

2019 தமிழ் போட்டிகள் / Tamil Competition

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நாள்: Saturday, Oct 12, 2019

நேரம்: 12:00pm – 6:00pm

வயது வரம்பு: 3 to 18

இடம்: TBD

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1. Age Groups:

Age 3 to 5

Age 6 to 9

Age 10 to 13 and

Age 14-18

2. Competition Categories:

1. திருக்குறள் மற்றும் பழமொழிகள் / Thirukkural and Proverbs
2. சொல்வதெழுதுதல் / Dictation
3. வாசித்தல் போட்டி / Reading
4. கட்டுரைப் போட்டி / Composition
5. ஓவியப்போட்டி / Drawing
6. பேச்சுப் போட்டி / Speech
7. மாறுவேடப்போட்டி / Fancy Dress
8. ஒரு வார்த்தை ஒரு சொல்

NOTE:

- Kids cannot participate in more than 4 categories.
- Competitions 1-5 will be held in rooms. No audiences. Only Judges and participant in the room.
- Competitions 6-8 will be held on stage/large room where audiences are allowed
- **JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL**

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3.Rules & Regulations:

** Will be posted in GATS web site and will be mailed to participants post registration**

Last date for Registration:

Thursday, Oct 10, 2019 (also check in GATS website periodically for any change)

Fee: **FREE** for GATS members. To become a member please visit www.gatamilsangam.org

Rules/Guidelines for Thirukural and Proverb (திருக்குறள் மற்றும் பழமொழிகள்)

1. Pick the 'Thirukkural' (It can be of any order) **AND** Proverbs
 - a. Please note that Thirukkural and Proverbs **has to be recited** from the given list
 - b. Also please note that the participant has to recite **BOTH** as per the guideline listed in the below chart by age group.
2. 60% weightage will be given based on the Pronunciation, spontaneous flow from the memory and the confidence of the contestant.
3. 30% weightage will be given based on the clarity of the voice of the contestant.
4. 10% weightage will be given based on the posture, presentation and expression of the contestant.
5. The contestant will not be allowed to refer any material during the competition.
6. The kids should recite the following based on the age group:

AGE	திருக்குறள்	பழமொழிகள்
3 – 5	5	5
6 – 9	10	10
10 -13	15	15
14 & Above	20	20

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Rules/Guidelines for Dictation competition (சொல்வதெழுதுதல்)

1. 100% weightage will be given to the correct spelling of the words.
2. Alphabet (Tamil) will be displayed for reference.
 - a. age 6-9 - all the 2 and 3 letter words from the list.
 - b. age 10-13 - all the 2,3, 4 and 5 letter words from the list
 - c. age -14 and above - all the words from the list.
3. The contestant will not be allowed to refer any material during the competition.
4. Duration of the competition is One hour - will be enforced strictly.
5. Even though it is a spelling bee competition, the actual competition will be a written competition.
6. The pronouncer will help the kids by providing the meaning of the word to be spelled.
7. Parents will not be allowed inside the room where the competitions are held.
- 8. Judges' decisions are final.**

Rules/Guidelines for Reading Competition (வாசித்தல் போட்டி)

1. 40% weightage will be given based on the Pronunciation and the confidence of the contestant.
2. 40% weightage will be given based on the clarity of the voice of the contestant.
3. 20% weightage will be given based on the posture, presentation and expression of the contestant.
4. The contestant will be provided with the material to be read on the spot.
5. Parents will not be allowed to view the competition as audience.

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6. Judges' decisions are final.

Rules/Guidelines for Composition (கட்டுரைப் போட்டி)

1. Composition/Essay **MUST** be based on the theme:
தமிழை நேசித்து அறம் செய்திட இணைவோம்
2. 80% weightage will be given based on the content and words used in the essay.
3. 20% weightage will be given to the handwriting and the neatness of the essay
4. The contestant will be not allowed to refer any material during the competition.
5. Paper will be provided; all other writing tools need to be brought by the contestant.
6. Duration of the competition is **45 minutes** - will be enforced strictly.
 - a. Ages - 6-9 essays should be within 150 words.
 - b. Ages - 10-13 essays should be within 200 words.
 - c. Ages - 14 & above essays should be within 250 words.
7. Parents will not be allowed inside the room where the competitions are held, except the Speech & Fancy Dress competitions.
8. Judges decisions are final.

