

## Geeta Chanting Competition Code

Geeta Chanting is a prayer and a celebration. All participants chant with the attitude of prayer in front of two judges in designated classrooms. Only the participants are allowed in the classrooms. Please see below for Presentation Guideline and Tips to prepare for the competition.

## Geeta Chanting Presentation

The '**Presentation**' aspect of Geeta Chanting competition draws judges focus on two key attributes: Dress and Attitude.

- **Dress:** Preferably, the participants should wear customary Indian dress. Other attire is acceptable as long as it is appropriate for a spiritual/prayer activity.
- **Attitude:** Participants should adorn a respectful and prayerful attitude during the entire chanting session (entry, chanting and exit).

**Format of the Competition:** Each Participant chant in front of two judges in a closed room.

## Tips to Prepare for Competition

**Pronunciation:** Sanskrit is the language for chanting the Geeta. Please pay close attention to Swamiji's pronunciation as you practice. Anglicized pronunciation of Sanskrit (or pronunciation influenced by other regional Indian languages) means loss of valuable points.

**Practice:** Pujya Swamiji has gone extra lengths to provide many means of practice for all age groups: YouTube, audio, booklet. A simple tip is to listen to the audio with a booklet in hand and listen again and again. In a short time, you will become intimate with the Chapter.

**Comprehension and Writing:** Read Sri Gurudev (Swami Chinmayananda) commentaries during your practice and preparation. As you grasp the meaning of what you are practicing, your intimacy with the Chapter will be even deeper. Pujya Guruji, Swami Tejomayananda explained knowledge as unstirred sugar in a tea cup. The tea becomes sweet only after we stir the sugar thoroughly. Listening and chanting places the knowledge in our minds. Comprehension and writing begin the stirring process for growth.