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IIC International Islamic College

National Quran Competition 2026

Terms and Conditions of Participation

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1. Introduction

These Terms and Conditions govern participation in the IIC International Islamic College National Quran Competition 2026 (hereinafter referred to as "NQC 2026" or "the Competition"). The Competition is organised and administered by IIC International Islamic College (hereinafter referred to as "the College" or "IIC").

By registering for NQC 2026, participants and their parents or guardians (where applicable) are deemed to have read, understood, and agreed to be bound by these Terms and Conditions in their entirety. Failure to comply with any provision set out herein may result in disqualification or withdrawal of participation at any stage.

These Terms and Conditions should be read in conjunction with the College's Privacy Policy (v2.0), Safeguarding Policy (v1.0), and Media and Consent Policy (v1.0), all of which form part of the overall governance framework for NQC 2026.

Registration for NQC 2026 is free of charge. The registration deadline is Saturday, 20 June 2026.

2. Eligibility

2.1 Participant Categories

For the purposes of these Terms and Conditions, age is determined as of the registration deadline: Saturday, 20 June 2026. NQC 2026 is open to participants across the following categories:

Category	Participants	Requirements
Boys and Girls, aged 6 to 9	Open to both male and female participants	Parental consent and father's supervision required at all stages
Boys, aged 10 to 17	Male participants only	Parental consent and father's supervision required at all stages
Adults, aged 18 and above	Male participants only	No additional supervision requirement

The competition is organised in accordance with the religious ethos and safeguarding framework of the event. Participation categories for older age groups reflect the Islamic values and safeguarding requirements governing this Competition.

The Competition Administration Team reserves the right to verify eligibility at any stage and to disqualify any participant found to be ineligible.

2.2 Memorisation Categories

Participants must register in the memorisation category that accurately reflects their level of memorisation. The available categories and their eligibility criteria are as follows:

Category	Memorisation	Eligible Participants
A — Full Quran	Complete memorisation of the Quran	Boys and adults of all eligible ages
B — 20 Ajzaa	Memorisation of 20 parts	Boys and adults of all eligible ages
C — 10 Ajzaa	Memorisation of 10 parts	Boys aged 6 to 17
D — 5 Ajzaa	Memorisation of 5 parts	Boys aged 6 to 14

E — Juzz Amma (30th Juz)	Memorisation of the 30th Juz	Boys and girls aged 6 to 9
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Registering in a category above the participant's actual level of memorisation constitutes a breach of these Terms and Conditions and may result in disqualification.

2.3 General Eligibility Conditions

- The participant must be registered in the correct memorisation category as specified in the registration form
- The participant must be able to recite their selected portion entirely from memory
- The participant must provide valid proof of identity as required under Stage 1
- The participant must not be a current or former winner of the same category in a previous NQC edition, unless otherwise specified by the Competition Administration Team

2.4 Identification

All applicants are required to submit valid identification as part of Stage 1: Registration and Identity Verification. Accepted documents are:

- Passport accompanied by a recent photograph of the participant
- Driving Licence (applicable to participants aged 17 and above) accompanied by a recent photograph
- Birth Certificate accompanied by a recent photograph of the participant

All identification details must be legible and correspond with the information on the registration form. The Competition Administration Team reserves the right to request further documentation where verification cannot be satisfactorily completed.

3. Registration

3.1 Registration Process

Registration must be completed via the official Microsoft registration form provided by the College. Registration is free of charge. The registration deadline is Saturday, 20 June 2026. Registrations received after this date will not be accepted unless an extension is formally communicated by the Competition Administration Team.

It is the responsibility of the participant or their parent or guardian to ensure all information submitted is accurate and complete.

3.2 Media Consent at Registration

During registration, participants and their parents or guardians will be asked to provide or withhold explicit consent for the use of photographs, video recordings, and other media for promotional purposes. This consent is collected by way of a dedicated consent option on the registration form.

Where consent is not given, the College will take reasonable steps to ensure that the relevant participant is not included in promotional media, though this cannot be guaranteed in all circumstances during live events. Consent may be withdrawn at any time by contacting the Competition Administration Team. Withdrawal of consent applies to future use only and does not affect any use that has already occurred.

