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The Virginia Commonwealth Games at Liberty University will wrap up 2021, this weekend with two days of Indoor Track & Field at the Liberty University Indoor Track Complex. On Saturday, December 4, over 500 athletes from 26 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 90 athletes from Virginia, Georgia, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington, DC. Competition on Sunday will begin at 10am with the field events.

"In an Olympic year, we are thrilled to have the spirit of the Commonwealth Games alive and well once again at Liberty University, and we're excited to welcome the athletes and their families to campus. