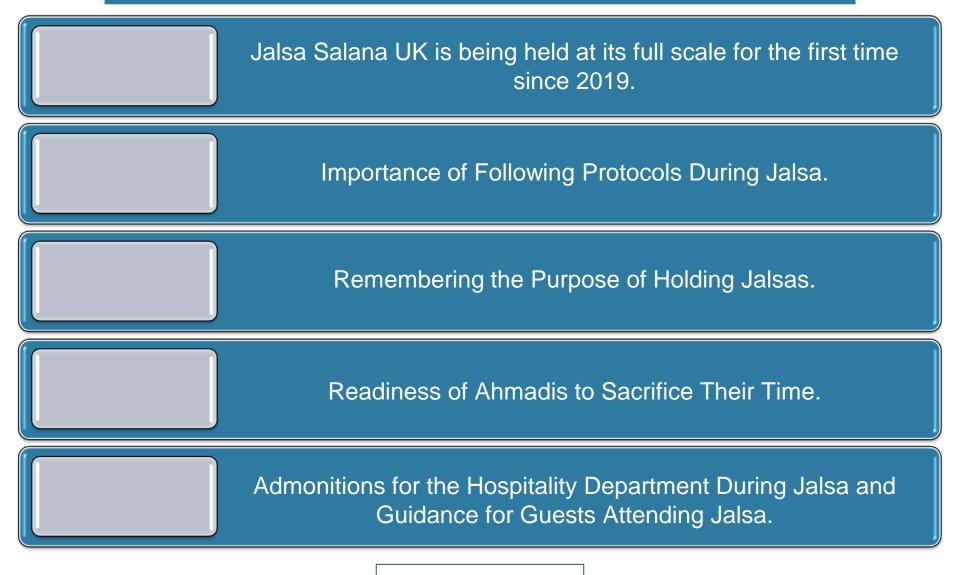


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By the grace of Allah the Almighty, the Jalsa Salana UK is being held at its full scale for the first time since 2019

His Holiness (aba) said that although this year's Jalsa is primarily for members of the UK Jama'at and international guests are limited, all members of the UK Jama'at can join in full attendance over the three days.

Covid pandemic caused a break in the Jalsa being held... The government has allowed events to be held at full capacity, but this does not mean that all safety measures should be abandoned.

All those attending
the Jalsa must
remain mindful of
these precautionary
measures, including
wearing a mask.
While listening to
the proceedings,
performing duties or
walking outside,
everyone should
keep their mask on.

His Holiness (aba) said that some homeopathy medicine is also being offered to those attending the Jalsa.

His Holiness (aba) said that he would speak about the responsibilities which must be fulfilled in serving the guests of the Promised Messiah (as), especially for the benefit of new volunteers and those who have come from Pakistan over the last three years.

Similarly it will serve as a reminder for the experienced volunteers as well. If these things are kept in mind, then one can reap the true benefits of Jalsa.

The Promised Messiah
(as) explained that this
is no ordinary, worldly
convention, but is an
opportunity to be
reminded of God's
teachings and the
example of the Holy
Prophet (sa) so that we
may mold our lives
accordingly.

Volunteers offer themselves to serve at the Jalsa, no matter their profession or status.

History bears testament that so many people present themselves to offer duties that the organisers are spoil for choice.

Just last week, many more volunteers showed up. In fact, as such a large number was not expected, appropriate food arrangements had not been made beforehand either.

The organisers should bear in mind that especially on weekends, they should be better prepared and generally prepare a large amount of food.

With regards to preparing food for guests, they should not incline towards being conservative in the amounts of food they prepare.

