



Nizam-ul-'Amal

Halqa-e-Shaheen

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This draft awaits the ratification of Halqa-e-Shaheen. Under clause 5.7, approving the Nizam-ul-'Amal is a first-order decision and requires the consultation of every member.

Article 1: Standing and Scope

1.1 Standing: This document is Halqa-e-Shaheen's own working system, and stands on its own. Tanzeem-e-Islami's Nizam-ul-'Amal serves only as a structural model, an example of how such a document is ordered. It is not a superior instrument to which Halqa-e-Shaheen is subject. Many of its provisions are inapplicable here, and this document is the shorter of the two.

1.2 Scope: This Nizam-ul-'Amal binds Halqa-e-Shaheen and its **حلقے**, both the seven now constituted and any established hereafter. Since growth is expected to take the form of new **حلقے**, the document will bind those not yet formed. The Da'wah Society (ADS) and the Administration Society (AMS) fall outside its scope.

1.3 Relation to the other societies: Halqa-e-Shaheen serves as the intellectual and operational centre for all three societies. This is recorded here by way of explanation only; the document imposes no duty in respect of ADS or AMS.

Article 2: Membership

2.1 Classification: Halqa-e-Shaheen is itself the central body, comprising the conveners of the **حلقے** and other central members. All others are members of the Research Society (RDS). A member of a **حلقہ**'s team is counted a member of the Research Society, not of Halqa-e-Shaheen.

2.2 Required qualities: The following are required of a member of Halqa-e-Shaheen:

1. A living relationship with Allah
2. A settled connection with the Qur'an
3. Humility, and abstention from arrogance
4. Scholarly seriousness, and continuity in it

2.3 Eligibility — convener of a حلقہ

- Multazim and Part 2: preferred
- Multazim and Part 1: the minimum

2.4 Eligibility — members of a حلقہ (Research Society)

- A member of the Anjuman, or a rafiq of the Tanzeem
- In full accord with the ideology and the fikr
- Humble in temperament, a student, and active

2.5 Route of admission: One principle governs both tiers: the scholarly assessment is made within, and the final authority rests with the Anjuman.

- **Members of a حلقہ:** the convener of the حلقہ concerned approves the candidate on subject knowledge, cast of thought, and basic scholarly capacity. The final decision rests with Saleem-ud-Din sahib.
- **The central body:** the serving conveners assess the candidate. The final decision rests with Saleem-ud-Din sahib.

2.6 Undertaking: A new member gives a short written undertaking covering attachment to the حلقہ, regularity in reporting, and observance of this Nizam-ul-'Amal.

2.7 Admission season: Admission opens after each Ramadan.

2.8 Dormancy: A member who becomes inactive, or who leaves the central body, remains within the Research Society and is not excluded from the work.

2.9 Exclusion: Any one of the following grounds suffices:

5. Suspension from the Tanzeem

6. Acting against the settled beliefs of Ahl al-Sunnah wa'l-Jama'ah
7. Persistent breach of this Nizam-ul-'Amal

The procedure has three stages. Whoever becomes aware of the matter speaks first in private. If it is not settled there, it is brought before Halqa-e-Shaheen. If it is not settled there either, it goes to Saleem-ud-Din sahib for exclusion.

2.10 Attendance at the reading session: Prospective members, and those whose contribution is expected to be of scholarly benefit.

2.11 Unattached members: A member belonging to no active **حلقة**:

- **A convener whose **حلقة** has no members yet appointed:** the standing curriculum and the connection with the Qur'an remain binding, and a monthly report is still submitted, recording that the **حلقة**'s members are not yet appointed.
- **An inactive member within the Research Society:** attendance at the reading session remains open, and return to the central body follows the ordinary route of admission.

Article 3: Structure

3.1 Halqa-e-Shaheen: The central body, comprising the conveners of the **حلقة**.

3.2 The **حلقة:** Each **حلقة** is a field of study with a convener and its members. There is no separate head beyond that. Seven are presently constituted:

- **حلقة نظام تعلیم** — the educational system
- **حلقة تاریخ فلسفہ** — the history of philosophy
- **حلقة علوم دینیہ** — the religious sciences
- **حلقة طبیعیات** — the natural sciences
- **حلقة رواج جدیدیت** — modernity and its critiques

- **حلقہ نفسیات** — psychology
- **حلقہ ریاضی و منطق** — mathematics and logic

Who convenes each **حلقہ** is not recorded in this document. Appointment is made separately, and a change of holder requires no amendment here.

