

University of Toronto World Cup 2026 Club (UTWC26)



**University of Toronto
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Article 1 – Name and Purpose

1.1 Name

The official name of the club shall be the **University of Toronto World Cup 2026 Club (UTWC26)**.

The official acronym of the club is **UTWC26**.

1.2 Purpose

- Toronto is one of the host cities for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, and both **FIFA** and the **Mayor of Toronto** have emphasized the importance of collaborating with local communities for the event. In a CityNews article, Mayor Olivia Chow highlighted the significance of community engagement, stating:

“ We have a responsibility to the people of Toronto to make these games a success not only in the lasting connections they build across communities, but also their financial success. ”

Therefore, our goal as members of UTWC26 is to take the lead in fostering a strong partnership between UofT, the City of Toronto, and FIFA. Additionally, we aim to organize various World Cup 2026-related events at UofT, bringing the excitement and cultural exchange of the tournament to our campus.

- After the conclusion of the FIFA World Cup 2026, the club shall continue with a new **mission**, which will be voted on by members. The **person whose idea is elected will become the President for the following year**, ensuring a dynamic and evolving purpose for the club.

UTWC26 aims to **promote**:

- Leadership, communication skills
 - Event planning and organizational skills
 - Marketing skills
 - Financial management skills
 - Hands-on technical experience
 - Cultural Awareness and Inclusivity
 - Innovation and Creativity
 - Community Management
 - Networking Opportunities
 - Collaboration and Collective Strength
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Article 2 – Membership and Membership Fee

2.1 Eligibility

- Membership is open to all registered **undergraduate and graduate** students at the University of Toronto.
- Some specialized bodies (e.g., the Tech & Innovation Team) may have eligibility restrictions based on relevant skills or academic background (e.g., only open to Engineering & CS students).
- The membership fee will be **0\$** per year.

2.2 Voting and Non-Voting Members

- **Voting Members:** All UofT student members who actively participate in UTWC26.
- **Non-Voting Members:** University of Toronto faculty, staff, alumni, and external community members may join but do not have voting rights.

2.3 Members rights

- All voting members have a right to attend all general meetings of members.
 - All voting members have a right to cast votes at all general meetings of members.
 - All voting members have a right to stand for election unless otherwise stated in this document.
 - All voting members have a right to cast votes in all group elections and referendums.
 - All voting members have a right to propose and vote on amendments to this constitution.
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Article 3 – Executive Committee

3.1 Structure and Appointment

- The **first Executive Team (2025-2026)** shall be appointed by the founding President.
- **After the first year, all Executive positions shall be elected**, with the new President being the **person whose proposed mission is voted as UTWC26's next focus**.
- More details on the **long-term governance structure** will be decided after the FIFA World Cup 2026 event.

3.2 Composition and Roles

- **President (Appointed by the founders for 2025-2026, then selected based on the next mission vote in following years)**
 - Sets the strategic vision and ensures the club remains aligned with its mission and objectives.
 - Represents UTWC26 in external meetings, partnerships, and collaborations with the University of Toronto, sponsors, and other stakeholders.
 - Acts as the main point of communication between UTWC26 and external organizations, including FIFA-related entities, UofT administration, and potential sponsors.
 - Mediates conflicts within the club and ensures fair decision-making in all executive matters.
 - Has the final say in tie-breaking votes during Executive Committee meetings.
 - Facilitates the transition of leadership at the end of the term by ensuring smooth onboarding and proper documentation of the next President and Executive Committee.
- **Vice-President (Appointed for 2025-2026, then elected in future terms)**
 - Acts as the second-in-command and supports the President in all club operations, assumes the responsibilities of the President in their absence.
 - Oversees the functioning of the Executive Committee and ensures that all teams meet their objectives efficiently.
 - Coordinates with the Collaboration Coordinator to ensure smooth communication between specialized bodies.
 - Helps manage relationships with external organizations, including sponsors, university officials, and FIFA-related entities.
 - Takes the lead in organizing major events and high-level club initiatives.
 - Supports recruitment efforts by helping to attract and onboard new members.
- **Treasurer (Appointed for 2025-2026, then elected in future terms)**
 - Prepares and maintains an accurate record of all club income and expenditures.
 - Develops and manages the club budget, ensuring funds are allocated appropriately with financial transparency.
 - Oversees funding applications and financial sponsorships from UofT and external organizations.
 - Provides financial reports to the Executive Committee and general members as needed.
 - Works closely with the President and Vice President to determine funding priorities and sustainability.
- **Secretary (Appointed for 2025-2026, then elected in future terms)**
 - Maintains all official club records, including meeting minutes, attendance, and documentation of decisions.
 - Organizes and schedules all club meetings, including Executive and General Meetings.
 - For inter-body meetings, the Secretary will work closely with the Collaboration Coordinator.
 - Ensures effective communication between the Executive Committee, Specialized Body Heads, and general members.

