



## **VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH GAMES AT LIBERTY UNIVERSITY**

### **July 27-29, 2018**

Known as Virginia's Olympics, this statewide event is the largest multi-sport three-day festival in Virginia. Approximately 11,500 athletes of all ages and ability levels compete in 60 sports.

The Games bring amateur athletes from all regions of Virginia together to contend for gold, silver, and bronze medals. Both team and individual events — including archery, baseball, basketball, figure skating, pickleball, e-games, soccer, and many others — are represented in the competition. Begun in 1989 by Virginia Amateur Sports (VAS), a nonprofit 501c3 organization, that manages more than 12 events annually, including the Smith Mountain Lake Triathlon, Festival Run Races and the Virginia Commonwealth Games at Liberty University. The Games have drawn over 235,000 athletes since its inception and has an economic impact of over \$2.8 million. 2017 saw a record number of participants with 11,076 competing.

VAS is committed to promoting the benefits of physical fitness and healthy lifestyles through sports education, training, and competition. Its partnership with Liberty University and the City of Lynchburg, the Games provide amateur athletes with a professional competition experience, utilizing the university's centrally located, NCAA Division I athletic facilities.

#### **Virginia Commonwealth Games at Liberty University- Event Information:**

- Multi-Sport Olympic style statewide event featuring 60 events
- 11,500+ athletes expected for 2018
- 30,000+ total attendance including spectators and athlete families expected
- \$2.8 million estimated economic impact (direct visitor spending)
- 1,200+ volunteers
- VAS will host the State Games of America in 2019

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