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Circular: Some Important Instructions Regarding Competitions at Ijtema

Some important instructions regarding competitions at Ijtema are being sent to you for your attention as directed by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih, (may Allah be his Helper).

1. When Judges are appointed for competitions, they should not be a close relative of any of the competitors participating in that competition.
2. A person who has continuously taken first position in a competition, should not be barred from participating again in that competition.
3. There should not be a 'Jury' above the Judges to decide the results. Only the numbers awarded by the appointed Judges should be amalgamated and positions should be awarded in accordance with that. Judges may not consult with each other on the numbers awarded nor may they see the numbers given by other Judges. When the time comes for the final decisions, Judges should assign position according to the total numbers achieved.
4. As far as the recitation of the Holy Quran during academic competitions is concerned, every competition that requires the recitation of a longer portion, such as recitation of the Holy Quran, reciting a memorised portion or competition of Quranic prayers, in these instances no woman or a girl may participate who is in her cycle of mensuration. However, there is no harm if during competitions only a word or two of the Holy Quran is read out or a small portion is required to be read out.

Please ensure that the above directions are fully complied with.

Jazakumullah Ahsanal Jaza.