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## Virginia Amateur Sports Safety Plan

Prior to our scheduled press conference later this week (July 16), Virginia Amateur Sports wanted put out the information on the safety measures and protocols in place for the upcoming Virginia Commonwealth Games.

Dan Foutz – President of Virginia Amateur Sports is providing the following plan:

The State of Virginia entered Phase III of “re-opening” Virginia under order #67 from the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia. As a result of order #67, several of our events needed to be canceled and several others have been postponed. We have worked diligently with the officials at Liberty University, the City of Lynchburg, and the Virginia Department Health and other groups in the region. Our conclusion is, we value the safety of everyone involved with the games, and the citizens in the municipalities where we use the facilities. Our policy is to fully adhere to ordered #67 guidelines. The guidelines in further detail can be found at [commonwealthgames.org/covid19](http://commonwealthgames.org/covid19). We will adhere to the general guidelines outlined in the order, the mandatory requirements under the guidelines for the category of Recreational Sports, and the additional Sport Specific requirements. All guidelines are posted on our website. Everyone is strongly encouraged to review our website for “sport specific guidelines”.

Our staff, volunteers and coordinators will all be wearing face masks, and sanitizing all commonly touched surfaces and any shared equipment throughout all scheduled events. Informational signage with COVID-19 safety protocols will be posted at all game venues. Entrances and Exits will be clearly marked and in many venues, safe distancing floor stickers with help keep people at a safe distance when waiting in lines. Maintaining a safe distance is mandatory and will be closely monitored. **It is imperative that all participants, coaches, and spectators adhere to the guidelines posted at the game venues, on our website and under the link posted above.** Returning to play is a privilege in our current environment and together we can all do our part in keeping everyone safe and trying to stop the spread of the Coronavirus.

Please Join us for our Press Conference on July 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, at the Liberty Indoor Track Complex – Upper Level.

The Games are presented by Centra, ABC 13, Construction Management Associates, Ford, and the City of Lynchburg.

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Virginia and surrounding eligible states. VAS has been organizing the event for 31 years and it is truly a grassroots effort that relies on the dedication of thousands of volunteers and support from local sponsors and organizations across the Commonwealth. VAS is a member of the National Congress of State Games.

About the National Congress of State Games: The National Congress of State Games (NCSG) is a membership organization comprised of 34 Summer State Games and 9 Winter State Games organizations and a member of the United States Olympic Committee's Multi Sports Organizational Council. The mission of the NCSG is to support State Games member organizations in the promotion of health, fitness and character building through Olympic – style competitions and physical activities.

For more information on the Games, including images for download, visit: [www.CommonwealthGames.org/vasnews](http://www.CommonwealthGames.org/vasnews)

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