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The 2025 Virginia Commonwealth Games at Liberty University Main Games Weekend is featuring 13 sports this weekend, 12 of them in Lynchburg, and 1 virtual event - Shooting (Air Rifle and BB), in 5 days. It is sure to be a great weekend of competition and performances, including Basketball, Track & Field, Softball, Baseball, and more.

The Virginia Commonwealth Games has made it a mission to broaden its sports offering to include athletes who may have a physical and/or intellectual disability. It is important that all athletes feel included and are given the opportunity to not only win a medal but to have an unforgettable experience while participating in a sport they enjoy. In 2025, the Virginia Commonwealth Games - Able Games will be composed of 6 different events: baseball, bowling, fishing, soccer, wheelchair basketball, and track & field. The goal is to add more opportunities each year for these amazing athletes. We look forward to the future of the Able Games. Able Fishing will take place on July 17th and Able Track & Field will take place on July 19-20.

Athlete & Team check-in will begin at 8 am on Friday at the LaHaye Student Center, leading up to the OrthoVirginia Tailgate Party and Opening Ceremonies. The Parade of Athletes will kick off at 5:30 pm, leading into Opening Ceremonies, which will feature the newly crowned Miss VA, the Lighting of the cauldron, and the official kicking off of the Games. The Tailgate party will begin at 6 pm following the conclusion of the Opening Ceremonies - athletes will receive their complimentary food with their Games wristband, as well as some extra goodies. There will be lots of games, activities, and so much more! All of the festivities will take place from 5:30-8 pm on Friday, July 18th, in the LU Indoor Football Practice Facility. Both events on Friday evening are free to the public and open to the community.

"Liberty University is honored to partner with Virginia Amateur Sports to host the 2025 Virginia Commonwealth Games. We have valued this partnership over the last several years, and it's a privilege to share our campus once again for this great event. As we welcome these talented athletes and their families to Liberty, we also encourage all of our guests to explore the beautiful city of Lynchburg." – Ian McCaw, Liberty University VP and Director of Athletics.

Main Games weekend upholds a positive reputation with the community for bolstering tourism and serving as an economic engine to the host city each year. For 36 years the Virginia Commonwealth Games have provided excellent opportunities for thousands of Virginians to develop and foster new relationships, establish new goals and personal bests, while at the same time learning teamwork, sportsmanship, as well as individual team responsibilities.

The Games are presented by Liberty University, City of Lynchburg, ABC 13, Virginia Amateur Sports, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation.

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About Virginia Amateur Sports (VAS): The rights holder for the Virginia Commonwealth Games at Liberty University – this event is modeled after the Olympics, the Games welcomes athletes regardless of age or skill level. The Games embody the values of participation, sportsmanship and healthy living amongst residents of Virginia and surrounding eligible states. VAS has been organizing the event for 36 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.

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