

Masjid al Mustafa Ramadan 1435 I'tikaf Guidelines

1. SBIA will allow upto 20 people to make I'tikaf at Masjid al Mustafa this year - Preference will be given to those people making the Sunnah Mu'akkadah I'tikaf from the eve of the 21st of Ramadan until the beginning of Shawwal (9 or 10 nights as the case may be).
2. The limit will not be enforced on Friday and Saturday nights, but the latest arrival for I'tikaf on weekends is 12AM. Doors will close (and will not open until Qiyam) after that.
3. Please send e-mail to sbia@sbia.info with your full name and contact information (including an emergency contact), and whether you plan to do the Sunnah Mu'akkadah I'tikaf or partial nights I'tikaf. You will hear back from us soon.

Only those individuals that receive positive acknowledgements will be allowed to perform Sunnah Mu'akkadah I'tikaf.

Guidelines

Sleeping arrangements

- Sleeping/resting/bedding is allowed from the 6th row onwards at all times
- Beddings/bags are not allowed in the first 5 rows at any time
- Maximum area per person for bedding/belongings: 7 ft long X 4 ft wide – Mattresses cannot be higher than 9 inches
- All bedding/bags must be placed along the side walls 45 minutes before each prayer time
- No tents are allowed in the masjid

Convenience

- Lights will be out from 12:30AM to 2:30AM, and 5:30AM onwards until sunset – use personal lights if needed during that time
- WiFi is not available
- Charging stations will be assigned
- Extension cables will not be allowed
- Please be mindful of others
- No phone conversations inside prayer area

Food

- Food and open cups are not allowed in the prayer area at any time
- Please be mindful of others space at all times – also while storing ones belongings in the kitchen/fridge

Hygiene

- The shower downstairs is available for use. Showers should not be more than 7 minutes long (*this is to conserve water & also give others a chance to take a shower*)
- Please endeavor to clean the bathroom after each use, so it's clean & ready for the person after you
- Please do not hang your clothes in the bathroom or other areas of the building
- **The shower upstairs is reserved for the Shaykh at all times**
- Please keep your area clean at all times

Conduct

- Avoid unnecessary phone use (text, e-mail, calls) and conversation at all times, especially Iftar and Suhoor
Please maintain the spirit of brotherhood. I'tikaf is a time of personal reflection; unnecessary debate and arguments are prohibited
- Everyone is encouraged to make Qiyam. It will be held from 2:45AM to 3:45AM
- Due to the nature of our prayer area: a) brothers cannot sleep/rest/sit in the sisters area at any time; b) sisters are welcome for the qiyam, but cannot make I'tikaf at the masjid.

In case of non-compliance, or other issues, you will be asked to leave at anytime.

We are honored to host you at Masjid al-Mustafa. Please respect these guidelines and any additional constraints required by the Masjid administration in order to have a serene, secure, and spiritual I'tikaf.

Jazak Allah Khayr