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The 2022 Virginia Commonwealth Games at Liberty University Main Games Weekend is featuring 15 sports this weekend, 12 of them in Lynchburg . Sports being held this weekend include Basketball, Track & Field, Softball, Baseball, and more.

Athlete & Team check in will begin at 8am on Friday at the LaHaye Student Center leading up to the Tailgate Party and Opening Ceremonies. The Tailgate Party and Opening Ceremonies are each getting a remix for 2022. The Parade of Athletes will kick off at 5:30pm, leading into Opening Ceremonies, which will feature the newly crowned Miss VA Victoria Chuah, the Lighting the cauldron and the official kicking off the Games - while also highlighting the 50th Anniversary of the passage of the Title IX legislation. The Tailgate party will begin at 6pm following the conclusion of the Opening Ceremonies - athletes will receive their complimentary food with their Games wristband, as well as some extra goodies. There will be lots of games, activities and so much more! All of the festivities will take place from 5:30-8pm on Friday, July 22nd in the LU Indoor Football Practice Facility. Both events Friday evening are free to the public and open to the community.

Main Games weekend upholds a positive reputation with the community for bolstering tourism and serving as an economic engine to the host city each year. For 33 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.

"We're honored to be hosting this event for the seventh consecutive summer, and we appreciate everyone who has made the 2022 Virginia Commonwealth Games possible. We wish each athlete the best as they use their God-given abilities to push themselves to new personal bests." - President Prevo, Liberty University

"We are proud to partner with Liberty University and Virginia Amateur Sports to host the 2022 Commonwealth Games and, most importantly, to welcome all of the athletes, families and friends to our City," said City of Lynchburg Mayor Mary Jane Dolan. "The Commonwealth Games bring thousands of athletes to the City and we are thrilled that both the number of participants and the impact they have in Lynchburg continues to grow. While you are here, we encourage you to explore all Lynchburg has to offer - from fantastic food offerings to historic sites and exciting outdoor activities. We hope you enjoy your time in the Hill City."

The Games are presented by Centra, ABC 13, Liberty University, and the City of Lynchburg.

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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 or to register, visit: www.CommonwealthGames.org.

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Sports At A Glance

Sport	Venue	Date(s)
Baseball (14U - HS only)	Liberty University, Hillcats, Heritage HS & EC Glass HS	July 23-24
Basketball	Liberty University	July 22-24
Beach Volleyball	Liberty University	July 22-24
Bowling	NRV SuperBowl - Christiansburg	July 22-24
Chess	Virtual Event	July 23-24
Mini Golf	Putt Putt Fun Center - Roanoke	July 23
Mountain Biking	Sweet Briar College	July 24
Shooting - Air Rifle	American Legion - Lynchburg	July 23
Shooting - BB Gun	American Legion - Lynchburg	July 23
Softball - Youth	Peaksview Park, LU & Bedford	July 23-24
Tennis-Adult	Liberty University	July 23-24
Tennis-Youth	Liberty University	July 23-24
Track & Field - Inclusive	Liberty University	July 23-24
Track & Field-Outdoor	Liberty University	July 22-24
Ultimate Frisbee	Liberty Mountain Intramural Fields	July 23-24

Tailgate Party & Opening Ceremonies	LU - Indoor Football Practice Facility	July 22
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