The conference ticket contains an individual QR code and organizational information, including declarations regarding the rental of simultaneous translation headphones.
5. The ticket is free of charge, personal, and entitles one person whose details are on the ticket to participate in the Conference. It cannot be transferred, resold, or lent to other persons. In exceptional situations, the Organizer allows for changes to be made to the ticket at the Participant's request.
6. The number of available places is managed by the Organizer.
7. The invitation is assigned to a single email address identifying the Participant. Each email address entitles the holder to receive a maximum of one ticket, unless the Organizer grants individual consent in justified cases.

§5. Withdrawal from Participation

1. Participants have the right to withdraw from the Conference at any time.
2. Withdrawal should be submitted in writing via electronic mail to: konferencja@buddha2026.org.
3. A Participant who, after generating a ticket, knows that they will not be able to take part in the Conference is obliged to immediately inform the Organizer or to resign themselves using the "Resignation" link (included in the email confirming the generation of the ticket with a QR code) in order to allow the place to be transferred to another person.
4. In case of withdrawal from participation in the Conference, the Organizer is not liable for compensation, and in particular, no refund of the donation made is provided.

§6. Hall Seating

1. In order to ensure safety and the optimal course of the event, the Organizer reserves the right to assign seats in individual conference halls, taking into particular account the order and date of making the voluntary donation via collections designated by the Organizer. Participants who made the payment earliest shall have priority access to the main hall (S1). The Organizer may assign seats in the additional hall (S2) to the remaining participants, where a live broadcast from the main hall will be provided. The Participant acknowledges that registration is not equivalent to guaranteeing a seat in a specific conference hall.

§7. Fees

1. One form of registration for the Conference is a voluntary donation to the Organizer made via a collection on the Zrzutka.pl platform. Information on how to make it is available on the Conference website at buddha2026.org and on the zrzutka.pl platform zrzutka.pl.
2. Participants cover all costs related to participation in the Conference themselves, including in particular travel, accommodation, food, and other associated expenses.
3. The Organizer does not issue VAT invoices for voluntary donations.

§8. Complaints

1. Participants of the Conference may submit complaints regarding its organization no later than 14 days after the conclusion of the Conference. The Organizer shall review the complaint and provide a response within 30 days of its receipt to the email address indicated by the complainant.
2. Complaints must be submitted in writing via electronic mail to: konferencja@buddha2026.org.

§9. Personal Data

1. Personal data processing is conducted in accordance with applicable law, in particular GDPR, i.e., Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of April 27, 2016.
2. The data controller is the Theravada Foundation, based in Warsaw (ul. Eugeniusza Szwankowskiego 4A/32, 01-318 Warsaw), NIP 5223006901, email: theravada.pl@gmail.com.
3. Personal data of Participants is processed securely and in accordance with applicable law.
4. Personal data of Participants will be processed for the following purposes:
 1. performance of the participation agreement in the Conference (Art. 6(1)(b) GDPR), including handling registration and ensuring proper organization of the event, for the duration of the Conference and the period necessary for post-event settlements;
 2. compliance with legal obligations binding on the Organizer (Art. 6(1)(c) GDPR), in particular related to event documentation, handling complaints, and retaining data for the period required by law;
 3. establishing, pursuing, or defending claims, including contact regarding covering the costs of repair, restoration, or purchase of a new headphones set in the event of its damage or loss (Art. 6(1)(f) GDPR) for the limitation period of such claims;

4. organizational activities such as participant registration, communication with Participants, conducting check-in during the event, managing the distribution and return of headphones ordered by Participants, issuing certificates of attendance, and managing IT systems required for Conference operations.
5. Providing personal data is voluntary but necessary for participation in the Conference. The consequence of failing to provide data or providing untruthful data is the inability to participate in the Conference.
6. Data may be shared with entities processing it on behalf of the Data Controller to the extent necessary for the Conference (e.g., IT service providers), with appropriate safeguards in place. This includes, in particular, the provider of the ticket sales and event management system, pretix GmbH, Berthold-Mogel-Straße 1, 69126 Heidelberg, Germany, acting under a data processing agreement and storing data on servers located in Germany (within the European Economic Area). Data may also be shared with other entities listed in the Privacy Policy - <https://buddha2026.org/polityka-prywatnosci-pl-1.pdf>.
7. The data subject has the right to access their data, request its rectification, erasure, or restriction of processing, as well as the right to object to processing carried out on the basis of the Controller's legitimate interest. The data subject also has the right to lodge a complaint with the President of the Personal Data Protection Office if they consider that their data is processed contrary to the regulations.
8. More information on personal data processing can be found in the Privacy Policy available on the Conference website.

