

# QUR'AN MEMORIZATION

Format: In-Person

Number of Levels: Three (3)

## Registration Guidelines:

1. Each level is treated as a separate competition and each level is gender segregated. For example, male competitors will register for Brothers Qur'an Memorization Level 1 and female competitors will register for Sisters Qur'an Memorization Level 1.
2. Each team may have a maximum of:
  - a. Two (2) male and two (2) female competitors for Level 1, 2, and 3.
3. If a student has competed in a Qur'an Memorization Level in the past, they must register for a higher level than previously registered.

Level 1	Surahs 1 (Surah Al-Fatiha), 78 (Surah An-Naba) - 114 (Surah An-Nas)
Level 2	Surahs 67 (Surah Al-Mulk) - 77 (Surah Al-Mursalaat) (in addition to all the above)
Level 3	Surahs 36 (Surah Ya-Seen), 55 (Surah Ar-Rahman), 56 (Surah Al-Waqiah) AND competitor's choice of Surah 12 (Surah Yusuf), 18 (Surah Al-Kahf), 19 (Surah Mariam), 20 (Surah Ta-Ha) (in addition to all the above)

## Procedure

1. Students are expected to memorize the portion of the Qur'an relevant to their level in Arabic and be able to recite from memory fluently.
  - a. Hafs (on the authority of Asim) is the recitation style to be utilized during the tournament.
2. Students may begin with Level 1 material in their first year of competition but may not repeat the same Level in subsequent years.
3. Judges will prompt students by reading a portion of a verse and students will be expected to continue the recitation until motioned to stop.
  - a. Judging will be based on three separate passages. Judges will choose all three passages to be tested on.
  - b. Passage length will be based on judges' discretion.
4. If the student is unable to continue reciting a passage after 5 seconds of silence, the judge may read a word (or few words) to help the student continue reciting.
  - a. If the student repeats the verse after being prompted from a judge once and is able to continue reciting without help, no points will be deducted.
  - b. If the judge reminds the student of the beginning of the current verse, which helps the student to start the verse over and continue reciting, only one point should be deducted. If the student is still unable to continue, the judge may remind the student of the next word(s).
  - c. 2 points should be deducted each following time the judge has to remind the student of the next word(s).
5. If the student is unable to continue reciting a passage from memory after three failed attempts, the judge may ask the student to proceed to the next passage, forfeiting the remaining portion of memorization points for that passage.
6. Judges are expected to immediately signal a student after a mistake was made with a pen tap (1 tap for minor mistakes and 2 quick taps for major mistakes) so the mistake is not lost.
7. If the mistake is corrected by the student immediately (within 5 seconds or before continuing with the next verse)

without being prompted in any way by the judge, one point is deducted.

8. After allowing time for a student to self-correct, a judge should audibly tap the table to indicate a mistake and allow the student a chance to recite the verse once more.
9. If a mistake is not corrected on the second reading of a verse, a judge may recite the correction.
  - a. The student may ask the judge for clarification.
  - b. If the student correctly fixes the mistake by reciting the correction from the judge, three points are deducted.
10. If the competitor is unable to fix the mistake after prompting by the judges, the mistake should be noted on the ballot with 1 points deducted for minor mistakes and 2 points for major mistakes.
  - a. If the mistake is in pronunciation and not in memorization, the mistake should be ignored if it recurs later so that each type of pronunciation mistake is only penalized once.
11. The maximum score a student can achieve is 96 points. In case of a tie, the judges may break an upto 5-way tie, by adding points in the tie breaker section to the tiebreaker portion at the bottom of the rubric.

### **Minor Mistakes**

- Heavy vs. Light - To overlook the rules of tafkheem and tarqeeq only when reciting the name of Allah and the letter Raa.
- Ghunnah - Not to adhere to the rules of izhaar, idghaam, iqlaab, ikhfaa, etc. in their respective places.
- Incorrect Makhraj or Sifat - Not to pronounce letters from the correct place of articulation and their respective qualities, including qalqala, etc.
- Prolongation - Not to prolong/stretch a letter when madd is present.

### **Major Mistakes**

- Addition - To add on letters to words or add entire words.
- Omission - To leave off letters from words or leave out entire words.
- Replacement - To replace a letter for another or replace entire words.
- Change Harakah - To change the fat'ha, dhamma, or kasra.
- To replace Harakah with Sukoon and vice versa.
- To replace a fat'ha, dhamma, or kasra with a saakin and vice versa.

## QUR'AN MEMORIZATION BALLOT

Unable to Continue		Mistakes	
Reminder of beginning of verse from judge	-1 point	Self-correction without being prompted	-1 point
Continuation of verse by judge	-2 points	Self-correction with audible tap	-2 points
Unable to continue at all	-10 points	Self-correction with recitation	-3 points
		Minor mistake not corrected	-1 points
		Major mistake not corrected	-2 points

	Mistakes & Tallies	Subtotal
Passage 1 Memorization		____ / 22 points
Passage 1 Pronunciation		____ / 10 points
Passage 2 Memorization		____ / 22 points
Passage 2 Pronunciation		____ / 10 points
Passage 3 Memorization		____ / 22 points
Passage 3 Pronunciation		____ / 10 points
Tie Breaker	Only add points to students who went through a tiebreaker for up to 5 people, otherwise students will get a 0 here	____ / 4 points

Total: \_\_\_\_/100 Points

Overall Judges Comments and Feedback

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