

GUIDELINES FOR KHATEEBES AND GUEST SPEAKERS AT NAMCC

All khateebis (those assigned to give the khutbah [Friday sermon]) and guest speakers are requested to adhere to the following guidelines. The Imam or NAMCC administration reserves the right to deny permission to khateebis and guest speakers in the future due to lack of compliance. Both the organizer/host and the speaker himself must acknowledge, by signing below, that they have read and are aware of these guidelines, and will comply with the best of their ability.

1. The speaker will discuss issues related to the rectification of the Muslims as a whole in a passive manner, e.g. issues concerning, obedience to Allah and His Messenger (salla Allaahu alaihi wa sallam), moral conduct, social conduct, obedience to parents etc.
2. The speaker will avoid controversial issues whether political or religious, that may create or enhance confusion.
3. The speaker will discuss issues within the realm of the four Schools of Thought of the Ahlus Sunnah wa Al-Jama'ah in *Aqidah* (beliefs) and *Fiqh* (Islamic jurisprudence), and respect all schools equally.
4. Speakers will not disrespect, criticize, nor degrade any of the four Schools of Thought or their followers.
5. Speakers will not issue any edicts (*fatwa*), but may give opinions with supporting arguments.
6. Speakers will not degrade women or any culture or race and/or intentionally make any remarks offensive to them.
7. In matters of Islamic Jurisprudence with multiple opinions, the speaker will endeavor to mention that the related issue has been disputed, and that the cited opinion is one, but not the only opinion.
8. The speaker will not declare acts of worship as *bid'ah* unless agreed upon by all Scholars of Ahlus Sunnah wa Al-Jama'ah.
9. The speaker will refrain from unnecessary labeling people as apostates (*takfir*), unless agreed upon by the Scholars of Ahlus Sunnah wa Al-Jama'ah.
10. The speaker is strictly prohibited from conducting any type of fundraising for any Masjid, school or organization unless with express permission from the NAMCC administration.

I have read, acknowledged and agreed to abide by the above guidelines.

 Signature of organizer or host Date

 Signature of Guest Speaker/Khateeb Date

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