

## ICEV Qur'an Competition Rules:

- Huffadh leading Taraweeh (reciting 15 juz or more in Taraweeh) are not eligible for competition.
- Eligible Huffadh not leading Taraweeh (under 21 yrs of age) can only participate in the Advanced category regardless of age. Huffaz who lead less than 15 juz in Taraweeh are considered 'not leading Taraweeh'.
- Age based Category is allowed for participation only for non-Huffaz
- Huffaz are allowed to participate in category F or G only, regardless of the age.
- Non-huffaz are allowed to choose a higher category from their age but not lower.
- Children from all Masajids can participate as long as they meet the competition rules criteria.
- Children cannot participate in more than one category.
- Tajweed rules will be judged by 'Hafz' Qira'at. If any child is following other Qira'at, inform the judges before recitation.
- If a child has not memorized his/her assigned part of the surah, 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/herself 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.
- All judges will independently score each participant and a total of all their scores will be used to rank the participants. All judges' scores will be equal weight, and their scores will be final. Administration or any Masjid Official can not change the scores after the fact.
- If there is a tie at one of the winning positions, judges may ask the tied candidates to recite again from a different part of their surah, at the end of the category, to break the tie. Participants are required to stay in the room till the category is complete. If a participant is required to recite again to break the tie, but he or she is not available at the call, he/she will lose the chance to win the prize.
- For questions please send email at [guranschooladmin@icevmasjid.org](mailto:guranschooladmin@icevmasjid.org)

## **Rules for participants and their families for the 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.
- Any adult or child who causes distraction during the competition will be requested to move out of the room.
- 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 participants:

### Group A and B:

- 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 C and D :

- 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 E, F and G

- All rules will be required at this level.

Note: Rules may be changed/updated during the admission process. Please check one week before the competition for final rules and guidelines.