



IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE GRACIOUS AND EVER MERCIFUL

## PROGRAMME FOR NATIONAL IJTEMA 2017

The theme for the National Ijtema this year will be:

### **Women in Islam**

#### **Tilawat Competition**

##### **Rules**

1. Participants will be given any portion from a Surah to recite.
2. Emphasis will be given on correct pronunciation and recitation.

##### **For New Converts**

Any four verses of their choice.

#### **Nazm Competition**

Any set of verses from the selection attached.

##### **Rules**

1. Participants can recite any set of verses from the prescribed selection
2. Emphasis will be given on pronunciation and melody

##### **For New Converts**

Any four verses of any poem

## **Speech Competitions**

**Please note that the speech competitions should be held at local and Regional levels only.**

***Group 1 15 - 30 years only***

***Group 2 30 +***

### **Topics**

1. Women in the Holy Qur'an.
2. Any one of the Umm al Mu'mineen (Noble wives of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup>) as an inspirational lady.
3. Role of Muslim women in today's society.
4. Equality of Women in Islam.
5. Islam empowers women to be equal partners in society.
6. Responsibilities of a Muslim woman.
7. Hazrat Ammajan – a role model for Ahmadi ladies.
8. Status of women in Islam compared to other world faiths.

### **For New Converts**

Why Islam/ Ahmadiyyat? Or any one of the above topics.

### **Rules**

1. Speeches will be limited to a maximum of **five minutes only**.
2. Participants must research and prepare their own speech.
3. Speeches can be delivered in either Urdu or English.
4. It is not essential to learn the speech by heart as participants will be allowed to bring with them 5 cards with bullet points.

## **Presentations from Regions at the National Ijtema**

Each Region will be required to do a group presentation instead of speeches on any one of the topics given for the speech competition. There should be at least four members in each group. Allocated time for the presentation is **eight minutes**. Judges and audience will be able to ask questions on the topic for **three minutes**. Please consult the Ta'leem Secretary regarding the topic to ensure that there is not too much repetition. Please note that additional marks will be given to those, who incorporate both Urdu and English, in their presentations.

## **Exhibition Competition**

Each Region will be given an opportunity to take part in the Exhibition. The exhibition should be put together by a group of Lajna from the Region and any form of multimedia, electronic devices, posters, banners etc. to may be used to make their exhibition effective. Regions will be allocated a topic from the centre for their exhibition. **Please note that each region will be allocated only one table for their exhibition.**

## **Quiz Competition**

Quiz competition this year will be based on "Kashti Nuh".

Please nominate one person from your Region.

Second Quiz Competition for under **Lajna under 30**.

The questions for this quiz will be based on the "Dini Malumat" book.  
Chapters 6-10

Please nominate one person from your Region.

## **Hifze Qur'an Competition**

Surah Al-Rahmaan

Please nominate one person from your Region for the Hifze Qur'an

competition.

**Additional Hifze Qur'an:** Part 30 of the Holy Qur'an

Regions should forward the names of those who have undertaken and completed the memorisation of Part 30 of the Holy Quran. Certificates will be awarded for achieving this.

### **English Poetry Competition**

Members of Lajna are invited to take part in the Poetry Competition.

- Poems recited can only be their own original work.
- Poems can be written in any style to a maximum of 12 lines.
- Poems should be of a religious nature.
- Names of participants should be sent in through their Regional Sadrs.

### **Bait Bazi**

Recitation from the following will be allowed:

- Durre Samin
- Kalame Mahmood
- Durre Adan
- Kalame Tahir
- Bukhare Dil

## **RULES FOR COMPETING AT LAJNA REGIONAL IJTEMA**

- All competitions should previously have been held at a local level.
- Only individuals achieving first position at Local level shall be allowed to compete at the Regional Ijtema.
- Where there is a tie for first position at local level only one name should be forwarded for Regional Ijtema.

NB: An individual who has already won first prize at any event at the National Level for the previous two consecutive years shall not be allowed to participate again in the same competition for the third year but may compete again in subsequent years. This rule will also apply in subsequent years after every two consecutive first positions.

### **Rules for New Converts (within last three years)**

Please note that the new converts are not required to compete at local levels first in order to compete at the Regional and National levels.

### **Participation Limits:**

Each competitor will be allowed to take part only in a **maximum of TWO competitions** out of: **Tilawat, Nazm, Speech** (either in English or Urdu) **and Extempore Speech** (either in English or Urdu).

NB: But for the **Quiz Competitions** there is no such limitation. A competitor who has taken part in two of the above competitions shall be allowed to take part in the Quiz Competition.