

# 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 Quran Memorization Level 1, and female competitors will register for Sisters Quran 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 Quran Memorization Level in the past, they must register for a level higher than previously registered.

Level 1	Surahs 1, 78-114
Level 2	Level 2 Surahs 36, 67-78 (in addition to all the above)
Level 3	Level 3 Surahs 55, 56 AND choice of Surah 12, 18, 19, 20 (in addition to all the above)

## Procedure

1. Students are expected to memorize the portion of the Quran 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. Students are expected to bring their own Qurans for the competition.
  - a. Annotations within the Quran will not be permitted. These include but are not limited to: highlighting, underlining, attaching post-its, and writing in the margins.
4. 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.
  - b. Passage length will be based on judges discretion but will not exceed a minute and a half.
5. 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 before being prompted from a judge 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. Two points should be deducted each time the judge has to remind the student of the next word(s).
6. 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.
7. Judges are expected to wait until the end of a verse or 5 seconds after a mistake (whichever is greater) before signaling the competitor that a mistake was made.
8. 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.

9. After allowing time for a student to self-correct, a judge should audibly tap their pen to indicate a mistake and allow the student a chance to recite the verse once more.
10. 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.
11. If the competitor is unable to fix the mistake after prompting by the judges, the mistake should be noted on the ballot with 5 points deducted for minor mistakes and 10 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.

### **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 the rules of izhaar, idghaam, iqLaab, ikhfaa, etc. in their respective places.
- Prolongation - Not to prolong / stretch a letter when madd is present.

### **Major Mistakes**

- Incorrect Makhraj or Sifat - Not to pronounce letters from the correct place of articulation and their respective qualities, including qalqala, etc.
- 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.

# QURAN 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	-20 points	Self-correction with recitation	-3 points
		Minor mistake not corrected	-5 points
		Major mistake not corrected	-10 points

	Mistakes & Tallies	Subtotal
Passage 1 Memorization		____ / 23 points
Passage 1 Pronunciation		____ / 10 points
Passage 2 Memorization		____ / 23 points
Passage 2 Pronunciation		____ / 10 points
Passage 3 Memorization		____ / 23 points
Passage 3 Pronunciation		____ / 10 points
Student brought personal Quran		____ / 1 point

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

Overall Judges Comments and Feedback

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