

# ISSA Masjids' Policy



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## Policies, Rules, & Regulations

The Islamic Society of South Australia (ISSA) was established in 1955 to serve the broader Muslim Community in South Australia. ISSA maintains 6 Masjids in both metropolitan and remote areas around South Australia.

The Masjids not only serve as a place of worship but also offer opportunities for religious, educational and Islamic social activities.

All activities are required to comply with Islamic teachings. All people visiting or using the Masjid premises are required to behave in accordance with these Islamic teachings and etiquette.

## Mobile Phones

• Mobile phones must be turned off during the congregational prayers.

## Inclusive & Welcoming Environment

• Our Masjids are intended to be a place of worship and community for all, irrespective of background, culture, or school of thought. This means that no single group should dominate or feel entitled to the space, and activities should be conducted in a way that fosters unity and inclusivity.

In order to safeguard and protect the Masjids and to ensure activities are conducted in an orderly and disciplined manner in accordance with Islamic etiquette, all visitors and users of the Masjids are required to observe the following policies, rules and regulations.

These policies, rules and regulations will be reviewed periodically and amended as necessary.

## Opening & closing times

• The Masjids are not licensed to be open 24 hours a day. They will open half an hour before Fajr Adhan and close one hour after Isha. We have made exceptions during Ramadan and other special occasions, but to stay within legal and safety regulations, our regular operating hours must be respected.

• By ensuring the Masjids remain open and accessible to everyone, we create an environment where all community members feel welcome, respected, and encouraged to participate without fear of judgment or exclusion.

## Masjids Usage

• The prayer area will only be used in accordance with Islamically acceptable norms and practices. No private gatherings or private educational classes will take place therein without prior permission of the Imam of the Masjids.

• For the comfort of users of the prayer hall area, socializing in the hallway must be avoided. People wishing to socialize can do so outside the Masjids.

• There is a separate wudhu/washroom area for brothers and sisters. Please make sure that these premises are used properly (they must be left clean and tidy after usage, lights turned off, trash in the designated receptacles, etc.).

• Shoes must be removed and placed in the shoe racks.

• No food or drinks are allowed in the Masjid, inside or outside.

• Photography/ video recording is not allowed in the Masjid building without prior approval of ISSA Committee.

• Only authorised persons or appointed Muazzin are allowed to use the Masjids microphone and sound system

## Parking Policy

• Parking is only allowed in the designated areas. Vehicles blocking entrances or parked in prohibited areas will be clamped at owners' expense.

• Remember to park appropriately and not to block anyone or neighbours especially during Friday prayer, Taraweeh, Eid Prayers etc.

• No overnight parking is allowed without prior approval of ISSA Committee. In addition, ISSA will not be responsible for vehicles left overnight in its parking lot.

• Vehicles left overnight in the Masjids parking lot without prior approval of ISSA Committee will be clamped at owners' expense.

• Do not park in the neighbours' driveway or block their driveways.

• ISSA Committee assumes no liability arising from damage sustained by vehicles in the Masjids parking lot, nor will it be responsible for vehicles and their contents.

## Events, Lectures & Group Activities in the Masjids

• Individuals or groups wishing to speak to or address the congregation must seek and obtain prior permission from The Imam of the Masjid.

a. Requests must have **detailed plans** of any talk, presentation, ecture, etc. including but not limited to title, content and names of speaker/s of the event.

b. Plans must be submitted to The Imam of the Masjid and receive his approval **at least 3 days prior** to any talk, presentation, lecture, etc. to be delivered.

• The Imam of the Masjid reserves the right to not grant his approval.

• No private gatherings or private educational classes will take place therein without prior permission of the Imam of the Masjids.

• ISSA Committee and The Imam of the Masjid reserve the right to interrupt and/or cancel any activity it has approved if in its judgment the activity deviates from the submitted plan; or if the content being delivered is found to be in conflict with ISSA policies, rules and regulations; or if the content being delivered is judged by ISSA Committee and Imam of the Masjid not to be in accordance with Islamic teaching or Islamic etiquette.

