

26th National Ijtema Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Australia Report

By the Grace of Almighty Allah, the 26th Annual National Ijtema of Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Australia took place at the Bait-UI-Huda Mosque in Sydney from Friday, the 2nd of October 2009 to the 4th of October 2009.

Guests from Inter-State, including Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania started arriving at the mosque from Thursday night, 1st of October 2009 with 60 Khuddam gathered a day before the Ijtema was due to start. The Langar Khana had also started from Thursday night providing food for all the guests. There was a sense of anticipation in the air on Friday as Khuddam were looking forward to the start of the Ijtema as well as being excited to meet Khuddam who they had not seen since last year's Ijtema.

Preparation for the Ijtema had started a couple of months ago with the final touches and an inspection done by Sadr Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Australia, Rana Ejaz Ahmad on Friday morning.

Day One

Flag Hoisting Ceremony

Friday prayers were offered at 1:15pm after which approximately at 1:45pm Khuddam and Atfal gathered outside the mosque for the flag hoisting ceremony, which was the official opening of the Ijtema. At 2:20pm, Sadr Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, Rana Ejaz Ahmad raised the Khuddam flag while Qaid Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya QLD, Mudassir Mahmood raised the Australian flag. This was followed by a group of Atfal singing the Australian National Anthem and two Khadim brothers, Ijlal Ahmad and Tahir Ahmad singing the Liwa-e-Ahmadiyyat nazm. It surely was a beautiful sight seeing the two flags fluttering in the wind with the minar of the mosque in the background.

First Session

The first session of the Ijtema commenced at 2:40pm. Nazim-e-Aala, Romeo Istifaq Hassan Khan welcomed everyone and requested Sadr Sahib to chair the session. It began with the recitation and translation of the Holy Quran by Syed Tariq Ahmad and then Sadr Sahib read out the Khuddam pledge with the Khuddam repeating after him. Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih V, Mirza Masroor Ahmad (aba), the fifth Khalifa and Head of the Worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community had sent a message on the occasion of the Ijtema. Sadr Sahib read the message out for the audience in Urdu and Nazim-e-Aala read the message in English. Next, Mudassir Mahmood presented a nazm in a very melodious tone. Sadr Sahib then delivered the opening speech. He mentioned that a 'khadim' mean a servant of Allah, hence sacrifice of time and wealth is essential. He stressed the importance of wasiyyat by stating that it not only entails financial sacrifice but one should also aim to improve spiritually as well. Sadr Sahib also stressed on the significance of namaz, as Huzur (aba) has brought the Jamaat's

attention towards this matter numerous amount of times. He then touched on the Al-Masroor 20-20 Cricket Tournament held in London and described it as an unforgettable experience for all the Khuddam involved from the Australian Jamaat. Sadr Sahib thanked previous Sadrs, Qaids and Khuddam for building the foundation for the current administration to work on and carry forward. He advised all Khuddam to spend their time during the Ijtema in the remembrance of Allah and to try to gain as much knowledge as possible. Khuddam should actively take part in the competitions and pray for the success of the Ijtema. He prayed that may all the participants of the Ijtema gain the blessings from Allah. The session ended at 3:20pm with silent prayers led by Sadr Sahib.

The religious competitions commenced next, with Qirat and Hifz-e-Quran competitions held first simultaneously. This was followed by the nazm competition and then the speech competitions in Urdu and English. The competitions came to an end at 7:15pm, where after Maghrib/Isha prayers were offered in congregation and then dinner was served for everyone.

Majlis-e-Shoora began after this followed by the table tennis, arm wrestling and wrist wrestling competitions. This brought an end to the first day of the 26th Annual Ijtema.

Day Two

The 2nd day of the National Ijtema commenced nice and early at 3:45am with Tahajjud prayers, Fajr prayers and a short 'dars.' The final session of the Majlis-e-Shoora started next, where after breakfast was served.

