



# Member Welcome Package

2024-25

## **Welcome to DUMAS!**

Durham Malayali Arts and Sports (DUMAS) is a non-profit, non-political, cultural organization of Malayalees in the Durham Region, Toronto, Ontario. DUMAS invests relentless effort in bringing people together to identify common goals, address shared concerns, and work collectively to create positive changes within the community. DUMAS is committed to serving the community by building relationships and fostering social connections. The goal of DUMAS is to enhance the well-being, cohesion, and resilience of our community by harnessing its strengths and addressing its needs. It caters to social, cultural, and charity events and helps meet the needs of society.

Please bookmark our website; it will provide you with complete information on our programs and activities. If you are on Facebook or Instagram, make sure to like our page.

There are so many ways for you to get involved in the community. We are constantly working on several upcoming activities. If you would like more information, please reach out to the committee members, and we will be happy to give you the details. We are more than excited to introduce you to other members who share common interests.

**DUMAS Executive Committee**

## About DUMAS

Durham Malayalee Arts and Sports (DUMAS) is a non-profit, non-political, cultural organization of Malayalees in the Durham Region, which is part of the Greater Toronto Area. DUMAS was established in 2011 as a small grouping of families in the Durham region, with the intention of extending the Malayalee social connectivity. As of 2021, the membership has grown extensively owing to new members moving to the Durham region, which includes the cities of Pickering, Ajax, Whitby, Oshawa, Courtice and Bowmanville. Currently, DUMAS is one of the fastest-growing Malayalee communities in GTA.

DUMAS primarily focuses on cultural programs, sports meet, member get-togethers and community service initiatives. DUMAS celebrates major festivals like Onam, Christmas, Vishu, and Easter in a grand way. DUMAS events provide the member families with a platform to showcase their talents and skills regardless of age.

DUMAS strives to build influence and visibility for the Malayalee community. The spirit of DUMAS is kept alive by active member participation and community engagement

## What does DUMAS do?

DUMAS fosters community spirit within the Malayalee Community in Durham Region

### **FOUR MAJOR FUN FILLED FAMILY EVENTS EACH YEAR.**

Onam | Picnic | Christmas & New Year | Vishu-Easter

### **SOCIAL GATHERINGS**

Men's Night, Women's Night & Family Night

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROMOTION**

Fundraisers, Charity Events, Food Drive, Community Clean-Up.  
Collaborate With Other Charity / Social Service Organizations.  
(Ontario Heroes, Terry Fox Foundation, Canadian Blood Services)

Orchestrate Kid' And Adults' Workshops.  
Organize Sports Tournaments & Indoor Games.  
Partner With DDSB For Malayalam Literacy for school aged children.

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

As a member, you've unlocked several membership benefits:

✓	Free Gym admission for the family from Sep to June
✓	Discounted entry rates to all DUMAS community events
✓	Take part in Kids and Adult workshops
✓	Play in Sports tournaments for different age levels

## GYM SCHEDULE

Day	Time	Location	Activity
MONDAY	6 - 8 PM	SIR SAMUEL STEELE P S 55 BAKERVILLE ST, WHITBY	BADMINTON MEN & WOMEN
TUESDAY	6 - 9 PM	ST BERNADETTE CATHOLIC SCHOOL 41 BAYLY ST E, AJAX	BADMINTON MEN & WOMEN BASKETBALL- TEENS
FRIDAY	6 - 7:30 PM	ST BERNADETTE CATHOLIC SCHOOL 41 BAYLY ST E, AJAX	BADMINTON - WOMEN & KIDS



### **How many days can I access the Gym?**

You can access these gym locations in Durham Region, 3 days a week as per the above schedule and your convenience.

### **How will I benefit from membership fee?**

Gym entry and associated recreation is free of cost for members. For DUMAS events, you will get discounted tickets and the savings can add up fast!

### **What are the various ways to interact with the community?**

DUMAS has a Facebook page, Instagram, a website, and a Google Groups where we communicate about DUMAS community activities and programs | We have two WhatsApp groups to help the community stay engaged | Our events are the best place to meet others in the community in person.

### **What else?**

Above all, you will have plenty of opportunities to meet 'n greet, participate, and volunteer in of one of the best Malayalee communities in Ontario.



## DUMAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2024-25



**EMIL JOHN**  
PRESIDENT



**JASMINE KOTTOOR**  
VICE-PRESIDENT



**JITHA JOHN**  
SECRETARY



**JOHN MATHEW**  
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SPORTS CO-ORDINATOR



**SOFIYA BHUVANESH**  
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PRO | SOCIAL MEDIA



**SURYA PETER**  
PROG. CO-ORDINATOR



**JOY CHACKO**  
TRUSTEE



**JAMES KOLENCHERY**  
TRUSTEE

## Contact Us

Best way to reach the committee is at

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We also have the following function-specific email ids we can be reached at

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Visit our website for more details.

## 2023-24 Executive Committee

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Please reach out to us if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions.

## Thank You!

Thank you so much for renewing or taking a new membership with DUMAS!

We hope you enjoy your membership, and we wish you a great time with the DUMAS.