- Distributes agendas and meeting minutes to relevant parties.
 - Works closely with the Collaboration Coordinator to ensure members stay informed about club activities and updates.
 - **Collaboration Coordinator (Appointed for 2025-2026, then elected in future terms)**
 - Facilitates communication and collaboration between different Specialized Bodies to ensure cohesive club operations.
 - Organizes and leads regular inter-body meetings to assess progress, challenges, and areas for collaboration.
 - Acts as the primary liaison between the Specialized Body Heads and the Executive Committee.
 - Helps resolve inter-team conflicts and ensures that all teams work toward common goals.
 - Works closely with the Secretary to document and distribute key updates from inter-body meetings.
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Article 4 – Specialized Bodies

Each specialized body shall be **led by an elected Head**, responsible for:

- Making key decisions regarding project priorities, resource allocation, and internal workflows within their team.
- Coordinating closely with the **Member Representative** to ensure that the voices and concerns of general members are heard and addressed.
- Recruiting and selecting team members based on **relevant skills, experience, and willingness to contribute**.
- Organizing and leading regular internal meetings to track progress, discuss challenges, and delegate responsibilities.
- Attending inter-body meetings coordinated by the Collaboration Coordinator to align efforts across teams.

4.1 Selection of Specialized Body Heads

- **For the first year (2025-2026), Specialized Body Heads will be appointed by the Executive Team.**
- **In future years, Specialized Body Heads will be elected by UTWC26's general voting members.**
- Candidates for Specialized Body Head positions must submit an **application form** expressing their interest, relevant skills, and vision for the respective body.
- Once selected, each Head will be responsible for **recruiting members** to form their respective teams.

4.2 Recruitment Process for Specialized Bodies

- **General members will apply through an interest form**, in which they will outline their motivation, relevant experience, and how they wish to contribute to the team.
- Recruitment shall be conducted in a **fair, transparent, and non-discriminatory manner**.
- Heads shall ensure that member selection is based on **interest, willingness to contribute, and relevant skills**, rather than factors unrelated to merit.
- If necessary, Heads may conduct **interviews or assessments** to better understand applicants' strengths and role suitability.
- The **finalized member list must be shared with the Executive Committee** for transparency and oversight.

4.3 Member Representatives

- Each specialized body shall elect **one Member Representative** after members have joined that team.
- The Member Representative is **responsible** for:
 - Acting as the voice of general members in their respective body.
 - Bringing concerns, feedback, and suggestions from members to the Head of the specialized body.
 - Ensuring transparency and fair treatment of members within their team.
 - Helping coordinate logistics and participation for team initiatives.
- Member Representatives shall be elected through a **majority vote** by members of their respective specialized bodies.

4.4 Specialized Bodies and Responsibilities

Specialized Body	Responsibilities	Eligibility
Community Connections & Collaboration Team	Enhancing visitors and fans' experience, supporting local businesses and communities, fostering partnerships, and leading charitable initiatives	Open to all students
Tech & Innovation Team	Developing digital solutions, apps, or AI-based tools for event enhancement	Open to Engineering & CS students only
Event Planning Team	Organizing fan-related events, tournaments, and campus engagement	Open to all students