Rules/Guidelines for Oviya potti (Drawing Competition):

Art **MUST** be based on the theme :

தமிழை நேசித்து அறம் செய்திட இணைவோம்

1. The drawing poster board should be of the following dimension **15inchesX15inches. NOTE: Points will be reduced if the chart size is different.**
2. Any type of drawing material can be used *ex:* pencil, Pen, crayon, watercolor etc.

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3. **All supplies should be brought in by the contestants.**
4. Model pictures will be allowed during the competition.
5. Duration of the competition is **45 minutes** - will be enforced strictly.
6. Parents will not be allowed inside the room where the competitions are held.
7. Judges' decisions are final.

Rules/Guidelines for Speech Competition(பேச்சுப் போட்டி)

Speech **MUST** be based on the theme :

தமிழை நேசித்து அறம் செய்திட இணைவோம்

1. 60% weightage will be given to Pronunciation, spontaneous flow from memory and the confidence of the contestant.
3. 20% weightage will be given to the content of the speech.
4. 20% weightage will be given to the posture, presentation and expression of the contestant.
5. The contestant will not be allowed to refer any material during the competition.
6. Parents will be allowed to view the competition as audience.
7. Any prompting by the parents during the competition will render the contestant disqualified.
8. Duration of the speech should be for
 - a. 3-5 years - 3 mins
 - b. 6-9 years – 3 mins
 - c. 10-13 years - 5 mins
 - d. 14 and above - 6 mins
9. Judges' decisions are final.

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Rules/Guidelines for Fancy Dress competition (மாறுவேடப் போட்டி)

**** Only for 3-5 years and 6-9 years age category ****

2. Kids need to dress up based on the theme:

தமிழை நேசித்து அறம் செய்திட இணைவோம்

8. Duration of the speech should be:

3-5 years – only 45 secs

6-9 years – only 60 secs

3. Speech should not have any political, community, religion etc. related statements

that may be offensive.

4. Appropriate dressing that adheres to our culture is required.

5. Judges decisions are final.

Rules/Guidelines for Oru vaarthai Oru Sol (ஒரு வார்த்தை ஒரு சொல்)

**** Kids: Age 10+ and one adult per team ****

1. A Team will have 2 participants. **One Adult and One Child(age 10+)**. It can be a child and a parent/adult.

2. Topics – இயற்கை(Nature), கலை (Arts), தமிழ் பிரபலங்கள் (Famous Personalities), அமெரிக்கச் சமூகம் (American social/cultural elements), உணவு(Food), பொது (General)

3. One member of the team will be given the word list for each round and this member needs to give clue to the other team member to find the words. Clues may be synonyms, antonyms, nouns, verbs, proper nouns etc.... (in the lines of *Oru Varthai Oru Laksham* – Vijay TV program).

4. The clue should be Tamil words only, no English words for giving clues. The clue giver shouldn't act or do any hand gestures. Also the clue giver shouldn't say the actual word to be identified by mistake. Violating any of these rules will disqualify the point for the word

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5. Also, the team member who is guessing the word should say only one word for each clue. Saying more than one word for each clue will will disqualify the point for the word
6. Team ended up finding maximum number of words is the winner.
7. Judge's decision will be final
8. Total of 3 rounds:

a. Round :1 (two plays, one turn per each team member)

In the first round the participants will be given two (2) minutes to figure out five (5) words relating to a specific topic. Initially, one of the team member will be allowed to give three clues for each word. For each clue given, the person guessing the word will be expected to say a word. Only then, the second clue will be provided. The clue should be Tamil words only, no English words for giving clues. Once the first two minutes are completed, the participants shift position, and will follow the same rules as above i.e., each person will have the opportunity to guess the word as well as give clues in Round 1 (Total of 4 minutes per team)

b. Round :2

The second round has two changes from Round 1 rules – There will be 10 words. **All words have to be found out within 3 minutes.** There is also no switching of clue giver during the play, the same person needs to give clues for this entire 3 minutes

c. Round :3

The last round is a round wherein within the stipulated time the teams can guess as many words as they can within **90 seconds**. If there is a tie-breaker the round will continue with reduced time of **60 seconds** to guess maximum words.

***** ALL THE VERY BEST PARTICIPANTS *****