During the Majlis-e-Shoora the heavens opened up and heavy showers began descending down. This was a worry for the organisers and the participants as a whole day of sports was planned. Thankfully, the rain died down and the soccer and cricket competitions began. There were two pools of three teams each for each team sport, with both pools playing simultaneously; one playing soccer and the other playing cricket and then vice versa. After a number of intensely competitive matches, the finalists were decided and then lunch was served for all the Khuddam. Zuhr/Asr prayers were offered in congregation next and then the cricket final was held between Majlis Victoria and Majlis South Australia. Majlis Victoria put on too many runs for Majlis South Australia to chase and ended up winning convincingly. The volleyball pool games were held next with periodic drizzling still prevalent, but to the relief of everyone it was not enough to cancel the games. A long and tiring day of sports came to an end at 6:30pm with Maghrib/Isha prayers offered in congregation. A well deserved dinner was served after this and then Khuddam made their way into the mosque for the start of the next session.

Second Session

This session was chaired by Murabbi Sahib, Maulana Masood Ahmad Shahid and began at 8:10pm with the recitation and translation of the Holy Quran by Hafiz Faraz of Queensland.

Murabbi Sahib then gave a speech on the topic of obedience. He highlighted a number of Quranic verses, sayings of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) and writings of the various Khalifas in regards to obedience. The speaker stressed the importance of offering namaz in congregation, as one is practicing obedience to the Imam during namaz. Obedience to the Holy Prophet (PBUH), the Promised Messiah (as) and all the Khalifas is essentials. Every action of each Ahmadi should be in obedience of Huzur (aba). One should also obey all the Jamaat office bearers in line with the Khilafat.

After Murabbi Sahib's speech, the last round of religious competitions started. The spontaneous speech competition was held first followed by the religious knowledge competition. The Bait Bazi competition was next and then the message relay competition took place. This signalled the end of the 2nd day of the Ijtema.

Day Three

The 3rd and final day of the 26th National Ijtema once again started early with Tahajjud prayers, Fajr prayers and a 'dars.' Breakfast was served next and then Khuddam had a chance to get some rest for a few hours as the rain had come back and with the wet conditions, the organising committee decided to start the sports competitions a bit late. The volleyball final was held at 9am between Majlis South Australia and Majlis Al-Noor from Sydney. A third set was not necessary, as Majlis South Australia overpowered Majlis Al-Noor to win in two sets. The soccer final was next between Majlis Bait-UI-Huda and Majlis Victoria. Majlis Bait-UI-Huda achieved victory in the end by five goals to nil. The 100 metre race was held after the soccer and this brought an end to the sports competitions. Lunch was served for everyone and then Zuhr/Asr prayers were offered in congregation.

Third Session

The final session of the Ijtema was chaired by Ameer and Missionary Incharge of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Australia, Maulana Mahmood Ahmad Shahid, with the presence of a special guest on stage, Dr. Fareed Ahmad from the United Kingdom. Dr. Fareed Ahmad is a devoted Ahmadi dentist and a waqf-e-zindagi who served in Gambia and is now serving in London.

The session commenced at 2:35pm with the recitation and translation of the Holy Quran by Hafiz Sohail Rana. Sadr Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Australia, Rana Ejaz then read the Khuddam pledge with everyone repeating the words after him. Qamar Ahmad Chohan next delivered a nazm followed by the presentation of the Ijtema Report by Nazim-e-Aala, Romeo Istifaq Hassan Khan. He mentioned the attendance during the Ijtema which was as follows:

	<u>Khuddam</u>	<u>Atfal</u>	<u>Ansar</u>	<u>Total</u>
Day One	208	63	16	287
Day Two	182	74	8	266
Day Three	173	68	5	256

Nazim-e-Aala mentioned that unfortunately due to bad weather and wet conditions, which were a safety hazard for participants, shot put, long jump, marathon race and tug-of-war, were cancelled. He commended and appreciated the patience and understanding of the Khuddam in this matter. He finally thanked all the volunteers and participants for making the Ijtema a success.

Sadr Sahib then proceeded to present the Annual Report. The Prize Distribution Ceremony was held after this. The prizes for 2nd and 3rd positions were already given out straight after the completion of the competitions, so these names were announced during the Ceremony and only the first position was called up on stage to receive their prize. The prizes were given out by the special guest, Dr. Fareed Ahmad. The Atfal, who had their own Ijtema during these three days were given their prizes first followed by the Khuddam.