3.3 Confirmation of Registration

Receipt of a registration confirmation email does not constitute formal approval of participation. Registration is subject to the successful completion of Stage 1: Identity Verification. The College reserves the right to decline any registration at its absolute discretion.

3.4 One Registration Per Participant

Each participant may submit only one registration. Duplicate registrations will be identified and removed. Where multiple registrations are detected, the Competition Administration Team will determine which, if any, registration is valid.

4. Competition Stages

NQC 2026 is structured across four stages. Progression is subject to satisfying the relevant requirements and achieving the standard determined by the judging panel.

1. **Stage 1 — Registration and Identity Verification** — All applicants must submit valid identification documents via the designated Microsoft SharePoint link. Participants who do not complete this stage will not be permitted to proceed.
2. **Stage 2 — Video Submission and Review** — Verified participants must submit a video recitation in accordance with the specifications set out in Section 6 of these Terms and Conditions.
3. **Stage 3 — Online Internal Semi-Finals** — Participants successful at Stage 2 will be invited to the Online Internal Semi-Finals, conducted remotely before a panel of expert judges.
4. **Stage 4 — Grand Finals** — Participants shortlisted from the Semi-Finals will be invited to the Grand Finals, held in person at Masjid Taqwa, Leicester.

5. Judging and Assessment

5.1 Judging Panel

All stages will be assessed by a panel of qualified expert judges appointed by the College. The composition of the judging panel is at the sole discretion of the College.

5.2 Assessment Criteria

- Accuracy and precision of memorisation
- Fluency and continuity of recitation
- Correct application of tajwid rules
- Overall recitation quality and presentation

5.3 Decisions

All decisions made by the judging panel are final and binding. The College will not enter into correspondence regarding individual judging decisions. The College reserves the right to amend the assessment criteria at any stage, provided reasonable notice is given where practicable.

6. Video Submission Requirements

6.1 General Requirements

All video submissions must comply strictly with the following specifications. Videos that do not meet these requirements may be rejected without review:

- The recording must be made using a mobile phone
- The video must be filmed in portrait (vertical) orientation throughout
- The participant's full body must be visible for the entire duration of the recording

- The recitation must be delivered entirely from memory — no physical or digital copy of the Quran is permitted on screen or within reach during recording
- The video must be exactly two (2) minutes in duration
- The recording must be a single, continuous take — no pausing, restarting, or resumption is permitted
- No editing, cuts, filters, overlaid audio, background music, or post-production modifications are permitted

6.2 Recitation Content

- Participants must recite from the memorisation category selected during registration
- Only one video submission is permitted per participant
- Resubmission will not be accepted unless specifically requested by the Competition Administration Team

6.3 Submission Method

All video submissions must be uploaded exclusively via the secure Microsoft SharePoint link provided by the Competition Administration Team. Video files must not be submitted by email or WhatsApp.

6.4 Technical Failures

The College is not responsible for failed uploads, internet interruptions, corrupted files, incomplete transfers, or technical submission failures that are outside its reasonable control. It is the responsibility of the participant to ensure that their submission is successfully completed via the designated SharePoint link and to allow sufficient time for upload before any applicable deadline. The College will make reasonable efforts to assist participants experiencing genuine technical difficulties where notified promptly.

6.5 Participants Under 18

For participants under the age of 18, the video recording must be made under the direct supervision of the participant's father, in accordance with the safeguarding requirements confirmed during registration and set out in the Competition's Safeguarding Policy.

7. Prizes and Awards

7.1 Prize Structure

Monetary prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third placed participants in each memorisation category at the Grand Finals. The prize structure is as follows:

Category	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
A — Full Quran	£5,000	£2,000	£1,500
B — 20 Ajzaa	£2,000	£700	£300
C — 10 Ajzaa	£1,000	£400	£150
D — 5 Ajzaa	£500	£250	£100
E — Juzz Amma	£300	£150	£75

7.2 Payment of Prizes

All monetary prizes will be paid within six (6) months of the conclusion of the Grand Finals, via bank transfer to the account details provided by the prize recipient. For participants under the age of 18, payment will be made to their parent or guardian.

