

## NIKAH POLICY

All facilities of the Windsor Islamic Association (WIA), including the main prayer hall at the Windsor Mosque, can only be utilised for purposes supported by mainstream Islamic teachings. Accordingly, all marriage ceremonies officiated in the Windsor Mosque, can only be conducted with full acknowledgement, acceptance, and adherence to the following policies:

- The marriage must be conducted in a way that is valid according to basic Islamic standards, with fully consenting parties, in the presence of an accepting guardian of the bride (wali), at least two morally upright male witnesses, a stipulated bridal gift (mahr), and unequivocally expressed offering (ijāb) and acceptance (qabūl).
- The marriage must be conducted by a legally registered marriage officiant, licensed by the government of Ontario.
- The marriage can only be conducted if the couple being married provides a marriage license issued within the province of Ontario or similarly authenticated documentation.
- No music, dancing, smoking, arguing or other disruptive behaviours are allowed in or around the premises at any time.
- No food or sweets are permitted inside the prayer halls. Boxed sweets can be distributed at the entrances or outside of the building.
- The use of candles, incense, or other potentially hazardous materials or substances is strictly forbidden on the premises.
- Underaged children must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times and can not be left unattended.
- All females are required to remain in the allocated sisters' sections of the mosque at all times. Similarly, all males are required to remain in the allocated areas for brothers at all times. Casual mixing between genders is strictly prohibited inside and around the sacred space of the *masjid*.
- It is recommended that the marriage ceremony is booked in advance, well before the planned date.
- All fees for marriage services must be paid as outlined on the WIA website before the ceremony.
- The WIA and its representatives reserve the right to refuse, cancel, halt, and prohibit any marriage ceremony in progress that violates Islamic morals, WIA by-laws, safety codes, or any other legal requirements.

By signing below, I accept and fully agree to be held responsible to ensure all of the above-mentioned conditions and policies are upheld by myself and all other invited attendees.

Signature: .....

Date: .....

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☐ Approved      ☐ Not approved, Reason: .....

Signature: .....

Date: .....