



Virginia Commonwealth Games Pickleball Tournament in Lynchburg, VA

20 Indoor Courts on hardwood floors

LaHaye Fitness Center at Liberty University

July 28 -29, 2017

The Virginia Commonwealth Games, offers approximately 65 sports with over 10,000 athletes competing each year. Their biggest weekend is held July 21-23, and although there is not enough gym space for Pickleball that weekend, all Pickleball players are invited to participate in the special events if they desire. The Grand Opening for the Games will be held in the Indoor Football Practice facility on the campus at Liberty University on Friday, July 21, 2017. It includes the Athletes Village festivities from Noon to 5:00pm and the Athletes Tailgate Party from 4:30-6:30. Also on Friday, July 21, is the Opening Ceremonies held at the Liberty Vines Center at 7:00pm.

Individual participants, who want to enjoy these activities, can pick up their 2017 Virginia Commonwealth Games packets and wristbands in the LaHaye Event Space on Friday July 21st from 8am - 6pm. You will receive your packet(s) and your athlete wristband(s) that you will need to get into the Athlete Tailgate Party & Opening Ceremonies for FREE as well as having access to FREE Ice Skating, snow tubing and MORE during the weekend of July 21-23, 2017. Unfortunately these special events will not be available during our Pickleball Tournament, however, you are invited and welcome to come on Friday, July 21 and enjoy all these activities for FREE.



LaHaye (outside view)



LaHaye (partial indoor view)

Pickleball Double Elimination Tournament

Amazing facility for 2017:

- 20 indoor Pickleball courts on hardwood floors
- Plenty of convenient parking available
- Modern, spacious locker room facilities
- Water fountains, with filtered water, throughout the facility

Walking distance to Applebees, Hardees, CiCi Pizza, Mexican restaurant and more. Within a mile there is a shopping mall with a food court, many major chain stores, several motels, as well as Chick Filet, Cracker Barrel, Texas Steak House, Olive Garden, Golden Coral, Bob Evans, Cook-Out and many more restaurants.



Registration fee: \$35 Per Person and \$7.00 for each event.

Included is a Virginia Commonwealth Games Pickleball t-shirt, special coupons from local vendors, fruit and trail mix-type snacks, water and there will be several door prizes also.

Registration: www.pickleballtournaments.com. Closes July 23 at midnight.

Tournament Director: **Judy Bowman, USAPA So. Central Virginia PB Ambassador • Contact: 434-907-5839 or Judy@wheelpower.org**; **Bracketologist:** **Steve Bowman (Judy's son); Steve@wheelpower.org**

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT COMPETITION EVENT OVERVIEW:

- Age divisions for all singles, doubles and mixed doubles: 50-54; 55-59; 60-64; 65-69; 70-74; 75+
- Open age divisions for singles and all doubles: 19 to 49
- Age determined as of December 31, 2017
- Scoring: 2 out of 3 (11 point) games, win by 2 points • Survival Bracket: 1 (15 point) game, win by 2 points
- Gold, Silver and Bronze final games will be the best 2 out of 3 games to 11 points, winning by 2 points.
- Referees will only be used for the medal games only. All other games will be played using the honor system, calling your own lines and the server calling the score before each serve.
- *Official USAPA indoor Jugs balls will be used.*
- USA Pickleball Association rules will apply. However, this is not a sanctioned tournament.

Special Notice: The Virginia Commonwealth Games Pickleball Tournament is open to ALL adult Pickleball players regardless of State residency. The medal winners in this tournament will qualify for the National State Games. Medals will be awarded for the top three finishers, regardless of State representation, however, the top three Virginia resident finishers will also receive medals regardless of where they place in their age division.

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

Thursday, July 27: Early check-in at 4:00 pm and practice courts will be open from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Tournament Start time: Friday, July 28 at 9:00 am (specific event start times will be announced after registration closes)

- Men's & Women's Doubles (Age Groups)
- Men's and Women's Doubles – OPEN (ages 19-49)
- Men's Singles (all divisions)

Saturday, July 29: Practice courts open at 7:30am

Tournament Start time: 9:00 am (same as above)

- Mixed Doubles (Age Groups)
- Mixed Doubles – OPEN (ages 19-49)
- Women's Singles (all divisions)

Format of Play: 2 out of 3 (11 point) games, win by 2 points • Survival Bracket: 1 (15 point) game, win by 2 points

Medal Matches: 2 out of 3 (11 point) games, win by 2 points • Survival Bracket: 1 (15 point) game, win by 2 points

Players may only play in one age division in the same event. Once a match is announced, all players have ten (10) minutes to begin play. USAPA Rules Apply – Decisions by Tournament Director are Final.

SPECIAL NOTE on brackets: Brackets with 5 teams or fewer will either play a Round Robin or their bracket will be combined with adjacent age bracket. This will be determined by the Tournament director.

Personal drink containers, with lids, are allowed on the courts. No water will be provided on the court, but water fountains are available throughout the center. Personal snacks/ foods are not allowed in the court area but can be enjoyed in the Mezzanine area.

Lodging Suggestions in Lynchburg: There are many well-known motels close to the campus of Liberty University, some within walking distance. The motels closest to campus will also provide you with many restaurant choices, shopping, the Snow Flex on campus and other activities and amenities all within walking distance. Please check with **commonwealthgames.org** for suggested accommodations.