

Virginia Amateur Sports, Inc (VAS) organizers of the Subway Commonwealth Games of Virginia, and Spectrum Sports Academy announced today their new partnership to provide a new quality competitive facility for the upcoming 25th Anniversary of the Subway Commonwealth Games. The Spectrum Sports Academy provides a new remodeled state of the art multi sport complex that features opportunities for year-round training and competition in a various number of sports. The president of VAS, Pete Lampman, stated that adding the Spectrum to our competition will not only enhance our participation in the number of basketball teams who enter the Games, but also help us reach our goal of attracting 10,000 athletes. With approximately 210,000 athletes having competed since its inaugural year in 1990, the Games continue to strive and encourage athletes of all ages and abilities to compete, participate and have fun.

The Spectrum Sports Academy provides an air condition facility that features 6 hardwood floors with bleachers for each court increasing the comfort for spectators and families attending the event. By providing a facility with 6 courts, teams will be able to reduce their travel and be able to schedule more free time to visit sites and attractions in the area. The Spectrum also provides diverse programs that are appropriate for athletes at any level.

"Spectrum Sports Academy is excited to partner with VAS for the Commonwealth Basketball Games. Our facility is incredible and now all of the teams can enjoy competing at one location plus seeing all Spectrum has to offer. This is the beginning of a long relationship with VAS," says Julia Skinner, General Manager, Spectrum Sports Academy.

Teaming up with the Spectrum Sports Academy upholds the positive reputation of VAS and the Games as a quality competition for our basketball competition, one of our largest events with teams coming from across Virginia to compete. Over the past few years nearly 100 basketball teams including competitive brackets for boys and girls in grades 3-12 with a 19-24 division and 25 and over division. Roanoke native, Luke Hancock, the Most Outstanding Player of the NCAA Final Four Game and champion Louisville, says that "playing in an event like the Subway Commonwealth Games helps you prepare for competition and it helped develop me as an athlete. My advice is to play every minute of every game like it's your last. Always play as hard as you can."

This year's Subway Commonwealth Games are being held throughout the summer with main Games weekend and opening ceremonies being held in the Roanoke Valley on July 18-20. Being able to add facilities as the Spectrum Sports Academy will enhance the success of the 25th Anniversary of the Games.