It is the responsibility of the prize recipient to provide accurate and complete bank account details to the Competition Administration Team. The College accepts no liability for delays or failures in payment resulting from the provision of inaccurate account details.

Prizes will not be paid until valid bank account details have been received. Failure to provide these details within three (3) months of the Grand Finals will result in the prize being forfeited.

7.3 Conditions of Award

- The participant must have competed in full compliance with these Terms and Conditions at all stages
- The participant must have been present at the Grand Finals and completed their assessed recitation
- The participant must not be subject to any ongoing investigation for breach of these Terms and Conditions at the time of payment
- For participants under 18, the prize will be paid to the parent or guardian

7.4 Tax Liability

Prize recipients are solely responsible for any tax liability arising from the receipt of a monetary prize. The College accepts no responsibility for any income tax or other fiscal obligations that may arise. Recipients are advised to seek independent financial or tax advice if required.

7.5 Non-Transferability

Prizes are non-transferable and may not be exchanged for any alternative award, cash equivalent, or credit. If a prize cannot be paid due to ineligibility or disqualification, the College reserves the right to reallocate the prize at its absolute discretion.

7.6 Certificates and Recognition

All finalists will receive a certificate of participation. Prize winners will receive a certificate of achievement acknowledging their placing. The College reserves the right to present awards in any format it considers appropriate.

8. Disqualification

Disqualification may occur at any stage, including after an award has been announced or a prize paid, if a breach is identified retrospectively. Any prize paid to a disqualified participant must be returned to the College in full.

8.1 Grounds for Disqualification

The Competition Administration Team reserves the right to disqualify any participant, without prior notice, on any of the following grounds:

Identification and Registration Breaches

- Submission of false, fraudulent, or altered identification documents
- Providing inaccurate personal information on the registration form
- Registering in an incorrect age or memorisation category

- Submitting multiple registrations for the same competition

Video Submission Breaches

- Submitting a video that does not comply with the specifications in Section 6
- Recording the recitation with reference to a physical or digital copy of the Quran
- Submitting an edited, manipulated, or post-produced recording
- Submitting a recording made by or on behalf of another individual
- Submitting more than one video recording

Conduct and Behaviour

- Conduct found to be offensive, disrespectful, or contrary to Islamic values at any stage
- Any attempt to influence, mislead, or improperly communicate with judging panel members
- Any attempt to interfere with the registration, submission, or judging process
- Failure to comply with the instructions of the Competition Administration Team or event staff
- Use of abusive, threatening, or inappropriate language or behaviour directed at any participant, judge, volunteer, or representative of the College

Safeguarding Breaches

- Failure to comply with the safeguarding requirements for participants under 18, including the requirement for father's supervision at relevant stages
- Any behaviour or circumstance deemed to constitute a safeguarding concern, as determined by the College

Finals Attendance Breaches

- Failure of a participant under 18 to attend the Finals accompanied by their father or a confirmed mahram guardian
- Failure to comply with the conduct and modesty standards required at the Finals venue

8.2 Procedure

Where the Competition Administration Team determines that grounds for disqualification exist, the participant will be informed as soon as reasonably practicable. The decision of the Competition Administration Team is final. No appeal process is available, except at the sole discretion of the College.

8.3 Return of Prizes and Awards

In the event of disqualification after a prize or certificate has been issued, the College reserves the right to require the return of any monetary prize in full and the return of any physical award or certificate. The College may reallocate the prize to another participant at its absolute discretion.

9. Withdrawal

Participants who wish to withdraw must notify the Competition Administration Team promptly via the designated contact channels. Withdrawal will be confirmed in writing. No penalty will be applied for voluntary withdrawal; however, once withdrawn, re-entry to the same competition cycle will not be permitted without express approval from the Competition Administration Team.

Withdrawal after the Grand Finals does not entitle a participant to any prize that may have been determined by the judging panel.

10. Finals Attendance

10.1 Venue

The Grand Finals will be held in person at Masjid Taqwa, Leicester. Full details of the venue address, date, and programme will be communicated to qualifying participants in advance.

