

State Games of America Overview

What is it and who can participate?

The State Games of America is an Olympic-style event featuring competition between State Games medal winners (gold, silver, bronze) from across the nation. There are currently 35 states conducting or organizing statewide sports festivals known as State Games.

When is the event held?

The event is hosted every two years on the odd year (i.e. 2017, 2019, etc.).

The State Games of America have been conducted biennially since 1999, with host cities including:

St. Louis (1999, 2001)

Hartford (2003)

Colorado Springs (2005, 2007, 2009)

San Diego (2011)

Hershey-Harrisburg, PA (2013)

Lincoln, NE (2015)

Grand Rapids, MI (2017)



2019 State Games of America - Lynchburg, Virginia

Virginia Amateur Sports, the City of Lynchburg, Liberty University and the Virginia Commonwealth Games at Liberty University will host the State Games of America. The 2019 State Games of America in Lynchburg is expected to attract 14,000 competitors. Most recently, the largest State Games of America was held in Lincoln, NE with over 15,000 total participants.

Dates: July 31-August 4, 2019

Location: Lynchburg, Virginia



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 Sport Organizational Council. The mission of the NCSG is to support State Games member organizations in the promotion of health, fitness and character building through multi-sport competitions and physical activities. Learn more at StateGames.org.



2018 State Games Programs