3.3 Offices: Besides the convening of the **حلقہ**, the central body holds seven offices, and each member holds one of them:

8. **Nazim-e-Mutaba'at** — the list of tasks, their pursuit, and seeing whether what was decided was in fact done. Also the arranging of the akabireen's admonitory sessions (clause 5.4)
9. **Nazim-e-Report** — the **حلقہ**'s reports, the preparation and presentation of the monthly report, and its transmission to the Anjuman
10. **Nazim-e-Wasa'il** — the provision and upkeep of the tools and means for all of Halqa-e-Shaheen's work
11. **Nazim-e-Ijtima'at** — the convening of every gathering, the fixing of times, and reminding the members (clause 5.5)
12. **Nazim-e-Mutala'ah** — the arranging and conduct of the weekly reading session (clause 5.2)
13. **Nazim-e-Nishist** — the conduct of Halqa-e-Shaheen's shared gatherings: the weekly meeting, whether in person or online, the consultative session, and the administrative session
14. **Nazim-e-Mahfuzat** — the keeping, ordering and supply of all records and decisions (clause 7.4)

Two further duties rest with one or another of the same members:

- **Nazim-e-Rawabit** — the single channel to the Anjuman and to Saleem-ud-Din sahib, and outward contacts besides
- **Nazim-e-Isha'at** — Aaina-e-Anjuman, publication in journals, and social media

The offices are fixed; the names of those holding them are not recorded in this document. Appointment and change are made separately, and require no amendment to the Nizam-ul-'Amal.

3.4 Saleem-ud-Din sahib: As the representative of the Anjuman's leadership, his functions are:

15. **Approval** — to receive Halqa-e-Shaheen's reports, and to satisfy himself that the work accords with the Anjuman's purpose
 16. Final authority over admission to the central body
 17. Final authority over the admission of members to a **حلقہ**
 18. The final stage of exclusion
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Article 4: The System of the **حلقہ**

4.1 Constitution: A **حلقہ** is constituted as soon as its convener is appointed. No minimum number of members is required, neither to constitute it nor to maintain it.

4.2 Duties of a convener

19. **Holding the session** — calling it, settling what is to be read, and maintaining continuity
20. **Reporting** — submitting a monthly report to Halqa-e-Shaheen (clause 4.6)
21. **Admission and training** — assessing candidates (clause 2.5), and training the **حلقہ**'s members
22. **Output** — being answerable for the **حلقہ**'s stated scholarly output

4.3 Powers of a convener: The convener may settle the following on his own authority:

23. **Curriculum** — the **حلقہ**'s reading list
24. **Form of gathering** — the **حلقہ**'s own day, time and manner, provided it falls within the limits this Nizam-ul-'Amal sets
25. **Proposal of output** — proposing the **حلقہ**'s scholarly output, which Halqa-e-Shaheen then confirms

Not on his own authority: transferring an inactive member to another society of the programme. That follows only on reference upward. *(This differs from exclusion, for which the three-stage procedure of clause 2.9 applies.)*

4.4 Connection with the Qur'an: Every **حلقه** is bound to keep its scholarly work connected to the Qur'an, both text and tafsir. The frequency and manner are settled by the convener, since the **حلقه** differ in nature.

4.5 Standing curriculum: The Muntakhab Nisab (detailed) and the Mahazraat are prescribed for members of the central body, and run alongside the work of the **حلقه**. This is each member's own responsibility, not an office's.

4.6 Reporting: Each convener submits a monthly report covering:

- Sessions held
- Attendance
- Material under study
- Progress on the **حلقه**'s output

These reports form the basis of the monthly report.

Article 5: The System of Gatherings

5.1 Monthly minimums

Gathering	Monthly minimum
Consultative session (central body)	2
Session of a حلقه (each)	4, that is weekly
Administrative session	2

The weekly obligation binds a **حلقه** whose members have been appointed. A **حلقه** with only a convener is not bound by it.

5.2 Reading session: On Iqbal's *Reconstruction of Religious Thought in Islam*, Mondays from Maghrib to Isha, online. This is a gathering of Halqa-e-Shaheen as a whole, and is not counted among any *حلقہ*'s four sessions.

5.3 Other gatherings: A special session as need arises; a monthly training session, open to all members of the programme; a quarterly Shab-e-Bedari; a **six-monthly refresher course** on *Islam ki Nashat-e-Sania*, open to members of the programme; and the Annual General Gathering.

5.4 Admonitory session: The training of members is not an office of Halqa-e-Shaheen. It rests with the akabireen of the Anjuman and Tanzeem-e-Islami, who hold sessions of tazkir from time to time. Halqa-e-Shaheen's responsibility is only the arranging of these sessions, which falls to Nazim-e-Mutaba'at.

No number is fixed for these sessions. The akabireen are not members of Halqa-e-Shaheen, and no monthly obligation can be laid upon them. Should a number be settled, it will be added to clause 5.1.

