



# AL NOOR QURAN COMPETITION 2014



Asalamu alaikum Dear Parents and Community Members,

In this packet you will find the information regarding the Quran Competition levels, guidelines, rules and grading system. Please note that this year we have a competition track strictly for recitation (reading) as well as the usual memorization track.

## INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES:

- **The Al Noor Quran Competition is open to all children in the Shreveport/Bossier City Community as well as neighboring communities such as Ruston, Monroe, Alexandria and Tyler.**
- The Quran competition will be held this year Insha'allah in two separate tracks:
  - **Memorization Track:** All contestants who register for the memorization track should be familiar with the Surahs assigned to their level.
  - **Recitation (Reading) Track:** All contestants who register for the recitation track should be able to recite Quran with basic Ahkam Altajweed ( Ahkam Alnoon Alsaakinah, Ikhfaa, Idhaar and Mad). There will be one Surah assigned to them and they will be only asked to recite (read) that Surah.
- Participants are required to register at the appropriate level for their age and knowledge. Sunday school students must register according to their grade level in the school or at a higher grade level, but will be restricted from entering any level below their grade.
- There will be a **PRE-COMPETITION SCREENING DAY** where ALL contestants are tested, then a group of finalists from each level will move on to the main competition day to compete for the prizes. Contestants in neighboring communities can be pre-screened at their local Masjid or Sunday school with coordination with Al Noor Quran Competition organizers.
- Parents monitoring memorization **at home** is **ESSENTIAL** to prepare the contestant for the screening day.
- All contestants should know **Surat Al-Fatiha** and may be asked to recite during the competition.
- In addition to memorization and recitation, there will be one bonus question regarding Quran or Islamic knowledge asked to each contestant. A study guide with all the possible questions that could be asked and the corresponding answers will be given out and available on the school website prior to the competition date.
- ALL participants will be awarded, in addition to **SPECIAL PRIZES** for the winners.
- There will be no registration for Quran competition after the February 9 deadline.

### Important Dates:

**January 26, 2014:** Registration deadline (\$10/ person)

**February 9, 2014:** Late registration deadline (\$20/ person)

**February 23, 2014:** Screening day

**March 23, 2014:** Competition day

## Memorization Track Levels

Levels & recommended ages		QURAN
Level A	6-8 years	Surat Al Nas ----- Surat Al Feel
Level B	8-10 years	Surat Al Nas ----- Surat Al Qadr
Level C	10-13 years	Surat Al Nas ----- Surat Al Borooj
Level D	13-16 years	Surat Al Nas ----- Surat Al Naba (30 <sup>th</sup> Juz)



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REGISTRATION FORM

**Track:**

- Memorization  
 Recitation (Reading)

**Contestant's Complete Name:**

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First Middle Last

**Age of contestant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Best phone no.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Facebook name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Registration:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If Memorization, Contestant's level is?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration fee payment (\$10):** Complete \_\_\_\_\_ Incomplete \_\_\_\_\_

**Late registration:** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_



# Memorization Track Rules:

1. Contestants are divided into levels A-D.
2. There will be an average of 5 minutes per contestant.
3. Contestants will be asked to start from the beginning of a Surah in all groups except group C and D (which may be asked to start from anywhere within a Surah)
4. Contestants will be asked to recite from memory from any of the Surahs assigned to their level.
5. Each contestant will be asked 5 questions (areas to recite).
6. Each contestant will recite 7 Ayahs from each Surah randomly chosen by the judges.
7. If the Surah is less than 7 Ayahs then the contestant will finish the Surah and the next question will be asked.
8. The contestant must start with Ta'awwodh and then Basmallah at the beginning. Next Surahs can be started with Basmallah only. If the contestant is asked from the middle of the Surah, then Ta'awwodh alone is enough.
9. Point system: Each contestant starts with 100 points and points are subtracted according to the mistakes.
  - a. Forgetting the Ayah all together: - 10 points
  - b. Remembering the rest of the Ayah after initial help: - 5 points
  - c. Forgetting a word in an Ayah: - 3 points
  - d. Pronouncing a word wrong: - 2 points
  - e. Forgetting Ta'awwodh or Basmallah: -1 (for each Surah that it's missed on)
10. No Tajweed rules will be tested, however a contestant who knows Tajweed rules well to some extent will get + 5 points at the end.
11. In addition to memorization, each contestant will be asked one bonus question regarding Quran or Islamic knowledge worth **5 extra points** (there will be no penalty for getting it wrong). A study guide for these questions can be found on the school website ([www.alnoorsundayschool.org](http://www.alnoorsundayschool.org)) prior to the competition date.
12. The contestant with the highest points will be announced as the winner (1st, 2nd and 3rd place) in each level.
13. Each contestant must obtain at least 50 points to be announced as a winner.

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LEVEL		QURAN	
Level A	6-8 years	Surat Al Nas -----	Surat Al Feel plus surat Al Fatiha
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Level D	13-16 years	Surat Al Nas -----	Surat Al Naba (30 <sup>th</sup> Juz)



## Recitation (Reading) Track Rules:

1. All contestants will be in one level, with no division between ages or grades.
2. Contestants will be asked to recite (read) from any part of **Surah Al-Rahman** and will be expected to open the Qur'an to the appropriate page to begin.
3. Each student will recite 10 Ayahs randomly chosen by the judges.
4. Correct recitation and basic Ahkam Altajweed will be tested ( Ahkam Al-Noon AlSakinah, Madd, Tanween, Makharij Alhorooof)
5. All Recitations should start with Ta'awwodh and Basmallah if starting from the beginning of the Surah. If starting from the middle of the Surah, start with Ta'awwodh and begin the recitation.
6. Point system: Each contestant starts with 100 points and points are subtracted according to the mistakes.
  - a. Incorrect reading of a word: -5
  - b. Minor mistake in pronouncing a word (eg. Forgetting a Fatha etc...): -3
  - c. Mistake in Ahkam Altajweed: -2 points
  - d. Forgetting Ta'awwodh or Basmallah: -1
7. In addition to recitation, each contestant will be asked one bonus question regarding Quran or Islamic knowledge worth **5 extra points** (there will be no penalty for getting it wrong). A study guide for these questions can be found on the school website ([www.alnoorsundayschool.org](http://www.alnoorsundayschool.org)) prior to the competition date.
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