



LUMS
RELIGIOUS FESTIVAL
OFFICIAL STUDY GUIDE



MIZMAAR-E-DAWOOD

INTRODUCTION

Every category at LRF has a unique emotion tied to it. Mizmaar e Dawood is where this emotion and the rhythm of sound coincide. It is a celebration of spirit and soul, where we explore different themes that gives people a stronger connection and reflection of this emotion.

CATEGORIES

Naat: This category is an expression of love, reverence, and deep emotional connection with Allah and his Messenger ﷺ. In its essence, it is not about vocal strength alone, but about sincerity, humility, and heartfelt praise.

Qirat: This category represents the sacred responsibility of reciting the Qur'an with care, precision, and understanding. It is a discipline rooted in technique and respect for the divine word, where every verse is delivered with clarity and is contemplated on with devotion and a pure intention to act upon its guidance.

AWARDS

For each of the 2 categories, there will be a Male winner, a Male runner up, a Female winner, and a Female runner up. There will also be a single additional Best Junior Award across both categories.

EVENT STRUCTURE

Both categories will be conducted within a single round, where Qirat will be conducted first on a single day followed by Naat.

Qirat:

- The participant has total freedom to recite whatever they please, but choosing difficult verses may give them an edge in the case of a tie

Naat:

- There is no distinction with what you recite, however it must not violate the rules listed below

In both categories, Atqan or pausing to correct yourself will NOT be penalized in any way.

NAAT

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "Whoever possesses the following three qualities will have the sweetness (delight) of faith:

1. The one to whom Allah and His Apostle becomes dearer than anything else.
2. Who loves a person and he loves him only for Allah's sake.
3. Who hates to revert to disbelief as he hates to be thrown into the fire."

- (Mutafaqun Ilaiq / Agreed Upon)

General Guidelines:

- This will be an individual competition with separate categories for male and female participants.
- Each participant will be given 3 minutes. Any time exceeded will result in a deduction of marks.
- Reciting from a paper or your phone is allowed.
- Only Naats about Sana e Rasool and Hamd are allowed.
- Other Naats like Marsia, Muqabat, and others are not allowed.
- Naats delivered in a song-like style will not be allowed.
- Naats must be recited in Urdu.
- The scoring for each person will be based upon the criteria below, given in order of the total number of points they carry (30, 25, 25, and 20 respectively).

Judging Criteria:

- Pronunciation and articulation
- Rhythm, Melody, and steady pace
- Voice quality and audibility
- Selection of Kalaam

الَّذِينَ أَتَيْنَاهُمُ الْكِتَبَ يَتْلُونَهُ، حَقٌّ تِلَاقُتِهِ تِلَاقُتِهِ أُولَئِكَ يُؤْمِنُونَ بِهِ ...

Those to whom We have given the Book, recite it with its true recital. They [are the one who] believe in it. (2:121)

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكِّرَ اللَّهُ وَجِلَتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ وَإِذَا تُلِيَتْ عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتُهُ زَادَتْهُمْ إِيمَانًا وَعَلَى رَبِّهِمْ يَتَوَكَّلُونَ {2}

The 'true' believers are only those whose hearts tremble at the remembrance of Allah, whose faith increases when His revelations are recited to them, and who put their trust in their Lord. (8:2)

... وَرَتِّلِ الْقُرْءَانَ تَرْتِيلًا {4}

... and recite the Quran slowly and distinctly. (73:4)

General Guidelines:

- This will be an individual competition with separate categories for male and female participants.
- Each participant will be given 2 minutes (maximum 2:15). Any time exceeded will result in a deduction of marks.
- Reciting from a Quran or your mobile phone is allowed.
- Tartil, Tadveer, and Hadar are all allowed, however it is preferred that you recite with Tartil
- The goal should be to recite in a slow paced manner and reflect upon the ayat that we are reciting, because after all:

كِتَبٌ أَنْزَلْنَاهُ إِلَيْكَ مُبَرَّكٌ لَّيَدَبَرُواْ آيَاتِهِ وَلِيَتَذَكَّرَ أُولُوا الْأَلْبَابِ {29}

'This is' a blessed Book which We have revealed to you 'O Prophet' so that they may contemplate its verses, and people of reason may be mindful. (38:29)

- The scoring for each person will be based upon the criteria below, given in order of the total number of points they carry (40, 30, 20, and 10 respectively).

Judging Criteria:

- Pronunciation and articulation
- Rhythm, Melody, and steady pace
- Voice quality and audibility
- Selection of Kalaam