10.2 Travel and Transport

Participants and their families are responsible for arranging and funding their own travel to and from the Finals venue unless otherwise expressly stated by the Competition Administration Team. The College accepts no liability for travel costs, delays, or arrangements made by participants or their families in connection with attendance at the Finals.

10.3 Guardian Requirement

All participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by their father or a confirmed mahram guardian for the entire duration of the Finals event, including any overnight stay. Participants who arrive without an appropriate guardian will not be permitted to take part and will be considered withdrawn from the competition.

10.4 Overnight Accommodation

Overnight accommodation is available exclusively for male participants competing in Categories A and B. The Finals event takes place at Masjid Taqwa, Leicester. Overnight accommodation is coordinated separately and will be arranged at Masjid Furqan. Full details will be communicated to eligible participants in advance.

Participants staying overnight are required to bring a sleeping bag, pillow, personal toiletries, and appropriate modest clothing. All participants under 18 must be accompanied by their father throughout any overnight stay. All overnight arrangements will be conducted in full accordance with Islamic guidelines and the College's Safeguarding Policy.

10.5 Conduct at the Finals

All participants, guardians, and attendees are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with Islamic values and the highest standards of personal character. The College reserves the right to remove any individual from the event whose conduct is deemed inappropriate or contrary to the ethos of the competition.

11. Safeguarding

The College is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of all participants, particularly those under the age of 18. Safeguarding procedures are in effect throughout every stage of NQC 2026 and are governed in full by the Competition's Safeguarding Policy, which should be read alongside these Terms and Conditions.

The College's safeguarding requirements for participants under the age of 18 include, but are not limited to:

- Parental consent required at registration
- Father's supervision during video recording at Stage 2
- Father's or mahram guardian's presence during all online sessions at Stage 3
- Attendance of father or mahram guardian throughout the Grand Finals and any overnight stay at Stage 4

Any safeguarding concerns must be reported immediately to the Designated Safeguarding Lead via admin@theiic.uk. The College reserves the right to take such steps as it considers necessary to protect the welfare of any participant.

12. Data Protection and Privacy

The processing of personal data in connection with NQC 2026 is governed by the College's Privacy Policy, which should be read alongside these Terms and Conditions. All personal data is processed in accordance with applicable data protection legislation, including the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR).

All identification documents and video submissions are stored securely and accessed solely by authorised members of the Competition Administration Team.

13. Intellectual Property and Media

The use of photographs, video recordings, and other media in connection with NQC 2026 is governed by the College's Media and Consent Policy, which should be read alongside these Terms and Conditions.

Where explicit promotional media consent has been given during registration, the College holds a non-exclusive, royalty-free licence to use such media for the purposes of promoting the College and future editions of the competition. Where consent has not been given, the College will take reasonable steps to ensure the relevant participant is not included in promotional media.

Consent may be withdrawn at any time by contacting the Competition Administration Team. Such withdrawal applies to future use only.

14. Limitation of Liability

The College shall not be liable for any loss, damage, injury, or disappointment suffered by any participant in connection with NQC 2026, including but not limited to any loss arising from disqualification, withdrawal, technical failure, or cancellation of the competition.

The College is not responsible for failed uploads, internet interruptions, corrupted files, or technical submission failures outside its reasonable control.

The College accepts no liability for costs incurred by participants or their families in connection with travel, accommodation, or preparation for any stage of the competition, including in the event of cancellation or postponement.

The College reserves the right to cancel, postpone, or modify NQC 2026, or any stage thereof, at any time without liability, where circumstances beyond its reasonable control make it necessary to do so.

15. Amendments to These Terms

The College reserves the right to amend these Terms and Conditions at any time. Participants will be notified of any material changes via official communication channels. Continued participation following notification of any amendment will be deemed acceptance of the revised Terms and Conditions.

16. Governing Law

These Terms and Conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales. Any dispute arising in connection with these Terms and Conditions or NQC 2026 shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.

17. Contact

For any queries relating to these Terms and Conditions or to the administration of NQC 2026, please contact the Competition Administration Team via the following channels:

Channel	Details
Email	admin@theic.uk
WhatsApp	07984 531669