Results for Religious Competitions - 26th National Ijtema, Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Australia

<u>Competition</u>	<u>First Position</u>	<u>Second Position</u>	<u>Third Position</u>
Qirat	Hafiz Sohail Arshad Rana - QLD	Hafiz Faraz – QLD	Mudassir Mahmood - QLD
Nazm	Qamar Ahmad Chohan - SA	Faheem Ijaz – QLD	Farhaj Mansoor - SA
Urdu Speech	Mudassir Mahmood - QLD	Inamul Haque Alvi – QLD	Malik Imran Ahmad - VIC
English Speech	Ehsanul Haqu Alvi - QLD	Syed Tariq Ahmad – Bait-UI-Huda	Inamul Haque Alvi - QLD & Dr. Azhar Mahmood Nasir – QLD
Spontaneous Speech	Mudassir Mahmood – QLD	Gulfam Ahmad – Al-Sadaqat	Muhammad Iqbal – Al-Noor

Hifz-e-Quran	Mudassir Mahmood - QLD	Syed Tariq Ahmad – Bait-UI-Huda	Ramzan Ahmad - VIC
Bait Bazi	Majlis Al-Noor and Majlis QLD	Majlis SA	
Religious Knowledge	Majlis VIC	Majlis SA	
Message Relay	Majlis QLD	Majlis Bait-UI-Huda	

There was a special prize for effort and participation given to brothers, Ijlal Ahmad and Tahir Ahmad from Majlis South Australia. There was an overall best Khadim prize across all the religious competitions and this was won by Mudassir Mahmood from Queensland.

Judges for Religious Competitions

Qirat: Mujeeb Sanauri, Ch. Sadiq Ali and Maulana Masood Ahmad Shahid

Nazm: Usman Khan, Omar Shahab Khan Maulana Masood Ahmad Shahid

Hifz-e-Quran: Ch Nematullah

Speech: Khaled Saifullah, Maulana Masood Ahmad Shahid, Ch. Sadiq Ali and Omar Shahab Khan

Spontaneous Speech: Muzaffar Mirza, Amjad Khan and Ramzan Sharif

Bait Bazi: Omar Shahab Khan and Amjad Khan

Religious Knowledge: Maulana Masood Ahmad Shahid, Omar Shahab Khan and Amjad Khan

Message Relay: Rana Ejaz Ahmad and Khaled Abdul Nasir

Results for Sports Competitions - 26th National Ijtema, Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Australia

<u>Competition</u>	<u>First Position</u>	<u>Second Position</u>	<u>Third Position</u>
100 Metre Race	Abdul Tejan - QLD	Ajmal Khan – Bait-UI-Huda	Asim Ahmad – VIC
Table Tennis	Hamad Ahmad – Bait-UI-Huda	Usman Mati – VIC	

Arm Wrestling	Waheed Ahmad – Al-Sadaqat	Ata-Ul-Qayyum – QLD	Shoaib Ahmad – Al-Sadaqat
Wrist Wrestling	Ata-Ul-Qayyum - QLD	Waheed Ahmad – Al-Sadaqat	Rafiq Ahmad – VIC
Cricket	Majlis VIC	Majlis SA	
Volleyball	Majlis SA	Majlis Al-Noor	
Soccer	Majlis Bait-Ul-Huda	Majlis VIC	

There was also an overall prize for the most consistent and best & fairest player across all the sports' competitions, won by Junaid Abro from Majlis South Australia.

Finally, all the players from Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Australia who attended the 20-20 Al-Masroor Cricket Tournament held in London were awarded special prizes given by the UK Jamaat. Ameer Sahib was also given a special shield by Dr. Fareed Ahmad from the UK Jamaat for sending a team to take part in this tournament from Australia.

It was announced that the Alm-e-Inami prize given to the best Majlis for the year would be given during the next National Annual Jalsa.

