



### **Participation Criteria**

There is **NO** criterion to be met for Ijtema participation. Any Nasirat can take part in LOCAL Ijtema and may do so for any THREE competitions. NO requirement for Nasirat to have passed the syllabus stage tests prior to participation in Ijtema.

### **Competitions**

At LOCAL level Ijtema, Nasirat may participate in any THREE of the following competitions: Tilawat, Urdu Speech, English Speech and Hifz-e-Nazm.

Nasirat may only participate in TWO competitions at the REGIONAL level (excluding Hifz-e-Qur'an)

If they achieve 1<sup>st</sup> position in all three competitions at LOCAL level, they must choose to compete in only TWO competitions at REGIONAL level.

Only ONE name per competition should be sent forward from the REGIONAL competition onto NATIONAL level competitions. If there is joint 1<sup>st</sup> positions in any competition, then a decision must be made at REGIONAL level (BEFORE announcing names of joint 1<sup>st</sup>) between the two by calling back the judges (of that competition) and asking them to vote for the one name they think should go forward to NATIONAL level. The deciding factor would be at least two judges agreeing on ONE girl who then goes forward to compete at NATIONAL Ijtema.

Please note, if the 1<sup>st</sup> position holder is unable to attend REGIONAL or NATIONAL Ijtema competition due to a strong valid reason, then 2<sup>nd</sup> position holder should attend, if 2<sup>nd</sup> is unable to attend then 3<sup>rd</sup> position holder should attend. Every region should try and encourage participation in all competitions. For the competitions with low or no participation, names will NOT be taken on random/recommendation basis.

Hifz-e-Qur'an competition is open to all Nasirat and will be held at LOCAL level and prizes awarded At REGIONAL level. Hifz-e-Qur'an syllabus is attached in the Ijtema syllabus under each age group.

Entrants in the speech competition must write their own speeches as far as possible, but may take guidance from adults.

All entries must be in accordance with the National Ijtema Syllabus UK.

### **General Behaviour**

All Nasirat should listen quietly and respectfully to all competitions. They should sit with their heads covered, especially during Tilawat competitions and through Huzoor's (aba) keynote address

Competitors receiving prizes should have their heads covered, say Salaam and then accept the prize with the right hand and remember to say Jazakumullah.

### **Rules for the selection of Judges at Ijtema**

Judges must be chosen for their appropriate knowledge. They should not be chosen at the last minute. The organisers of the Ijtema must sit down with a list of potential names to short list judges for each competition. Selected Judges for each competition should be informed in good time and must confirm attendance prior to the Ijtema. It is good practice to keep a few names on standby in case a judge is no longer able to attend the Ijtema.

Judges for Hifz-e-Qur'an must be patient and not rush the girls

All judges must be given the same criteria and instructions for judging in order to make the competitions fair for all. All decisions made by the Judges must be counted as final.