



NASIMCO

ANNUAL HOLY QUR'AN COMPETITION

MADRASAH INFO PACK



Announcing IQRA' NASIMCO's 1st Regional Qur'an Competition



Message from the Chairman

The pandemic has brought us many challenges this past year. On the same token, it has also presented us with many new opportunities. One such silver lining, is this inaugural Iqra NASIMCO CIL Qur'an competition.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to this competition under the NASIMCO umbrella, enhancing the connection of our children to the Holy Qur'an, and embracing their talents and skills.

Our role at NASIMCO is to provide a common platform for our centers and Madaris to network with each other for the communal benefit of all.

On behalf of the Office Bearers and Executive Councilors at NASIMCO, I wish you all a blessed and fulfilling experience.

Arif Jacksi

President, NASIMCO

Message from the Head of CIL

The Holy Qur'an is synonymous with Mahe Ramadhan. We are therefore truly blessed to have the opportunity this month of Mahe Ramadhan to unite the Madaris in North America to a common competition, centered around the Holy Qur'an.

While the apparent aim of this competition is to foster engagement of our children with the Holy Qur'an, our goals at the Madaris level are much higher and deeper. By your active participation in the competition, we are looking to unite the Qur'anic teaching community of our Madaris, boosting regional cooperation and resource sharing. The competition organizers include representatives from Madaris across the NASIMCO organization. The competition will help create connections which we hope will survive, thrive, and grow well after the competition is over.

We are excited at the opportunity to have you all participate and look forward to many more such events to come.

Kazim Pirmohamed

Head, Centre of Islamic Learning

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IQRA' - Read, in the name of your Lord



Our Mission

We are excited to host the first ever North American regional Qur'an competition for all our Madaris!

The competition affectionately named IQRA' recognizes the first word revealed to Prophet Muhammed (S) and the foundational importance given to reading in our faith.

Our aim is to encourage children in the community to excel in their knowledge and love of the Holy Qur'an, and bring them together in pursuing a noble action in the Month of the Qur'an.

We end with this beautiful prayer that Imam Ali (A) taught us:

O Allah: (please) expand my chest through the Qur'an

And use my body for the Qur'an

And enlighten my sight by the Qur'an

And make my tongue eloquent by the Qur'an

And help me carry out its duty as long as You keep me alive,

For there is neither power nor might save with You.

If you have any questions please feel free to get in touch with us by emailing iqra@nasimco.org

وَلِكُلِّ وُجْهَةٍ هُوَ مُوَلِّيهَا ۖ فَاسْتَبِقُوا الْخَيْرَاتِ
أَيْنَ مَا تَكُونُوا يَأْتِ بِكُمْ اللَّهُ جَمِيعًا
إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

Everyone pursues his goal. Compete with each other in performing good deeds. Wherever you are, Allah will bring you all together. Allah has power over all things.

Holy Qur'an (2:148)

Timeline & Key Dates



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RAJAB

SHA'BAAN

RAMADHAN

March 1:

- Iqra' Comp. Announced
- Madrasah Infopack Shared
- [Madrasah Registration Open](#)

April 1:

Online form available for Madrasah SPOC to nominate children who represent their Madrasah at Iqra'

April 24:

Recitation:
Group B
Group C

April 25:

Recitation:
Group D
Group E

May 7:

Memorization/Quiz:
Group A

May 8:

Memorization/Quiz:
Group B, Group C

May 9:

Memorization/Quiz:
Group D, Group E

May 12:

Iqra' NASIMCO Annual: Holy Qur'an: Competition Grand award ceremony via online program on Eid Night

March 1/2:

Madaris to announce competition, age groups, Surah's & stages to their Madrasah so children can start preparing

March 14:

Deadline for Madaris to register interest to participate and define single point of contact (SPOC) via this [online form](#)

April 1:

Registration open for Madaris to nominate children who will represent their Madrasah at Iqra'

April 10:

Deadline for Madrasah SPOC to nominate children who represent their Madrasah at Iqra'

March 1/2 to April 9: Madaris to run their independent competition to select Iqra' participants. This will NOT be managed by NASIMCO

Key:

