



Dear Prospective Dance Team,

Thank you for your interest in competing at the New England Malayalee Association's first annual dance competition: KALOTSAV 2008. The show will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2008 at the Francis Wyman Elementary School in Burlington, MA.

Please fill out the following information and mail it to:

NEMA Registration Committee  
c/o Anuradha Surendran  
32 Hatikva Way  
Chelmsford, MA 01863

The application in this packet must be filled out completely and mailed to the above address **ALONG WITH** your team's registration check. The registration packet, in its entirety, must be postmarked no later than Saturday, April 12, 2008.

Please make all checks payable to NEMA.

Also, kindly allow us about two weeks upon receipt to process your team's application and notify you about your team's entry status as well as additional information such as judging and additional guidelines. Registration Checks are non-refundable.

After the NEMA Registration Committee receives your team's completed registration packet and entry fee, your team's contact person will be contacted via phone or email regarding your team's status in the competition.

Thank you again for your interest in competing at the New England Malayalee Association's first annual dance competition: KALOTSAV 2008. We look forward to working with you on this exciting program. If you have any questions regarding registration, you can reach Anuradha Surendran at [anu.suren@gmail.com](mailto:anu.suren@gmail.com) or Samira Menon at [samiramenon@gmail.com](mailto:samiramenon@gmail.com).

Regards,  
Sabari Nair  
President, New England Malayalee Association (NEMA)  
[www.nemasa.org](http://www.nemasa.org)



## TEAM REGISTRATION PROCESS:

### Application Process

1. Enclose photocopies of proof of age of each participant. Please photocopy each participant's proof of age on a separate sheet of paper. (i.e. birth certificate, passport)
2. Complete the attached "Registration Form."
3. All team members must sign and date the attached "Waiver and Release Form."
4. Enclose a Registration Check payable to the NEMA. For the Juniors division age 5-10, it is \$25. For the Seniors division age 11-18, it is \$50. (Please note that the registration check is non-refundable).

### Selection Process:

1. Members of the NEMA Registration Committee will have access to Registration packets. These members will review packets and select teams to compete in NEMA's KALOTSAV 2008.

### Notification Process:

1. Team captains will be notified of their team's status no later than Saturday, April 19, 2008 either by phone or email. Confirmation from teams accepted to the competition will be expected at that time.



#### COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Each team is allowed to perform for a maximum of 5 minutes. In the event that a team exceeds the 5- minute time limit, a 10 point deduction will be made from each judge's evaluation form. Time starts as soon as your music begins (including any instrumental or vocal introductions).
2. Teams must be comprised of at least 2 dancers but no more than 16 dancers. No solos please. Participants may not participate in more than one team. Participant's age will be calculated based on October 1, 2008. The Juniors division will consist of age 5-10. The Seniors division will consist of age 11-18.
3. The winning teams must all be present to collect the prize money, which will be distributed at the end of the program event on May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2008.
4. Any new additions to the team (those not included in the registration packet) must send a photocopy of proof of age. If this information is not sent in by Sunday, April 20, 2008 the individual will not be allowed to compete.
5. Each team must submit a copy of their music on a CD. If you submit your track on a CD lease, be sure to label each CD with your team name and captain's name. The CD may not contain more than one track. Any extraneous tracks must be cut from the CD. The track must be submitted by Sunday, April 20, 2008. No CD's will be accepted on the day of the show, or in the week prior to the show. Please listen to the track before sending it.
6. New England Malayalee Association retains the rights to the music and has the right to officially publish, record, copy, and reproduce any CD submitted for the competition.
7. Fire and smoke machines are strictly prohibited on stage. NO glitter, tape, magic dust, hay, or fog will be allowed. There shall be no use of fireworks or indoor pyrotechnics during the performance. Additionally no swords, with a



real blade, are permitted on stage. Any props used during the performance must be completely removed from the stage by the team. No team will be allowed to use props that may cause any structural damage to the venue's stage. The stage must be in the same condition before and after a team's performance. Once teams are selected they will be notified of the venue's rules. Any violation of these rules may result in financial penalties for non-compliance of venue rules and disqualification