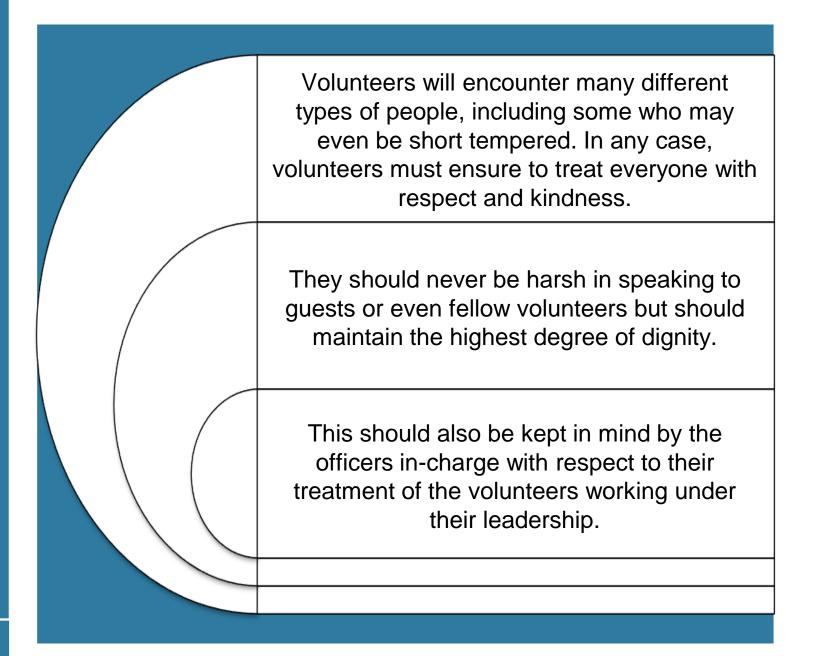
Similarly, His Holiness (aba) advised that since the weather is quite warm, any time food is being prepared and meat is being cut,

it should be placed in chillers right away, rather than leaving it out all day.

Volunteers should serve with the spirit that they may not receive recognition from others, but are undertaking this service for the sake of God.

Volunteers should serve with the same spirit as that Companion of the Holy Prophet (sa) and his wife, who remained hungry themselves in order to feed their guest.

In fact, they did so in a manner that would not make it apparent to their guest that they themselves were not eating. This greatly pleased the Holy Prophet (sa), who said that God had also been pleased with what they had done



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His Holiness
(aba) said that
once a guest
came to the
Holy Prophet
(sa). He was
offered food and
given a bed to
sleep on.

Early the next morning, he soiled the bed and left. Instead of saying anything to reprimand the guest, the Holy Prophet (sa) asked for some water and began cleaning the bed.

The Companions present asked the Holy Prophet (sa) to let them clean the bed, however he refused, saying that this was his guest.

He said that anyone who believes in Allah and the Last Day, honours their guest.

The officers should bear in mind that it is due to the blessings of Allah the Almighty that they have been given the opportunity to serve.

As such, they must exhibit the highest moral standards. If they do so, then those working under them will also exhibit the same high standard of morals.

In light of precautions due to Covid, the organisers have tried to make arrangements so that people do not remain in the dining marquee for extended periods of time.

Guests also have certain responsibilities. They should not have unrealistic expectations from their hosts.

It could be that the food may not be to a guest's liking, however, they should happily eat whatever they are presented with.

All those attending should bear in mind that they are attending the Jalsa in order to increase their connection with God and their spirituality.

They are attending a Jalsa which is solely for the sake of God, hence small matters or grievances do not need to be expressed. Instead they should realise that volunteers are also human, and if they happen to make any mistake, it should be overlooked.

We must always remember that the purpose for gathering at the Jalsa is a very lofty purpose, for which the least that can be done is to sacrifice one's sentiments and instead focus on the remembrance of God and seeking forgiveness.

It must constantly be borne in mind that we have left our homes and travelled to the Jalsa for the sake of God. Doing so will shower blessings upon our journey and stay at the Jalsa. The Holy Prophet (sa) taught to pray for righteousness and the pleasure of God whilst travelling.

He also taught a prayer for the safety of one's journey and the safety of those whom they leave at home. Everyone should focus on offering **Durood Sharif** (prayer for invoking blessings upon the Holy Prophet (sa)) and offering the prayers in congregation.

The attendees should also carefully listen to the various speeches at the Jalsa which have been prepared with great effort and can be the source of answering many questions which people may have.

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This year there is no bazar & so in between sessions, people should visit the various exhibitions. Furthermore, due to the large volume of cars in the car park, everyone should remain patient & cooperate with the volunteers.

People should maintain a high level of cleanliness in the lavatories and also conserve water, especially due to the lack of rain. Security should also be ensured by all.

His Holiness
(aba) again
emphasised the
importance of
the
remembrance of
Allah and
worship
especially
during these
days.

His Holiness(aba) urged everyone to pray for the success of the Community, safety from its enemies & the emancipation of those who have been falsely imprisoned on the basis of their faith

His Holiness
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