Next, Dr. Fareed Ahmad gave a brief speech. He mentioned that he felt honoured to give out the prizes in this Ijtema as well as addressing the audience. He advised the audience that actions should always follow words and then described an incident that he experienced with Huzur (aba), with the moral of the story being that Huzur's (aba) instructions should be followed at all times and one should always be bound with Khilafat.

Lastly, Ameer Sahib delivered the concluding speech. He focused on the relationship between the husband and wife. He stressed that one should never resort to force and that before contacting the local authorities, one should contact the Jamaat, unless of course one has no choice and criminal actions are being carried out. Conflicts should be brought to the attention of the Jamaat with the intention to resolving them with honest and clear hearts. Conflicts arise due to different views between the two parties, but both parties must accept the decision the Jamaat makes, as God will reward them for their obedience, even if one party thinks it is wrong. Amicable separation is the last resort if all avenues to resolve the conflicts fail. Ameer Sahib then moved on to mention that even with the bad weather conditions that were faced over the three days, the Ijtema was successful by the Grace of Allah. He highlighted and advised Khuddam that discipline is essential and the Jamaat would not tolerate indiscipline. He ended his speech by praying for a safe journey for all the participants and led silent prayers at 4:40pm.

MTA Australia presented a photo presentation on the projector of various photos taken during the Ijtema to end a most memorable, enjoyable and by the Grace of Almighty Allah, a very successful Ijtema.

A number of Khuddam stayed back after the end of the session to carry out the wind-up and clean-up activities with most of the Inter-State Khuddam heading back to their respective States. A few Inter-State Khuddam remained in Sydney till Monday morning before departing towards their homes. The Langar Khana was serving food up to Monday night.

Majlis Atfalul Ahmadiyya Australia

Annual National Ijtema 2009

Summary of Events

Day 1 – 2nd October 2009

The Ijtema commenced after Friday prayers. The opening session was held jointly with Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Australia. A selected group of Atfal recited the National Anthem at the Flag Hoisting Ceremony.

The Atfal then had their following sports events: cricket, soccer and 100 metre race, both for Mayaar-e-Sageer and Mayaar-e-Kabeer. After dinner, the Religious Knowledge competition was held in which a total of 8 teams competed for the winning position. The first position was secured by the team from South Australia, which consisted of Istighar Ahmad Chauhan, Talha Shafiq, Samar Ahmad and Kamran Khalid.

Total attendance on the first day was 63.

Day 2 – 3rd October 2009

The Atfal had their formal opening session at 9:30 am with the recitation and translation of the Holy Quran. Muhtamim Atfalul Ahmadiyya Australia, Anwar Ul Haq Shahin then recited the Atfal Ahad, which was followed by a nazm. Muhtamim Sahib then addressed the participants and attendants, highlighting a few essential things about the manner in which the Atfal were to conduct themselves during the Ijtema.

The religious competitions for the Atfal then commenced and continued throughout the day. These included: tilawat, nazm, hifz-e-quran, speeches (English and Urdu), spontaneous speech (English and Urdu), message relay and observation and memory test (Mayaar-e-Kabeer only). Sports competitions that were scheduled had to be postponed owing to inappropriate weather conditions and safety concerns, except for musical chairs which was held indoors after dinner.

Total attendance on the second day was 74.

Day 3 – 4th October 2009

No sports events could be held due to unfriendly weather conditions. The azan competition and observation and memory test for Mayaar-e-Sageer were held as the last of the competitions.

The Atfal's closing session was held jointly with Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Australia, in which prizes and certificates were to first position holders for individual competitions and to the winning team members for team events (the second and third position holders were awarded during day 1 and day 2 immediately at the end of their respective competitions).

Total attendance on the day of Atfal was 68.

