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## Registration is Open for 2026 VA Commonwealth Games

**Richmond, VA** — Amateur athletes from across Virginia and neighboring states will converge on the Richmond Region in 2026 for the Virginia Commonwealth Games. The 2025 Games welcomed more than 10,000 athletes competing in over 30 sports and generated more than \$6 million in economic impact across the Commonwealth.

Planning for the 2026 Games is well underway, and registration is officially open. This year marks the first Games hosted in the Richmond Region, which will serve as home to the event from 2026 through 2028. The region's central location and diverse facilities will help better serve athletes of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. The move represents a significant step forward in expanding participation and strengthening the Games' impact statewide.

The Main Games Weekend is scheduled for July 24–26, 2026, and athletes from Virginia and beyond are encouraged to register early for one of the Commonwealth's largest annual multisport festivals.

The next event in the Richmond area for the 2026 Games is Swimming, taking place June 11–14 at NOVA Regency.

Athletes can view the full list of sports and register at [www.CommonwealthGames.org](http://www.CommonwealthGames.org).

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

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### **About the Virginia Commonwealth Games**

Modeled after the Olympics, the Virginia Commonwealth Games welcome athletes of all ages and skill levels. The Games embody the values of participation, sportsmanship, and healthy living among residents of Virginia and surrounding eligible states. The event is organized by **Virginia Amateur Sports (VAS)**, which has operated the Games for 37 years. The Games are a true grassroots effort supported by thousands of volunteers, local partners, and community organizations across the Commonwealth. VAS is a proud 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 30 Summer State Games and 10 Winter State Games and is recognized by the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee as a member of its Multi-Sport Organizational Council. The NCSG supports State Games organizations in promoting health, fitness, and character-building through Olympic-style competitions and physical activity. The NCSG also oversees the **State Games of America**, a national Olympic-style event featuring medalists from State Games programs across the country.