

## Criteria for Evaluation

### Definition of terms

**Memory** is the ability to chant the specified portion as required by the panel of judges without any break, hesitation or confusion.

**Pronunciation** is the ability to chant the verses correctly according to the pronunciation rules of Sanskrit. *Note:*

Common pronunciation challenges and guidelines for correct pronunciation of Sanskrit Text can be found in the Chanting Guide provided in the website. The audio and hand-out provided by Chinmaya Mission Tri-State Center as learning-aids, shall be used as the baseline for pronunciation and text.

**Vocabulary Test** shall be based on the word list provided in the Vocabulary List for Chapter 16. There are 25 words provided for this chapter. The test shall include multiple choice questions, match the word to the meaning, word puzzles, and free response questions.

**Presentation** refers to clarity and loudness of chanting, or, enunciation, consistency in speed, posture, confidence, sincerity of effort, and devotional attitude.

*Note:* Tune shall not be a criterion for judgment.

Each participant shall be given a score by the panel of judges, based on how the participant chants. Every participant is required to chant the assigned number of verses as specified in the [verse assignment table](#).

The evaluation criteria for the regionals held in various Chinmaya centers located in the Tri-State area shall be specified in this document.

### Scoring applicable to groups chanting from memory in Regionals

Breakdown of points for all groups chanting from memory in regionals is listed in the table below.

Memory	Pronunciation	Presentation	Total
50 Points	45 Points	5 Points	100 Marks

### Scoring Applicable to groups reading from hand-out in Regionals

Breakdown of points for **Kaunteya**, the high school kids group reading the verses, is listed in the table below:

Pronunciation	Vocabulary Test	Presentation	Total
70 Points	25 Points	5 Points	100 Marks

Breakdown of points for **Mahabaho**, the adult group reading the verses, is listed in the table below:

Pronunciation	Presentation	Total
90 Marks	10 Marks	100 Marks

**Chapter 16 - Verse Assignments for groups**

Please note that the participants have to chant the assigned number of verses, based on the applicable group, in order to be evaluated and scored by the judge panel.

<b>GROUP</b>	<b>GRADE</b>	<b>VERSES</b>
Arjuna	Pre K , KG	1-7
Bhārata	Grades 1-2	1-15
Pārtha	Grades 3-4	1-20
Hrishiksha	Grades 5-6	1-24
Dhananjaya	Grades 7-8	1-24
Keshava	Grades 9-12	1-24
Kaunteya ★	Grades 9-12	1-24
Parantapa	-- (Adults)	1-24
Mahābaho ★	-- (Adults)	1-24
★Groups reading the Verses All other groups are required to memorize the verses.		
Kaunteya group participants shall be required to take a Vocabulary Test.		
Kiriti, the Toddlers, shall chant 5 verses from memory during Regionals, as a group. They will not be evaluated individually.		