Specialized Body

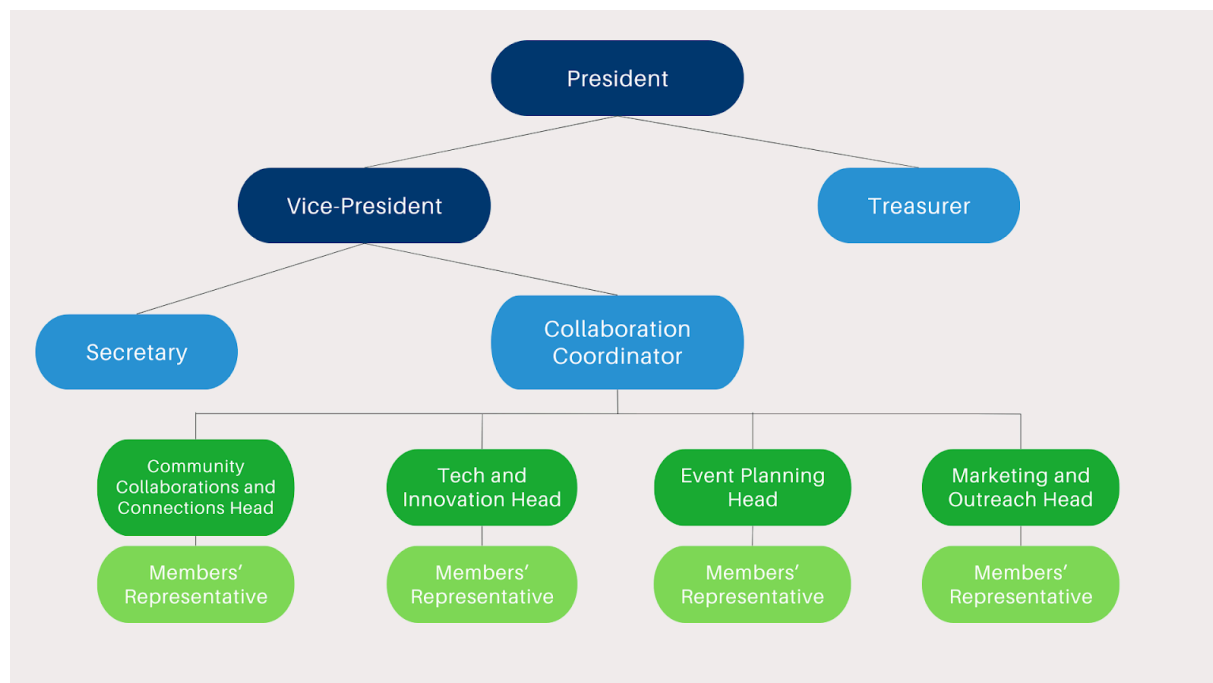
Responsibilities

Eligibility

Marketing & Outreach Team

Promoting UTWC26, managing social media, and engaging sponsors

Open to all students



Article 5 – Collaboration and Meetings

- Specialized Body Heads are required to **collaborate regularly** to ensure smooth execution of UTWC26 initiatives.
- The **Collaboration Coordinator will organize periodic meetings** between all Heads to:
 - Discuss progress and challenges.
 - Identify areas where collaboration between teams is needed.
 - Ensure that projects are aligned and efficiently executed.
- Heads must attend these meetings and **provide updates** on their teams' activities.
- The Collaboration Coordinator will be responsible for ensuring **smooth communication** between teams and escalating any inter-team issues to the Executive Committee.
- The Executive Committee must announce the date of a general meeting to the general membership at least **one (1)** week prior to the date of the meeting.
- The group shall hold general meetings at least **twice per year** to provide the general membership an opportunity to review the group's annual **activity plan, financial health**, and **propose or vote on constitutional amendments**.

- The Executive Committee shall meet **monthly**.
 - The quorum for Executive Committee meetings shall be **50%+1** of the voting members of the Executive Committee.
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Article 6 – Elections

- The **first Executive Team is appointed (2025-2026)**, but all future Executive positions shall be elected by a **majority vote of UTWC26 members**.
 - **For the first year (2025-2026), Specialized Body Heads will be appointed.**
 - **For subsequent years, Specialized Body Heads will be elected by UTWC26's general membership.**
 - The **student whose proposed mission is voted as the next focus of UTWC26 will become the new President.**
 - The structure and election processes **beyond 2026 will be finalized after the World Cup event.**
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Article 7 – Finances

- The Executive Committee must approve all expenditures over \$100.00 through a majority vote at a meeting of the Executive Committee.
 - The group may not engage in activities that are essentially commercial in nature.
 - The group will not have as a major activity a function that makes it an on-campus chapter of a commercial organization.
 - The group will not provide services and goods at a profit when that profit is used for purposes other than those of the group.
 - The group will not pay salaries to any of its officers.
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Article 8 – Termination of Executives or Members

- The Executive Committee may revoke the membership of any member of the club who commits an act negatively affecting the interests of the club and its members, including non-disclosure of a significant or continuing conflict of interest.
- A vote to revoke membership must be held at a meeting of the Executive Committee.
- A two-thirds majority of the Executive Committee is required to approve any motion to revoke membership.
- Any member facing removal shall have the right to appeal the decision of the Executive Committee to the general membership.