

## Thirukkural Competition 2024 - Rules

- ❖ **Group 1 - Age\* 4 & 5**
  - ❖ **Group 2 - Age\* 6 to 9**
  - ❖ **Group 3 - Age\* 10 to 13**
- \* Age as of Aug 31, 2023

### General Rules:

1. Contestants may choose any Thirukkural and will get a maximum of 5 minutes to recite their choice of Thirukkural list (Meaning NOT REQUIRED-No extra points for meaning if recited).
2. Bell rings at the end of 5 minutes and contestants must stop reciting.
3. **Contestants MUST BRING THE PRINTOUT of Thirukkural Recital list on the day of the competition.**
4. All entrants must check-in on the competition day to get their assigned number *and handover the print out of their Thirukkural list.*
5. Contestants have to be seated in their assigned seats.
6. Contestants will get on to the microphone when their assigned number is called out.
7. Contestant begins reciting after receiving the prompt from the judge.
8. Contestants are **NOT** allowed to refer to any material during the competition.
9. Any form of prompting from the audience is not encouraged.
10. Contestant who recites more Thirukkural satisfying the following reciting rules in the given time of maximum of 5 minutes will be selected as winner by the judges.
11. The decisions of Judges are final.

### Judging Criteria:

1. Must recite the Thirukkural completely without any mistake or missing any word. Incomplete Thirukkural will not be counted upon.
2. Memory flow – Spontaneous flow from the memory.
3. Pronunciation – Words must be pronounced correctly.
4. Clarity – Reciting clearly in such a way that words are understandable.
5. Expression – Grading the quality of reciting technique in an expressive way.

### Audience Guidelines:

We welcome your attendance at the ATSc Thirukkural 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 Thirukkural aloud. Do not even whisper it to yourself or to your neighbor.
4. The decisions 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!!!