§10. Meditation Sessions

1. Meditation sessions will be held in two dedicated halls reserved exclusively for meditation practice.
2. Silence is required in meditation halls and their immediate surroundings. We kindly ask all participants to observe this in order to support the focus and comfort of everyone present.
3. Participants should arrive at least 10 minutes before the session begins in order to take their seats. Late entry will not be possible after the session has started.
4. Due to the large number of participants, leaving the hall during a session means re-entry will not be possible for that same session.
5. No food is allowed in the meditation halls. Only drinks in closed bottles are permitted.
6. Participants should occupy seats in a way that preserves personal space, in particular avoiding direct physical contact with others.
7. Mobile phones and other electronic devices must be silenced or switched off before entering the meditation hall.
8. Participants are kindly requested, where possible, to limit movement during the session and to adopt a stable and comfortable posture that supports calm practice.

9. If it becomes necessary to leave the hall (e.g. for health reasons), participants are asked to do so as quietly as possible and with consideration for others.
10. It is recommended to leave unnecessary items outside the meditation hall or to ensure they do not cause any noise.
11. Before entering the meditation hall, footwear should be left in the designated area indicated by the Organizer.
12. Participation is voluntary and at one's own responsibility. Meditation practice may involve individual psychological or physical reactions. The Organizer is not responsible for any health effects resulting from participation in sessions, particularly in the case of persons with pre-existing health conditions. Participants with concerns about their health should consult an appropriate specialist before taking part.

§11. Conference Headphones

1. During the generation of the Conference ticket in the dedicated application (generating QR codes), the Participant will be asked to declare their requirement for translation headphones. This information will be linked to the individual QR code and personal data of the participant. A condition for receiving the headphones is indicating the requirement for translation headphones and accepting the Conference regulations.
2. The distribution of headphones will take place during the check-in of Participants on the Conference premises, based on the participant list.
3. Participants are obliged to return the headphones each day after the end of the events, at the same location where they were collected.
4. The headphones are collected daily in order to be charged and prepared for the following day of the Conference.
5. The Organizer reserves the right to change the rules of headphones management during the Conference if justified in order to streamline organizational processes. Participants will be informed of any changes via announcements at the Conference venue or by electronic means.
6. If the headphones are not returned by the end of the Conference, the Organizer will contact the Participant in order to recover them, including requesting that the equipment be returned by post if necessary.
7. In the event of loss or damage to the headphones, the Participant bears financial responsibility and is required to cover the replacement cost, valued at PLN 2,000.

§12. Liability and Changes

1. The Organizer exercises due diligence in organizing the Conference, but is not liable for damages resulting from causes beyond its control, in particular force majeure, technical failures, administrative decisions, or random events. The Organizer's

liability is limited to cases of damage caused by willful misconduct or gross negligence.

2. The Organizer is not liable for interruptions, delays, or changes in the course of the Conference, including in particular those resulting from technical, organizational, or other causes independent of the Organizer.
3. The Organizer is not liable for non-performance or improper performance of services resulting from causes beyond its control.
4. The Organizer reserves the right to introduce changes to the Conference program, including changes of speakers, lecture hours, the format of the event (e.g., on-site, hybrid, or online), and cancellation of individual sessions, without stating reasons. These changes do not constitute grounds for claims against the Organizer.
5. The Participant takes part in the Conference at their own risk, adequately to their health condition and psychophysical capabilities.
6. The Organizer has the right to refuse entry or remove a Participant from the Conference premises in the event of a violation of the Regulations or rules of order. In such case, the Participant shall have no claims against the Organizer.
7. The Organizer disclaims liability for damages arising from the actions of other conference participants (contrary to the law or the regulations).
8. Participant removal procedure - in justified situations, especially in the case of violation of the regulations, the Organizer may remove a Participant from the conference premises without the possibility of appealing against the decision in question.
9. The Organizer is not liable for non-performance or improper performance of services resulting from causes beyond its control and reserves the right to change the program.

