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The 2023 Virginia Commonwealth Games at Liberty University will be hosting five sports this weekend leading up to Main Games Weekend which is July 21-23. Sports being held this weekend include:

- Able Baseball – July 15 – Liberty University – Kamphuis Softball Field
- Racquetball – July 13-16 – Liberty University
- All Star Baseball – July 14-16 - Liberty University
- Pickleball – July 14-16 – Liberty University
- Adult Slow Pitch Softball – July 15-16 – Peakview Park, Lynchburg

More information and schedules for each event can be found on our website – CommonwealthGames.org/sports-listing

Liberty University President Prevo said “We’re honored to be hosting the Virginia Commonwealth Games for the eighth consecutive summer, and we appreciate everyone who has made this event possible. We look forward to welcoming the participants and their families to Lynchburg as these talented athletes exhibit their skills during this week’s competitions.”

The Opening Ceremonies and Tailgate Party will take place from 5:30-8pm on Friday, July 21st in the LU Football Indoor Practice Facility. More information will be on our website as the details evolve. Both events Friday evening are free to the public and open to the community.

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 34 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.

“We are proud to partner with Liberty University and Virginia Amateur Sports to host the 2023 Commonwealth Games and, most importantly, to welcome all of the athletes, families and friends to our City,” said City of Lynchburg Mayor Stephanie T. Reed. “The Commonwealth Games bring thousands of athletes to the City and we are thrilled that both the number of participants and the impact they have in Lynchburg continues to grow. While you are here, we encourage you to explore all Lynchburg has to offer - from fantastic food offerings to historic sites and exciting outdoor activities. We hope you enjoy your time in the Hill City.”

The Games are presented by Liberty University, City of Lynchburg, Centra, and ABC 13.

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Virginia and surrounding eligible states. VAS has been organizing the event for 34 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 30 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 or to register, visit: www.CommonwealthGames.org.

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