Results for Religious Competitions - 26th National Ijtema, Majlis Atfalul Ahmadiyya Australia – Mayar-e-Kabeer

No.	Competition Name	1 st Position	2 nd Position	3 rd Position
1.	Tilawat-E-Quran	Zeeshan Ahmed (Brisbane)	Tahir Ahmed (Adelaide)	Nabeel Awan (Adelaide)
2.	Azan	Tahir Ahmed (Adelaide)	Zeeshan Ahmed (Brisbane)	Noman Mirza (Brisbane)
3.	Hifz-E-Quran	Ahmed Mirza (Al Sadaqat)	Usman Khan (Al Sadaqat)	Rafaeh Mahmood (Al Sadaqat)
4.	Nazm	Umer Tahir (Melbourne)	Tahir Ahmed (Adelaide)	Zeeshan Ahmed (Brisbane)
5.	English Speech	Usman Khan (Al Sadaqat)	Asfand Awan (Brisbane)	Zeeshan Ahmed (Brisbane)
6.	Urdu Speech	Zeeshan Ahmed (Brisbane)	Rafaeh Mahmood (Al Sadaqat)	Danish Akhter (Adelaide) & Nabeel Awan (Brisbane)
7.	Spontaneous Speech (English)	Umair Shams (Bait Ul Huda)	Sajjad Saleh (Al Sadaqat)	Usman Khan (Al Sadaqat)

8.	Spontaneous Speech (Urdu)	Tahir Ahmed (Adelaide)	Umair Shams (Bait Ul Huda)	Zeeshan Ahmed (Brisbane)
9.	Message Relay	Ahmed Mirza, Usman Khan, Rafaeh Mahmood, Sajjad Saleh (All Al Sadaqat), Umair Shams (Bait Ul Huda), Noman Mirza (Qld)	Ibtesam Khalid (Sa), Danish Akhter (Sa), Soban Tanoli (Vic), Shiraz Majoka(Vic), Umer Tahir (Vic), Huwaida Sarwar (Al Noor)	Labeeq Ahmed, Humza Aijaz, Asfand Awan, Nabeel Awan, Zeeshan Ahmed, Ali Hassan (All Qld)
10.	Observation And Memory Test	Shiraz Majoka (Vic)	Ahmed Mirza (Al Sadaqat)	Sajjad Saleh (Al Sadaqat)
11.	Essay Competition	Ansar Rana (Adelaide)	Asfand Awan (Qld)	Humza Aijaz (Qld)

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Australia – Mayar-e-Sageer**

No.	Competition Name	1 st Position	2 nd Position	3 rd Position
1.	Tilawat-E-Quran	Rehan Majoka	Waqas Tariq	Muneeb Ur Rehman Sanori
2.	Azan	Rehan Majoka	Muneeb Ur Rehman Sanori	Adeel Ahmed Shams

3.	Hifz-E-Quran	Nabighe Cahudhry	Muneeb Ahmed	Waqas Tariq
4.	Nazm	Rehan Majoka	Abdal Ahmed	Adeel Ahmed Shams
5.	English Speech	Muneeb Ahmed	Zain Khan	Adeel Ahmed Shams
6.	Urdu Speech	Ibtesam Gondal	Abdul Rehman	Waqas Tariq
7.	Spontaneous Speech (English)	Waleed Mirza	Waqas Tariq	Talha Shafiq
8.	Message Relay	Omar Akhlaq, Aman Akbar, Irfan Ahmed, Abdal Ahmed, Najeeb Ur Rehman Sanori, Itesham Gondal, Muneeb Ur Rehman Sanori.	Abdul Rehman, Nabighe Chaudhry, Tauqir Sidhu, Muneeb Ahmed, Nayab Ahmed, Waqas Tariq, Adeel Ahmed Shams.	Huzaifa Sarwar, Labeeb Ahmed, Tahir Ahmed Shams, Arsalan Arif, Atif Arif, Tanzeel Abro, Zuhair.
9.	Observation And Memory Test	Adeel Ahmed Shams.	Talha Shafique.	Nabighe Chaudhry.
10.	Essay Competition	Istighar Ahmad Chauhan (Adelaide)	Rafay Zia (Al Noor)	Irfan Ahmed (Bait Ul Huda)

