



திருக்குறள் & தமிழ்த்தேனீ போட்டிகள் 2024

Thirukkural & Thamizh Theni Competitions

Competition Guidelines and Rules for Contestants and Parents

(Please read the instructions carefully)

1. This is an event organized to encourage kids to learn Thirukkural poems, their meanings, Tamil neither an academic contest nor a commercial contest. Our intention of hosting this competition is to enrich Tamil Learning for kids.
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. Parents should register the kids using the registration form. Each kid should be registered properly under an appropriate category. Any information incorrectly filled in intentionally or unintentionally will result in the disqualification of the contestant. **It is the responsibility of the parent to fill proper information in the registration form. Duplicate entries will strictly be disqualified for the same category.** TAGDV team will bear no responsibility for incomplete or incorrect/duplicate information in the registration form.
4. Please note that the competition is based on the school grade level and not Tamil Palli Nilai level. If your kid is doing 1st Grade in School District and Mazhalai in Tamil Palli, you have to make sure they study Group 1 syllabus. Please Refer to the Syllabus Chart. It is the parent's responsibility to make sure the contestant studies appropriate study material. Participants will not be allowed to participate in the competition if they do not prepare for the right grade level.
5. Please register each student separately. If your kid is participating in Thirukkural as well as Tamil Spelling bee, please make sure to register twice under each category appropriately. If you have any questions, please email to thirukkural@tagdv.org
6. All participants and parents are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous, respectable & professional manner always.
7. Parents are not allowed to be in the classroom as spectators during the Thirukkural recital or Thamizh Theni (Spelling Bee) competition.
8. Parents are not allowed to prompt or assist during the event(s) by any means. Failing to do so could result in negative scores and/or disqualification.



9. Parents should ensure that the Kids will 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.

10. 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.

11. No one (other than designated officials) is allowed to contact judges regarding 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.

12. 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

13. 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

14. Open Competition Thirukkural General Judging criteria guidelines:

- a. Number of Kurals
- b. Adhigaram Name(s)
- 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.

15. Judge's decisions are final.

16. TAGDV reserves the right to add or amend the competition guidelines and rules without notice.

17. All decisions made by TAGDV (in matters listed above and in matters not listed above) shall be final.