

ICEV 2021 ANNUAL QUR'AN MEMORIZATION COMPETITION



Assalamu Alaikum Dear Valued Community Member,

We would like to invite you to the Annual ICEV 2021 Ramadan Qur'an Memorization Competition. The objective of the competition is to instill love of reciting the Qur'an in the hearts of our children. Insha'Allah this will be an inspirational event for children alike. We are very excited for this event and hope parents will encourage and support students who are participating by joining us!

Because of the pandemic it is hard to conduct the program like we used to do in the last years. To accommodate everyone and for the safety of our children and their loved ones this year's competition format will be slightly different.

Please make sure to register your children as soon as possible. Please fill a separate form for each Participant. A single form submitted with multiple names will be rejected.

Registration Deadline April 3rd 2021

Group	Surah	Child's Age
A	(Surah #78) An-Naba (40 ayahs)	4-7 yrs
B	(Surah #68) Al-Qalam (52 ayahs)	8-12 yrs
C	(Surah #55) Ar-Rahman (78 ayahs)	13-15 yrs
D	(Surah #50) Qaaf (45 ayahs)	16-19 yrs

In any category, if there are more than 5 registered Participants, an online (virtual) competition will first take place to have five finalists. The Five finalists then will recite in-person in the ICEV Masjid.

The five finalists from each category will have to compete in person in the Masjid. Limiting the participants will help maintain social distancing.

Each group will be allocated a dedicated time slot to even further control the number of people in the Masjid.

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[Registration link](#)

1st Round (Virtual) Competition date

Sunday April 11th 2021 between Duhr - Asr

Zoom Meeting for Boys

<https://zoom.us/j/3633834284?pwd=K09DSGZIN1F2NHBKOEh2VGd4WUFYUT09>

Meeting ID: 363 383 4284

Passcode: 945036

Zoom Meeting for Girls

<https://zoom.us/j/4285614766?pwd=aTV6bU9LWnIIRUdNUVICL1IKU3ZIQTO9>

Meeting ID: 428 561 4766

Passcode: 7EL1wz

2nd Round (In person) Competition Date:

Saturday May 1st 2021 between Duhr - Asr

General Competition Rules for online and in-person competition:

- Children should not have participated before in any competition on their surah.
- Children who have previously participated anywhere for these surah's are not eligible.
- Huffadh leading Taraweeh are not eligible for competition.
- Huffadh not leading Taraweeh (under 20) can only participate in last category for Surah "Waqi'ah" regardless of age.
- Age based Category is allowed for participation only for non-Huffaz
- Children from all Masajids can participate as long they meet the competition rules criteria.
- Minimum age to participate is 4 years. kids less/ greater than specified age will not be allowed.
- Children cannot participate in more than one category.
- Tajweed rules will be judged by 'Hafs' Qira'at. If any child is following other Qira'at, inform the judges before recitation.
- If a child has not memorized his/her part, he/she can recite from the beginning of surah but 50% of Hifdh points will be deducted.
- If the student makes a mistake in memorization and corrects himself without being alerted by the judge, it will not count as a mistake.
- If the student makes a mistake in memorization or tajweed and corrects himself after being alerted by the judge, it will be counted as a one point deduction.
- If the student makes a mistake in memorization or tajweed and is not able to correct himself after being alerted by the judge, it will be counted as a two point deduction.
- Replacing a harakah with another is counted as a mistake in memorization.
- Substituting a letter for another such that it changes the meaning of the word is counted as a memorization mistake (e.g.: ت for ط or ظ for ض), unless there is a natural excuse.
- Elongating a harakah such that it sounds like a 'madd' letter, or making a 'madd' so short that it sounds like a harakah are considered tajweed mistakes.
- Omitting a shaddah will be counted as a mistake in memorization.
- For every category, the judge is expected to give a percentage out of 100, counting each mistake as one point (or two points) as directed above.
- for question please send email at quranschooladmin@icevmasjid.org

Rules for participants and their families for on-line event:

- The online competition will be held only for the categories who have more than five registered participants. Other categories will directly participate in the in-person event.
- The purpose of the online event is not to choose the winners, but to choose the finalists for the main in-person competition. The declared finalists will still have to participate in-person to win the prizes.
- The online competition and in-person competition will have the same surahs for given categories per the announcement, so candidates don't have to prepare two separate surahs for online and in-person events.
- Once five finalists are selected, they must come for in-person Competition in Masjid (ICEV) to determine final winner.
- The five finalists will be notified after the competition, but the ranking among those five finalists will not be disclosed. The final winners will be announced solely on the basis of their in-person performance.
- Each group for in-person completion will be allocated a time slot to come in Masjid (ICEV).
- Participants must be present during their category's allotted time slot.
- It is important that the surroundings in their home is quiet and without distractions during the competition.
- No babies, toddlers and young children should be around the participant when he/she is reciting.
- If the mic or camera is not working properly or if judges cannot hear the person clearly due to background noise etc, the participant may be requested to try once more at the end of the category. And if the judges are still not satisfied with the quality of the sound or picture, then they can disqualify the candidate due to inability to judge impartially.
- Children who are late/absent will be given a second chance at the end of their category. Once Category is done, they cannot participate anymore.
- Boys and Girls will read in the mic loudly so judges can clearly hear it.

- The camera should be ON and judges must be able to see the face of the candidate clearly
- The candidates should look right into the camera while reciting their surah
- Parents should make sure that there is NO open mushaf or electronic devices with surah on the screen around the candidate to accidentally look into it. Since judges cannot monitor the surroundings, it is up to the candidate and their family to make sure that the rules are followed and no improper help is given to the candidate while reciting. Allah S.W.T. is the best witness.
- The children will be called in the sequence they registered. No child will be entertained out of sequence; he/she has to wait for his/her turn.

Rules for participants and their families for in-person event:

- Each group will be allocated a time slot for completion.
- Participants must be present during their category's allotted time slot.
- It is important that the Masjid is quiet and without distractions during the competition.
- No babies, toddlers and young children are allowed in the prayer hall during the competition.
- Children who are late/absent will be given a second chance at the end of their category. Once Category is done, they cannot participate anymore.
- There is NO babysitting available for this event. Please make other arrangements for young children.
- Boys and Girls will read in the mic in front of all audiences.
- Boy's recitation will be in the main prayer Hall and girls in the basement.
- The children will be called in the sequence they registered. No child will be entertained out of sequence; he/she has to wait for his/her turn.

Tajweed Guidelines for online and in-person participants:

Group A:

- Only 'madd wajib' (muttasil, lazim) and 'al-ghunnah' for the letters 'noon' and 'meem' which have a shahddah will be graded for tajweed in this group (the rest of the tajweed rules will not be considered for grading).
- The judge will give a grade between 80-100% for the makharij category according to the overall performance of the participant's makharij.
- Sifat al-Huroof (e.g., hams, itbak) will not be graded except for al-qalqalah.
- Grading in this group will be focused primarily on correct reading and performance.

Group B :

- All tajweed rules will be assessed in this level, except the complicated rules for the letter "raa", or complicated 'tafkheem' and 'tarqeeq' rules which are difficult for most students to pronounce correctly; so they will be overlooked.

Groups C and D:

All rules will be required at this level.

-----Rubric for grading:-----

Groups	Tajweed (Including Makhrāj)	Hifdh	Overall performance
Group A	15%	70%	15%
Group B	20%	65%	15%
Group C	25%	60%	15%
Group D	25%	60%	15%
