



Virginia Commonwealth Games Pickleball Tournament in Lynchburg, VA

15 Indoor Tournament Courts on hardwood floors
5 practice courts available all day in the Shilling Gym.

LaHaye Fitness Center at Liberty University

1971 University Rd. Lynchburg, VA 24515

Pickleball Tournament: July 24-26, 2018

Registration Open: March 1, 2018

Registration Closes: July 9, 2018

REGISTER NOW: Pickleballtournaments.com

Pickleball Double Elimination Tournament

Amazing facility with

- 15 indoor tournament Pickleball courts on hardwood floors
- 5 indoor practice courts available all day in the Shilling gym
- 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.

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Registration fee: \$47.00 Per Person and \$7.00 for each event.

Included is a Virginia Commonwealth Games special gift, coupons from local vendors, fruit and trail mix-type snacks, water and there will be many door prizes and a raffle with many valuable gifts.

Registration: www.pickleballtournaments.com. Opens March 1 and closes July 9 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: 18 to 49
- Age determined as of December 31, 2018
- 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. All other games will be played using the honor system, calling your own lines and the server calling the score before they begin the motion of the 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 to be held at Liberty University in Lynchburg in 2019. 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:

Tuesday, July 24 – Single matches, men and women begin at 3:00 pm
Practice courts in Shilling Gym open on Tuesday from 1:30 until 7:00 pm

Wednesday, July 25 - Men's and Women's doubles

Men's games begin at 8:30 am

Women will start time between 11 and Noon

Practice courts in Shilling Gym open all day from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm

Thursday, July 26 - Mixed doubles begins at 8:30 am

Practice courts in Shilling Gym open all day from 7:00 am until 4:00 pm

Registration and ALL daily events will be posted, and updated, during the tournament at Pickleballtournaments.com

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

<http://commonwealthgames.org/restaurant-guide>

<http://commonwealthgames.org/hotels>

<http://commonwealthgames.org/games-guide>

Other important information about the Commonwealth Games of Virginia Weekend Activities and Events – July 27-29, 2018

The CWG offers approximately 65 sports with over 10,000 athletes competing each year. Their biggest weekend is held July 27-29, 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 27, 2018. 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 27, 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 2018 Virginia Commonwealth Games packets and wristbands in the LaHaye Event Space on Friday, July 27st 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 27-29, 2018. 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.