● NASIMCO ACTIONS

● MADRASAH ACTIONS

MARCH

APRIL

MAY

Age Groups, Allocated Surahs and Standard Learning Resources

- **Group A:** Ages 4 – 5 | [Surah Al Feel](#) & [Surah Al Qadr](#)
- **Group B:** Ages 6 – 8 | [Surah At Teen](#) & [Surah Al Qadr](#)
- **Group C:** Ages 9 – 11 | [Surah Al A'laa](#) & [Surah Al Qadr](#)
- **Group D:** Ages 12 – 15 | [Surah At Taqweer](#) & [Surah Al Qadr](#)
- **Group E:** Ages 16 – 18 | [Surah Al Jumu'ah](#) & [Surah Ash Shams](#)
- **Group S:** Special Needs | Sura Al Ikhlaas &/OR Surah Al Qadr*

Important:

- The Gregorian age of the child on April 10, 2021 (Final date of registration) will determine their age group
- The Surah names above are linked to the learning resource for the Surahs Quiz (See next slide)
- *Details for Group S will be shared in due course. The idea is to keep this group open and flexible to enable those with special needs in our community to also have an opportunity to participate

Categories & Format



Category 1: Surah Memorization & Quiz

Surah Memorization

- Participants are required to memorize the allocated Surahs
- Testing can include recitation of the whole Surah or starting at a point in the Surah as requested by the judge

Surah Quiz

- Participants are required to gain an understanding of their allocated Surahs using the standard learning resource that is provided in this package on slide 5
- Participants will answer simple questions related to the Surah through a short quiz (Quiz format will be shared in due course)

Category 2: Holy Qur'an Open Recitation

Holy Qur'an Recitation

- Stage 2 is open to participants in Group B onward
- The judges will ask the participants to start reciting from any passage in the Holy Qur'an

Categories & Participant Breakdown per Madressa



- The Iqra' competition is made up of two categories as laid out below.
- Participants can take part in either, or both categories.
- Madaris are able to nominate a maximum of 4 children per category/group as outlined below.
 - This means for example, a Madrasah can have a maximum of 8 unique participants in age group C across category 1 & 2.
 - If on the other hand, a Madrasah nominates one of the students to participate in both categories, it will mean they will have 7 unique participants in that age group across both categories.

Category 1: Surah Memorization & Quiz

- **Group A1: Ages 4 - 5**
 - 2 Boys & 2 Girls
- **Group B1: Ages 6 - 8**
 - 2 Boys & 2 Girls
- **Group C1: Ages 9 - 11**
 - 2 Boys & 2 Girls
- **Group D1: Ages 12 - 15**
 - 2 Boys & 2 Girls
- **Group E1: Ages 16 - 18**
 - 2 Boys & 2 Girls

Category 2: Holy Qur'an Open Recitation

- **Group B2: Ages 6 - 8**
 - 2 Boys & 2 Girls
- **Group C2: Ages 9 - 11**
 - 2 Boys & 2 Girls
- **Group D2: Ages 12 - 15**
 - 2 Boys & 2 Girls
- **Group E2: Ages 16 - 18**
 - 2 Boys & 2 Girls

IQRA' Judging Criteria

Participants for both, the memorization & recitation competitions, will be assessed on four categories as follows:

- Makharij: recites with correct pronunciation of the Arabic letters
- Tajweed: applies the rules of Tajweed
- Fluency: recites fluently in a regulated manner
- Style: recites with a pleasant voice and melody

Additional Preliminary Information



- Please announce the competition and share the age groups, Surahs and other relevant information to your Madrasah at the earliest opportunity
- Madaris are required to register their interest in participating latest by 23.59 EST on March 14, 2021 by submitting the [following form](#). The form only requires confirmation of interest and providing a single point of contact (SPOC) for the main competition
- The SPOC will be required to nominate children representing their respective Madrasah on a registration form that will be available between April 1 to April 10, 2021
- Madaris are requested to run their own preparation and testing during between March 1 - April 9, 2021 in order to select their participants. This preparation/selection/testing is the responsibility of each individual Madrasah and will not be managed by NASIMCO
- If you have any questions please feel free to get in touch with us by emailing igra@nasimco.org



Competition Details

Join us for a Qur'an Memorization, Qur'an Recitation, & Qur'an Tafseer Competition. This competition will take place during the Holy Month of Ramadhan 1442.

Registration Information

Registration is open to all NASIMCO Madaris for students 4-18 years old. Registration details will be sent directly to your local Madaris.

Contact Us

For more information, please reach out to us via Twitter, Instagram, or Facebook @nasimcorg or email us at iqra@nasimco.org

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