



SRI LANKAN SINHALESE BUDDHIST SOCIETY PERTH - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

SLSBS POLICY STATEMENT FOR ALLOCATING PERTH SLSBS BUILDING FACILITIES FOR DHAMMA TEACHING/ MEDITATION PROGRAMS

Objective:

Sri Lankan Sinhalese Buddhist Society (SLSBS) is happy to consider applications from approved associations and SLSBS financial members, for the use of Sri Lankan Buddhist Temple building facilities at Kenwick, for the promotion of Buddhism and Dhamma. The following guidelines are developed to ensure the continuation of the regular Temple activities as well as to satisfy the Dhamma needs of the Buddhist community in Perth.

Focus of the guidelines and conditions:

The following Guidelines are for the conduct of Dhamma Teaching programs including Sermons, Retreats and Meditation programs, by local or overseas Monks and speakers, either in-person or in virtual attendance, invited by approved Associations and financial members of SLSBS.

Terms and Conditions:

Application Requirements:

- Requests for the use of Temple premises should be made using the form, 'Application for using Building Facilities for Dhamma Teaching/Meditation Programs'. A minimum of 5 members of the group/association must sign the application. At least two signatories to the Application must be current SLSBS financial members with a minimum of 2 years membership.
- In the case of an application by an association, a signatories must include the President and the Secretary, of the requesting Association. The designation of each signatory should be clearly defined.
- The application for the usage of temple facilities needs to be submitted to SLSBS, at least 12 weeks prior to the intended activity since application need to be tabled at a monthly SLSBS Committee meeting and approved.
- Requests should not conflict with regular activities at the Perth Sri Lankan Buddhist Temple such as Dhamma School on Sundays, Sheela and meditation programs on Saturdays and any alms giving/Pirith chanting arranged by devotees at the temple.
- Up to a maximum of 5 days per week can be allocated for a Dhamma function depending on the scheduled events at the Kenwick Sri Lanka Buddhist Temple.
- The Dana Hall is to be used to conduct the activities/sessions whilst the Budu-Madura is permitted to be used from 9AM to 5PM for one day during weekdays. Budu-Madura should be kept vacant for visitors/devotees for worship, unless during a Dhamma sermon.

Requirements of Invited Dhamma Teachers/Monks:

- Any invited monk from Sri Lanka, to deliver dhamma teachings at Perth Sri Lankan Buddhist Temple in person or in virtual mode should be a member of one of the two Nikayas and/or registered at the Ministry of Buddha Sasana in Sri Lanka. Documents to prove this standing must be attached to the application.
- All invited monks need to have received higher ordination (upasampada) from a recognized Chapter practicing Theravada Buddhism, of the domiciled country. A confirmation of this fact from the respective Dhamma Teacher's Temple Chief Monk, needs to be attached to the Application.

- Invited monks and speakers need to have maintained the integrity of the Theravada Buddhist Religion. They must not have preached Dhamma with controversial interpretations causing public disharmony. Any previous record of such occurrences in Australia or overseas would be considered as a reason for disqualification.
- Invited monks/speakers should not use Temple premises to promote any political party/activities in Australia, Sri Lanka or any other country or engage in any activity, including interviews with print/electronic media that is detrimental to ethnic harmony in Sri Lanka or any other country.
- Invited monks/speakers shall not be found convicted by court of law for any crime or found guilty of violating laws and regulations of the domiciled country or any other country, including Australia.
- Any invited monk shall not be found convicted for financial fraud in any country.
- Visiting monks/speakers conducting retreats should possess the relevant Australian Visa stipulations that permits the intended activity at Perth Sri Lankan Buddhist Temple premises.
- Visiting monks should carry their own Comprehensive medical cover, including ambulance cover, fully effective in Australia (on par with Medibank, Bupa, etc).

Function Requirements

- **The temple premises will be made available free of charge. As such, the collection of funds for any purpose from the attendees is prohibited at the Temple premises. Announcements of fund- raising activities are also not permitted during the proposed activity.**
- **SLSBS does not bear any responsibility towards the well-being and security of attendees.**
- **SLSBS shall not provide any residential facilities in their premises for visitors.**
- Ensure that all parties leave the premises within an hour after the scheduled program end-time.
- No rooms or space can be provided to store any items overnight.
- Ensure that no damages had been taken place to the building or any other.
- Ensure A/C, Heaters, unwanted lights switched off at end of the day.
- No chairs can be used at the Budu-Madura unless for attendees who have medical conditions.
- No food items should be served or displayed in the Budu-Madura.
- Devotees and monks should adhere to the traditions of Sri Lankan Theravada principles in their actions and attire.
- Rear gate should be used to enter the car park to avoid unnecessary blockage at Austin Avenue entrance.
- The premises should be used in a controlled manner and at all-times must refrain from creating excessive noise which may inconvenience neighbours of the temple.
- Parking will be allowed at designated parking bays only and strictly no unauthorised parking on verges and other non-designated parking areas..
- Attendees need to be inducted to fire exits and muster points before the commencement of the event every day.
- At least one trained First Aid officer should be arranged to be on site.
- Toilets, Kitchen, Hall area should be cleaned daily during and after the program.
- All garbage bins need to be emptied and removed from site daily.

This application may be amended by SLSBS as when required. Therefore, please request or use the latest version of this application.

All applications will be assessed for approval on an individual basis as per given guidelines, and if necessary adopting an external consultative process. The outcome will be informed within the 12-week period. Please note that SLSBS Committee decision will be final.

Please contact the President (0431645871) or Vice President Education - 0429415851 for any enquiries or clarifications.

Theruwana Saranai

SLSBS Committee.



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APPLICATION FOR USING BUILDING FACILITIES FOR DHAMMA TEACHING/MEDITATION PROGRAMS

1. Name of the Applicant:

2. Name of the Association:

(Please give names of at least 5 event organisers with their telephone numbers and their relevant roles in the group/association. At least 2 of these members should be current financial members of the SLSBS with a minimum membership period of two years.)

No.	Name	Role	Contact no.
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3. Reservation dates:

Date	Time	Program Details	Number of participants	Responsible person for the event

4. Name of the speaker:

5. Speakers address in his/her resident country:

6. If the speaker is a Sri Lankan Buddhist priest provide his /her registration number at the Ministry of Buddha Sasana:

(Please attach a letter of registration with Buddha Sasana and/or a letter from the Chief Prelate of the Nikaya)

7. If the speaker is a Buddhist priest his /her date of higher ordain-ship.:
8. Australian Visa category (If visiting Australia):
9. Health Insurance provider and insurance type (If visiting Australia):
10. Travel Insurance provider and insurance type (If visiting Australia):
11. Has the teachings of invited speaker caused public disharmony at any time? Please attach a statement if yes.
12. Is the invited speaker having any criminal convictions?
If Yes pl. explain.....
13. Is the invited speaker having any pending legal hearings at courts in his/her resident country or in any other country?.....
14. Pl. give in few sentences the details of the visiting speaker explaining his/her scholarliness to conduct the intended program

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The SLSBS cordially invites all participants of these dhamma sessions to become financial members of SLSBS. All membership contributions will further strengthen SLSBS potential to support dhamma learning, religious harmony and welfare of all visiting the temple.

- I as the person who is requesting hall booking and signed below, understand that I am fully responsible for the security of attendees as well as any damages to temple properties.
- I hereby confirm that I have read and understood all the conditions and guidelines mentioned under Guidelines and conditions. I assure that I and attendees will comply with aforesaid guidelines and conditions.

Name (Print)

Signature of the Applicant and Date:

Email id: