



Salamun alaikum – "Peace be upon you"

Welcome to the 2015 Al-Wahda Sports Festival and Carnival!

The planning of the Festival is going at full steam with the organising committee who are committed to delivering another fantastic festival to all the participants, supporters, families and friends.

Many have asked ... why Al-Wahda? The answer is very simple... Al-Wahda or Al-Wehda in English means "Unity". Wahda in Arabic means "One". So, when you put it all together we are "united as one". The whole premise of the sports festival from when it was conceived was to bring the Community together and there is nothing better than sports that makes it happen!

As we were searching for a name there were many suggestions put forward and after much soul searching the team landed on "Al-Wahda" which we all thought was rather befitting of our raison d'être or purpose of bringing together the Khojas from across North America under one roof to promote unity, make new friends, build on existing friendships, network among ourselves and generally have a great time of fun and festivities for the entire family.

Our inaugural festival was held in 2013 and where we had nearly 550 participants attend. As result of a very successful first festival that was extremely well supported by the players, sponsors, volunteers, the public, and based on feedback received, the team was charged with making 2015 even bigger and better. Some of the changes (and will not tell you all) are new sport for both the ladies and gents, 2-day carnival, numerous food stalls and vendors, celebrity guest appearances and more. We are anticipating well over 500 participants to attend the festival on September $4^{th} - 6^{th}$, 2015.

Insh'Allah, with your continued support and enthusiasm, Al-Wahda Sports Festival 2015 will be another amazing experience. So, if you are thinking of participating or would like to visit Toronto please make it your September destination ... you will not be disappointed! Please do visit the festival website – www.alwahdafestival.com - for more details.

We are all very much looking forward to hosting you all!

With Salaams and duas.

Shafiq Ebrahim,

Festival Chairman