



Aga Khan Youth and Sports Board (AKYSB) Camps Admission Process

Over recent years, the Aga Khan Youth and Sports Board (AKYSB) Camps Team has experienced increasing demand and strong interest in its residential camps. While several initiatives have been implemented to accommodate this growth, demand continues to exceed available capacity. As a result, opportunities exist to further enhance the admissions process.

Following careful review and consideration, AKYSB has established the following admissions process for all future residential camps, including Camp Horizon, Camp Horizon Plus, and the Young Adults Conference.

This process has been designed to manage growing demand in a responsible, fair, and sustainable manner while maintaining the high quality of the camp experience.

Application Process

- Parents and participants will be notified at least one week prior to applications opening.
- The exact applications date and time will be communicated through official AKYSB channels, including social media and The Ismaili app.
- Application does not guarantee admission to camp.
- Given this is a new process, any existing waitlists will not be carried forward or considered.

Admissions Criteria

- Participant selection will be based on city and school year level quotas, determined by the number of eligible youth in each city, followed by a points-based selection system designed to promote fair access and encourage broader participation across the Jamat.



Examples of the points allocation are outlined below:

Criteria	Points
First-time attendance at any AKYSB residential camp	5
Participant attends a Distance Learning Centre (DLC) and has not attended the same residential camp at the most recent occurrence	4
First-time attendance at a specific residential camp, having attended another AKYSB residential camp previously (e.g. first-time attending Horizon Plus after attending Horizon)	3
Last-time attendance at a specific residential camp (i.e. participant is in their final year of eligibility for that particular camp and therefore will not have another opportunity to attend)	3
Previously attended the same residential camp during their eligible age period, but not at the most recent occurrence	2
Attended the same residential camp at its most recent occurrence and is applying again	1

Allocation of Places

- City based and school year level quotas will be determined based on participant numbers within each centre and may vary between camps. National Council Office provides full youth data. Quotas will be allocated proportionally informed by youth data. AKYSB Camp Board Members, Honorary Secretary and Chair will review and approve these quotas.



- All registered participants will be assessed and allocated points according to the criteria above. Points are not cumulative. Each participant will only fall into one (the highest) applicable criteria.
- Applicants will then be ranked within their respective city and school year level based on their total points, with places allocated to the highest-ranked applicants up to the city's and school year level's allocated quota.
- Where multiple applicants have the same points score and there are insufficient places available to accommodate all applicants at that score, places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis based on the date and time of application.

Consideration of Social Circumstances

To ensure consistency, fairness, and objectivity, social circumstances will not influence points allocation as part of the admissions process. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Mental health considerations
- Family circumstances
- Personal or social factors

Financial hardship should not be a barrier to participation, and AKYSB encourages parents who require financial assistance to come forward confidentially so that support can be explored.

Confirmation and Payment

- Admission offers will be communicated by the local Camps Team following completion of the assessment process.
- Places are not confirmed until official notification has been provided.
- Payment will only be requested after a participant's place has been confirmed.



Record Keeping

Data will be stored securely on the institutional AKYSB SharePoint, with access restricted to Camp Board Members, Honorary Secretary and Chair. This information will contain records of applications, previous camp participation, points awarded and selection outcomes. The new framework will only work successfully over multiple years if we maintain this information consistently.

Disclaimer

While the AKYSB Camps Team has considered a range of scenarios for points allocation, unique situations may arise during implementation. Where circumstances are not explicitly covered within this process, the Camps Team will review and address them in a manner that upholds the principles of fairness, consistency, and equal opportunity. The Camps Team will review this admissions process on a periodic basis for further improvement.