



Austin Tamil School

குறள் போட்டி



Date/Time: April 15, 2018 @11:15am

Venue: Austin Tamil School – North Austin Location

Register @ <https://goo.gl/forms/udxQ1yixMNexR1jJ3>

Categories:

Category	School Grade Level	Required to Recite
Group 1	PreK to 2	Minimum 5 Kurals correctly
Group 2	3 to 5	Minimum 8 Kurals correctly
Group 3	6 to 12	Minimum 12 Kurals correctly

Rules

1. One entry per person. All contestants must fill out the entry form by the **deadline - 03/30/2018**.
2. **NO NEW ENROLLMENT** is accepted at the venue on the day of competition.
3. Enrollment is restricted to Austin Tamil School students.
4. Contestants may choose any Kural. However, it would help you if you choose from the list of 100 kurals
(<https://fetnaconvention.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Peravai-kurals1.0-2018.pdf>) if you are planning to participate in Fetna Kural Theni competition.

5. Contestants must email the list of their Kurals (with meaning) to info@austintamilschool.com one week before the competition and hand over **5 copies of the printout** on the day of the competition. **Sample printout has been provided.**
6. Contestants without the printout copy is **NOT** allowed to enter into the competition.
7. Contestants are **NOT** allowed to refer any material during the competition.
8. Any form of prompting is not encouraged.
9. 2 Winners from each category will be submitted to be recognized at National Level Conference at FETNA 2018 Thirukkural Theni.
10. The participant's grade level is calculated based on the cutoff date 31st August 2017.

On the day of competition,

- All entrants should check-in 45 minutes earlier to register and get an assigned number.
- Contestants have to be seated in their assigned seats.
- Contestant should get on the stage only during their turn.
- Contestant should hand over 5 copies of the printout when they check in.

Audience Guidelines

We welcome your attendance at ATS Kural Competition. Your support means so much to our contestants! In order to help them concentrate and perform at their very best, we ask that all audience members observe these guidelines:

1. Audience is requested to maintain silence at all times and support all the participants.
2. If you must leave your seat or leave/enter the room, please wait until the reciting contestant ends.
3. Do not recite any kural aloud. Do not even whisper it to yourself or to your neighbor.
4. The decision of judges are final and not up for any debate.
5. **Hold your applause until the end of the competition**, as instructed by the school officials.

Thank you for understanding and support!

Judging Criteria

1. Kural has to be recited first, followed by its meaning **in Tamil completely**.
2. Contestants will be given 1 minute to recite the kural and the meaning.
3. There will be a bell/cue when your time starts and the time ends for each Kural..
4. Contestant may begin their next Kural when they complete the previous one or on the end bell/cue.
5. Due to time limit, second chance will not be given for reciting an incomplete kural or meaning.
6. Judging will be based on memory flow, pronunciation, clarity, expression and meaning.
 - ✓ Memory flow – Spontaneous flow from the memory. Even if the pronunciation or clarity is not perfect, but the flow is good, full points will be given.
 - ✓ Pronunciation – Grading is based on the words pronounced correctly.
 - ✓ Clarity – Reciting clearly in such a way that words are understandable.
 - ✓ Expression – Grading the quality of reciting technique in an expressive way.
 - ✓ Meaning – Will be graded as provided in the printout and recited completely.
7. **The decisions of Judges are final.**
8. **TIE BREAKER:**
 - Contestants are expected to recite the kural within 1 minute,
 - 1st Round - When the first word of the kural is given
 - 2nd Round - When any word from the kural is given
 - 3rd Round - When the meaning of the kural is given

Tips

1. It is advisable to prepare more than the required minimum number of kural. If the contestant recites incorrectly or incompletely, additional kural will help out to complete

the required number of kurals. Also, it will help to earn additional points if recited more than the required number in their category.

2. Meaning has to be **entered and highlighted only** for the kurals that has been prepared for (as shown in the below sample printout).
3. **Optional Link for Kural Meaning** : <http://www.ytamizh.com/thirukural-search.php>

Sample Printout

Participant Name: First Last

Category: Group 1 – Required to recite 5 kurals

Meaning Prepared for – Kural 1, 5, 6

PREPARED LIST

1. குறள் 129:

தூபினாற் சுட்டபுண் உள்ளாறும் ஆறாதே
நாவினாற் சுட்ட வடு.

விளக்கம்:

தூபினால் சுட்ட புண் புறத்தே வடு இருந்தாலும் உள்ளே ஆறிவிடும்; ஆனால் நாவினால் தூய சொல் கூறிச் சுடும் வடு என்றும் ஆறாது.

2. குறள் 151:

அகழ்வாரைத் தாங்கும் நிலம்போலத் தம்மை
இகழ்வார்ப் பொறுத்தல் தலை.

3. குறள் 215:

ஊருணி நூநிறைந் தற்றே ஊகவாம்
பேரறி வாளன் திரு.

4. குறள் 292:

பொய்மையும் வாய்மை யிடத்த புரைதூர்ந்த
நன்மை பயக்கும் எனின்.

5. குறள் 293:

தன்நெஞ் சறிவது பொய்யற்க பொய்த்தபின்
தன்நெஞ்சே தன்னைச் சுடும்.

விளக்கம்:

ஒருவன் தன் நெஞ்சம் அறிவதாகிய ஒன்றைக்குறித்துப் பொய்ச் சொல்லக்கூடாது, பொய் சொன்னால் அதைக்குறித்துத் தன் நெஞ்சமே தன்னை வருத்தும்.

6. குறள் 396:

தொட்டனைத் தூறும் மணற்கேணி மாந்தார்க்குக்
கற்றனைத் தூறும் அறிவு.

விளக்கம்:

மணலில் உள்ள கேணியில் தோண்டிய அளவிற்கு நூர் ஊறும், அதுபோல் மக்களின் கற்றக் கல்வியின் அளவிற்கு அறிவு ஊறும்.