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Virginia Commonwealth Games All Star Baseball & Softball Rosters Released

All Star Tournaments to be held July 16-18 at Liberty University

The Virginia Commonwealth Games at Liberty University, organized by Virginia Amateur Sports, has released the rosters of the All-Star Baseball regional teams. The top 15-17 year old high school players in Virginia will represent four regions of the state in an eight game playoff. College coaches and Major League scouts are invited and attend this annual showcase. Notable tournament alumni include Justin Verlander, David Wright, BJ Upton, Justin Upton, Ryan Zimmerman and others. The Baseball Tournament kicks off on Friday with first pitch of Game 1 (West vs Central) set to take place at 6pm, followed by a small Opening Ceremonies at 8pm. Game 2 (North vs East) will begin shortly after.

New this year – the Games have added an All Star Softball Tournament featuring four of the top 18u travel teams in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The softball games will be played on July 17-18 at Liberty University's Kamphuis Stadium.

Both tournaments will be Live Streamed online for free. The link for viewing can be found at CommonwealthGames.org/sports-stream

All Star Baseball Team Rosters for the four regional teams (Central, East, North & West) can be found at:

CommonwealthGames.org/sports-listing/baseball-allstar

All Star Softball Team Rosters can be found at:

CommonwealthGames.org/softball-allstar

Detailed schedules for both tournaments can also be found on our website.

For 32 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.

Presented by Centra, ABC 13, Liberty University, and the City of Lynchburg.

About Virginia Amateur Sports (VAS): The rights holder for the Virginia Commonwealth Games at Liberty University – this event is modeled after the Olympics, the Games welcomes athletes regardless of age or skill level. The Games embody the values of participation, sportsmanship and healthy living amongst residents of Virginia and surrounding eligible states. VAS has been organizing the event for 32 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 34 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, including a digital press kit and images for download, visit: www.CommonwealthGames.org/vasnews

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