

Competition Guidelines and Rules for Contestants and Parents

1. This is an event organized to encourage kids to learn Thirukkural poems, their meanings, Tamil letters, Tamil words, Tamil sentences and a platform to express & promote kid's Tamil skills. This is neither an academic contest nor a commercial contest.
2. Parents must be members of TAGDV. If not, they must join (as an annual member or life member) prior to the event or at the time of check in.
3. All participants must report to the venue well ahead of time to complete the check in process.
4. All participants and parents are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous, respectable & professional manner at all times.
5. Parents are allowed to be in the classroom as spectators when the Thirukkural recital takes place and will have to leave the room when the Spelling Bee begins.
6. Parents are not allowed to interact with their kid(s) during the event.
7. Parents are not allowed to prompt or assist during the event(s). Failing to do so could result in negative scores and/or disqualification.
8. Kids must be able to come up to the front/stage near judges and recite the Kurals (and participate in spelling bee for group A, B) without assistance.
9. Parents are allowed to take photo, audio taping and video of their own children during the recital phase; but are strictly prohibited from photographing, audio recording and videotaping other children. TAGDV designated official is allowed to take photo and/or video of kids, parents and the event; and publish them in TAGDV websites, magazines as appropriate.
10. No one (other than designated officials) is allowed to contact judges in regard to scoring or judging or about the event – before or during or after the event. Failing to adhere to this rule will prohibit your children's participation in any of the TAGDV events.
11. Thirukkural – General Judging criteria guidelines (depending on the group):
 - a. Adhigaram Name(s) (wherever applicable)
 - b. Meaning in English / Tamil (wherever applicable)
 - c. Clear Tamil Pronunciation
 - d. Free flow of Recital
 - e. Comprehension
 - f. Confident presentation Style
12. Spelling Bee – General Judging criteria guidelines (depending on the group):
 - a. Correct identification of Letters, pictures, numbers
 - b. Correctness of dictation letters
 - c. Correctness of dictation words
 - d. Correctness of sentences
 - e. Meaning of sentences
13. Open Competition Thirukkural – General Judging criteria guidelines:
 - a. Number of Kurals
 - b. Adhigaram Name(s)

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- c. Clear Tamil Pronunciation
 - d. Free flow of Recital
 - e. Confident presentation Style
 - f. What does porutpaal signifies?
 - g. What does the Adigaram(s) signifies?
 - h. Meaning of few kurals picked by Judges.
14. Judges decisions are final.
15. TAGDV reserves the right to add or amend the competition guidelines and rules without notice.
16. All decisions made by TAGDV (in matters listed above and in matters not listed above) shall be final.