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The 2019 Virginia Commonwealth Games at Liberty University will wrap up this weekend with two days of Indoor Track & Field at the Liberty University Indoor Track Complex. On Saturday, December 21, over 1,600 athletes from 50 High Schools in Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina will be competing, starting at 9am. Then Sunday will play host to the Youth, Open and Masters divisions, which will feature over 100 athletes from Virginia and surrounding states. Competition on Sunday will begin at 10am with the field events.

The participation in these meets is up significantly, as last year there were 761 athletes, and has grown each year since it has been added into the Games. Since the Games moved to Lynchburg in 2016, participation has grown each year, In 2016 the Games had 9,600 participants and at the conclusion of this weekend, 2019 will be over 14,000, including State Games of America. Virginia Amateur Sports Games Director, Amanda Mangum said "2019 was another record breaking year for Virginia Amateur Sports due to the success of the State Games of America and several Virginia Commonwealth Games events. This accomplishment was achieved with the support of our amazing partners including Liberty University, the City of Lynchburg and Lynchburg Parks and Recreation. We also have to thank the incredible event staff, sport coordinators and multitude of volunteers as well as the top notch facilities that provided an unforgettable experience for our athletes. What better way to finish this fantastic year than to conclude with our indoor track meet running this weekend, December 21-22, that is projected to move than double its participation from last year!".

This weekend will wrap up another historic and record breaking year of competition for the Virginia Commonwealth Games.

Presented by Liberty University, Centra, ABC 13, Construction Management Associates, Ford, and the City of Lynchburg.

For more information on the Games or to register, visit: <u>www.CommonwealthGames.org</u>. Member of the National Congress of State Games – learn more at <u>www.stategames.org</u> ###