## Young Children

• Young children are welcome and are encouraged to attend the Masjid. However, they must be under the supervision of their parents/guardians or other authorised adults.

• It is the parents'/ guardians' responsibility to keep a close watch over their children, to keep them safe, and to make sure that they do not disturb prayers or activities, or harm themselves, or disturb the Masjid neighbours. Children or parents who fail to comply will be dealt with strictly.

• ISSA Masjids shall not be held liable and/ or responsible for children left unattended inside or outside on the Masjids property.

## Smoking

• Smoking, vaping or any other device which produces the same effect is not allowed on the whole Masjids property (inside or outside the Masjids) as well as the Community Centres and its surrounding areas.

• Consumption of illegal drugs on the premises is also prohibited.

## Dress Code Clothing in the Masjid

• Men and women are required to dress modestly according to Islamic teaching.

• In addition, women are required to wear a headscarf (Hijab).

• Clothing advertising rock bands or displaying unethical messages, etc. should be avoided.

• Kindly refer to the information regarding 'Modest Clothing' at the entrance of the Masjid.

## Announcements

• All public announcements shall be made in writing and prior approval, at least 24 hours in advance, from ISSA Committee shall be sought and obtained.

• Exceptions may be made after consultation with ISSA Committee.

## Masjid Overnight Stay Policy

• The Masjids will be closed after Isha Prayer and no one is allowed to stay overnight inside the Masjids.

• Itikaf will be allowed only at the last 10 days of Ramadan or by a special permission from ISSA Committee towards Tarbiya or an educational night for our local youth group.

## Quranic & Islamic Teachings and Halaqas (Study Circles)

• Quranic and Islamic teachings, and halaqas (study circles) are encouraged. However, brothers and sisters wishing to establish such activities must seek and obtain prior approval of Imam of the Masjid and ISSA Committee.

## Cleanliness

• It is required that people attending the Masjid activities are clean.

• Users of the washrooms and wudu (ablution) areas are required to leave these premises as clean and tidy as possible after use.

## Serving Food

• Food can only be served in the designated areas in activities that are Islamically compliant and for which prior approval has been sought and obtained from ISSA Committee.

• All those who serve food and/or organise activities, in which food is served must ensure that all leftover food and items used are removed from the premises, and the area used is cleaned.

## Books & Literature

• ISSA will establish guidelines as to the selection of books and literature that are to be placed in the Masjid by The Imam of the Masjid only.

• No books and/or literature shall be distributed or posted in the Masjid before prior approval of The Imam or ISSA Committee is sought and obtained.

## Community Meetings & Gatherings

• While our Masjids are open to all groups for communal meetings and gatherings, they must seek prior permission and approval from the relevant authorities within the Society. This process ensures that all activities are in line with our values, mission, and the purpose of the Masjids.

• Approved events must be advertised through our official platforms to ensure transparency and to provide the entire community with the opportunity to participate. This policy helps maintain fairness, organisation, and unity, allowing everyone to be informed about and involved in the various activities held in our Masjids.

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## Notice Board Policy

• Only ISSA Committee related news or approved articles/flyers/posters by ISSA Committee are allowed on the Masjids notice board.

• No advertising material (flyers, business cards, etc.) shall be placed inside the premises or dropped off without prior approval of ISSA Committee.

## Charity/ Donations Policy

• All public donations or collections must receive prior approval from the ISSA Committee. All funds donated or collected shall be channeled through the Islamic Society of South Australia (ISSA).

• No other charity, educational, or social organizations are permitted to collect donations inside or outside ISSA premises. Any non-ISSA donation projects, activities, or events must be directed to the ISSA account and adhere to ISSA's donation policies with prior approval from the ISSA Committee.

• All donations received are subject to auditing and will be documented in ISSA's yearly financial report for transparency and accountability.

• Donations to the Masjid Fund will be allocated towards ISSA expenses, activities, projects, events, or any other Islamic educational programs as deemed necessary by the Committee.

• The Masjid area is not designated for furniture or clothing donations. It is not permitted to leave any of these items in or around the Masjid.