8. Causing damage to the stage floor is prohibited. Teams will be liable for any fees related to structural or surface damage to the floor.
9. All teams must be dressed and backstage, ready to be seated for the competition by 3:45 pm. Any team that is not ready at this time will have 15 points deducted from the team's overall score.
10. Consumption of alcohol, use of any illegal substances, and/or being under the influence at or near the premises of the Francis Wyman Elementary School by performers will not be tolerated. The NEMA event coordinators reserve the right to disqualify and/or expel any performers partaking in, or reasonably suspect of such activity.
11. Any debate, harassment, or confrontation between opposing teams will result in immediate disqualification, ejection from premises, and forfeiture of the entry fee.
12. The team with the highest total score wins. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined based on a combination of scores in the overall choreography and performance categories.
13. No team member, participant, or assistant is allowed to interfere or debate with the panel of judges regarding their scorecard. Violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification.
14. The NEMA event coordinators reserve the right to add new rules or subtract or revise existing rules as it sees fit. All teams will be notified of any changes made.



## JUDGING CRITERIA

The judges evaluate team performances based on the following elements:

Artistic Elements.....40 points  
 Technical Elements.....60 points

### I. ARTISTIC ELEMENTS:

1. Authenticity of Presentation \_\_\_\_\_/10  
 This includes costumes, originality of presentation, and use of props
2. Creativity \_\_\_\_\_/10  
 How did the team manage to make and apply their performance differently from other teams?
3. Style \_\_\_\_\_/10  
 How well did the team present their style of dance?
4. Enthusiasm \_\_\_\_\_/10  
 Was the team having fun? Smiling? Energetic?

### II. TECHNICAL ELEMENTS:

1. Formations \_\_\_\_\_/10  
 How well was their spacing? How original were their formations? Did they make good use of the stage?
2. Opening/Closing \_\_\_\_\_/10  
 What impressions did they bring and leave with their performance?
3. Overall Choreography \_\_\_\_\_/15  
 How challenging were the moves? How diverse were the moves?
4. Performance \_\_\_\_\_/15  
 How well did the team execute the moves they choreographed?
5. Selection of Music \_\_\_\_\_/10  
 How entertaining was the music and the selection?

### III. DEDUCTIONS/PENALTIES:

1. Dance exceeding the 5-minute time limit \_\_\_\_\_(-10)
2. Team not dressed and ready by 3:45 pm \_\_\_\_\_(-15)

### IV. RANKING SCORES

Each team can score a maximum of 100 points from each judge. The scores will be summed and teams will be ranked based on the highest point value.





## WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM

All participants and parents of those participants below 18 must sign and date below:

I. I hereby agree with the New England Malayalee Association that I will not institute any suit or action of law or otherwise against the New England Malayalee Association, nor institute, prosecute or in any way aid the prosecution of any claim, demand, action, or cause of action for damages, costs, loss of service, expenses or compensation for or on account of any and all known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen bodily and personal injuries, damage to property, and the consequences thereof, resulting from my participation in the KALOTSAV 2008 competition.

II. I hereby certify that I have read and agree to all the rules and regulations of the KALOTSAV 2008 competition set forth by the New England Malayalee Association organizing committee. I understand that disobeying any rules may result in disqualification of my team from this year's event.

III. I have read and understand the terms of this release.

1. Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
2. Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
3. Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

10. Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

11. Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

12. Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

13. Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

14. Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

15. Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

16. Participant Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## REMINDERS & CHECKLIST

- A Registration Check made payable to NEMA for \$50 (for Seniors) or \$25 (for Juniors).
- Photocopies of proof of age (i.e. birth certificate, passport) of each participant.
- Completed Registration Form.
- Completed Waiver and Release Form.
- The deadline to enter as competitive team is Saturday, April 12, 2008. When submitting the Registration Packet via mail, it must be postmarked by Saturday, April 12, 2008. Please mail all materials to:

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