**Results for Sports Competitions - 26th National Ijtema, Majlis Atfalul Ahmadiyya Australia
– Mayar-e-Kabeer**

No.	Competition Name	1st Position	2nd Position	3rd Position
1.	Musical Chairs	Shiraz Majoka (Vic)	Sajjad Saleh (Al Sadaqat)	Umer Tahir (Vic)
2.	Cricket	Usman Khan (C), Noman Mirza, Roshan Parvaiz, Umair Shams, Shiraz Majoka, Huwaida Sarwar, Chaudhry Ahmad, Ahmad Waleed, Asfand Awan, Ali Hassan	Danish Akhter(C), Hamaad Ahmed, Ibtesaam Khalid, Humza Aijaz, Zeeshan Ahmed, Rafaeh Mahmood, Soban Tanoli, Umer Tahir, Zulfiqar Salahuddin, Zafarullah Khan, Nabeel Qamar	
3.	Soccer	Humza Aijaz(C), Danish Akhter, Hamaad Ahmed, Ibtesaam Khalid, Zeeshan Ahmed, Rafaeh Mahmood, Soban Tanoli, Umer Tahir, Zulfiqar Salahuddin, Zafarullah Khan,	Noman Mirza(C), Usman Khan , Roshan Parvaiz, Umair Shams, Shiraz Majoka, Huwaida Sarwar, Chaudhry Ahmad, Ahmad Waleed, Asfand Awan, Ali Hassan	

		Nabeel Qamar		
4.	100 Metre Race	Humza Aijaz (Qld)	Danish Akhtar (Adelaide)	Rafaeh Mahmood (Al Sadaqat)
5.	Steadfastness	Zafarullah Khan (Bait Ul Huda)	Shiraz Khan	Danish Akhtar (Adelaide)

Results for Sports Competitions - 26th National Iteema, Majlis Atfalul Ahmadiyya Australia – Mayar-e-Sageer

No.	Competition Name	1 st Position	2 nd Position	3 rd Position
1.	Musical Chairs	Raza Mohd	Wasay Zia	Ihtesham Gondal
2.	Cricket	Adeel Ahmed, Shams (C), Nabigh Chaudhry, Tahir Shams, Samaan Khalid, Rastgaar Chohan, Usman Tahir, Hamza Chaudhry, Zain Khan, Zain Ahmed, Abdal Ahmed, Farhaan Ahmed Khalid, Sahaab Hussain, Arsalan Mirza	Huzaifa Sarwar (C), Nayab Ahmed, Ihtesham Ahmed Gondal, Nofil Sarwar, Ahmar Mustafa, Amman Akbar, Abdul Rehman, Waqas Tariq, Sadeed Bajwa, Irfan Ahmad, Yasir Ahmed Khalid, Muneeb Ur Rehman Sanori,	

			<p>Ibtesaam Ahmed Gondal,</p> <p>Arsalan Ahmed,</p> <p>Umar Asim,</p> <p>Danial Khan.</p>	
3.	Soccer	<p>Tanzeel Ahmed (C),</p> <p>Ihtesham Ahmed Gondal,</p> <p>Ahmar Mustafa,</p> <p>Sadeed Bajwa,</p> <p>Ibtesam Ahmed Gondal,</p> <p>Umar Asim,</p> <p>Adeel Ahmed Shams,</p> <p>Samaan Khalid,</p> <p>Atif Ahmed Arif,</p> <p>Abdal Ahmed,</p> <p>Sahdab Hussain,</p> <p>Arsalan Mirza,</p> <p>Abdul Rehman,</p> <p>Raza Mohd,</p> <p>Muneeb Ahmed,</p> <p>Nabighe Chaudhry.</p>	<p>Hamza Rehman – Captain</p> <p>Huzaifa Sarwar</p> <p>Amaan Akbar</p> <p>Yasir Ahmed Khalid</p> <p>Najeeb Ur Rehman Sanori</p> <p>Danial Khan</p> <p>Tahir Shams</p> <p>Usman Tahir</p> <p>Zain Ahmed</p> <p>Fateen Khan</p> <p>Talha Sheikh</p> <p>Musleh Udiin</p> <p>Samar Ahmed</p> <p>Waleed Mirza.</p>	

4.	100 Metre Race	Adeel Ahmed Shams (Bait Ul Huda)	Huzaifa Sarwar (Al Noor)	Musleh Uddin (Adelaide)

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