5.5 Convening and cancellation

- **Session of a *حلقہ*:** called by the convener concerned
- **Shared gatherings:** called by Nazim-e-Ijtima'at, who fixes the time and issues the reminder. The conduct of the session, however, rests with the office whose gathering it is: the reading session with Nazim-e-Mutala'ah, the weekly meeting with Nazim-e-Nishist, and the admonitory session with Nazim-e-Mutaba'at.

One office keeps the whole month in view, so that no gathering is missed; and each session is run by the office whose work it is. That office also compiles the record (clause 7.3).

5.6 Participation in decisions: First-order decisions are taken in consultation with every member, not by the view of those present alone. This condition does not apply to routine matters.

5.7 First-order decisions

26. Amendment of this Nizam-ul-'Amal

27. Admission and exclusion

- 28. Appointment to office (clause 3.3)
- 29. Fixing the date of the Annual General Gathering
- 30. The constitution or closing of a حلقہ

This list is final. A matter not within it is, as a rule, not first-order; and adding to the list is itself an amendment of the Nizam-ul-'Amal, that is, item 1.

Article 6: The System of Reporting

6.1 Internal reporting: Each convener submits a monthly report to Halqa-e-Shaheen. The particulars are at clause 4.6.

6.2 External reporting: Halqa-e-Shaheen sends the monthly report to Saleem-ud-Din sahib, for his approval under clause 3.4.

The chain is thus complete: from the convener to Halqa-e-Shaheen, and from Halqa-e-Shaheen to Saleem-ud-Din sahib. All three stages are monthly.

6.3 Responsibility: The preparation, presentation and transmission of the monthly report rest with Nazim-e-Report (clause 3.3).

6.4 Review of performance: Performance is judged on two counts:

31. **Activity** — sessions held, against the numbers prescribed in clause 5.1, and attendance

32. **Output** — progress on each حلقہ's stated scholarly output

The second count cannot be judged until every حلقہ has declared its stated output.

Article 7: The System of Consultation

7.1 The consultative body: Halqa-e-Shaheen is itself the consultative body. There is no separate council or committee within it, and no wider council beyond it.

In Tanzeem-e-Islami a Majlis-e-Amilah and a Majlis-e-Mashwarah stand apart at each tier. Here the central body is seven members, and a council within a body that size would be a council of nearly all of it.

7.2 Manner of decision: Halqa-e-Shaheen's decisions are taken by common agreement. Where agreement cannot be reached, the matter is referred to Saleem-ud-Din sahib.

Every unresolved matter before Halqa-e-Shaheen, whether admission, exclusion or a difference of view, is thus settled along a single path.

7.3 The record: The record of each gathering is compiled by the office whose gathering it is: a حلقہ's session by the convener concerned, the reading session by Nazim-e-Mutala'ah, the shared gatherings by Nazim-e-Nishist, and the admonitory session by Nazim-e-Mutaba'at. Nazim-e-Ijtima'at calls the gathering and issues the reminder, but does not compile the record.

Each record carries at least: the date, attendance, the matters discussed, and the decisions taken.

7.4 Custody of the record: All records and decisions rest with Nazim-e-Mahfuzat, who keeps them in one place and supplies them to any member on request.

Until a decision is written down, it lives only in the memory of whoever was present. Hence the record is compiled by whoever ran the session, who knows the matter; and held by one person, so that whoever looks for it has one place to look.

Article 8: Authorship and Publication

8.1 Route to publication: Any piece of writing passes the review of the academic council before it is published.

8.2 Criterion of review: Fidelity to the purpose of Dr. Israr Ahmad.

8.3 Transmission: Nazim-e-Isha'at sends Halqa-e-Shaheen's writings to:

- Internal and related periodicals, such as the monthly Aaina-e-Anjuman

- External journals, whether scholarly or general

8.4 Social media: Rests with Nazim-e-Isha'at, and is also reviewed by the Anjuman's publication department.

8.5 Outward contacts: Contact with scholars and institutions is arranged through the Anjuman.

Article 9: Finance

9.1 Voluntary service: All members of Halqa-e-Shaheen serve voluntarily, and none receives any remuneration.

9.2 Expenses: The expenses of projects, such as publication and the arrangements for the Annual General Gathering, are met from the Anjuman's own resources.

9.3 Contribution: Halqa-e-Shaheen lays no financial obligation on its members, and this document gives no ruling on the matter.

9.4 Bait-ul-Maal: Halqa-e-Shaheen holds no treasury of its own.

All nine articles are drafted. The next step is the ratification of Halqa-e-Shaheen, which under clause 5.7 is a first-order decision.