§13. Final Provisions

1. If the Conference does not take place due to circumstances within or beyond the Organizer's control, in particular due to force majeure (e.g. flood, hurricane, blizzard, political conflicts), Participants are not entitled to compensation or refund of donations or other costs related to participation.
2. Disputes will be resolved by the court competent for the Organizer's registered seat.
3. Submitting a registration constitutes acceptance of these Regulations and a commitment to comply with them, including the rules of order and organization established by the Organizer.
4. The Organizer is not responsible for items belonging to Participants that may be lost, destroyed, or stolen during the Conference, in particular items left unattended.
5. Participants bear full financial responsibility for any damage they cause on the premises of the venues where the Conference takes place, as well as at their places of accommodation.
6. The following are prohibited during the Conference:

1. conducting business activity directed at participants, unless the Organizer has given prior consent;
 2. conducting political or missionary activity, unless the Organizer has given prior consent.
7. Photography and Filming During the Conference:
1. The content presented during the Conference is protected by copyright law, and the image and voice of the speakers constitute their personal rights.
 2. Recording and distributing audio or video materials from the Conference without the prior written consent of the Organizer is strictly prohibited.
 3. The Organizer reserves the right to limit or prohibit the recording of image and sound during selected sessions.
 4. Photographing or recording monks and nuns without the prior consent of the Organizer is prohibited.
8. By accepting these regulations, the Participant grants voluntary and free consent (in accordance with Art. 81 of the Act on Copyright and Related Rights and GDPR regulations) to the recording and repeated dissemination of their image by the Organizer – the Theravada Foundation.

The consent covers the image recorded in photographs and video recordings (including live broadcasts) made during the Conference.

The image may be used for the following purposes:

1. documentation and reporting (e.g., reports for Foundation sponsors),
2. information and education (e.g., publication of lecture recordings and summary materials),
3. promotion and marketing (e.g., promotion of subsequent editions of events organized or co-organized by the Foundation).

The consent covers the dissemination of the image in the following media and communication channels:

4. official website of the Foundation and the Conference,
5. social media profiles managed by the Organizer (e.g., Facebook, Instagram),
6. video hosting platforms (e.g., Vimeo, YouTube),
7. printed materials (e.g., flyers, promotional brochures, the Foundation's annual reports),
8. Newsletters and mailings sent to subscribers and partners of the Foundation.

The Participant has the right to withdraw the above consent at any time by contacting the Organizer at the email address: theravada.pl@gmail.com. Withdrawal of consent does not affect the lawfulness of processing based on consent before its withdrawal.

9. During the Conference, Participants are required to observe proper etiquette towards monastics (nuns and monks), in particular by showing respect, avoiding

physical contact, and wearing appropriate attire. Detailed guidelines are available on the Conference website in the FAQ section: <https://buddha2026.org/>.

10. On the Conference premises, the following are prohibited:

1. bringing, possessing, or using weapons, ammunition, explosives, or other dangerous items;
2. bringing or consuming alcohol or intoxicating substances;
3. being present on the Conference premises under the influence of alcohol or intoxicating substances;
4. bringing animals, except where permitted by law;
5. using devices that may disrupt the event (e.g. emitting strong light or sound).

Persons violating the above rules may be removed from the Conference premises.

11. The internal regulations of the venue where the Conference takes place also apply. These include, among others, a complete ban on smoking (including e-cigarettes) and a prohibition on bringing and consuming outside food. The full venue regulations are available at:

https://ae2022.symposium.pl/conf-data/AE2022/files/PL_REGULAMIN_OBIEKTU.pdf

12. The Organizer reserves the right to amend these Regulations. Any changes shall enter into force no less than 7 days from the date of their publication on the Conference website and notifying registered Participants via electronic communication. A Participant who does not accept the introduced changes has the right to withdraw from participation in the Conference by sending appropriate information to the Organizer's email address within 7 days from the date of receiving the notification of change.

13. In matters not regulated herein, the provisions of the Civil Code shall apply.

14. These Regulations have been drawn up in Polish and English.

15. These Regulations are available on the Conference website at: buddha2026.org.



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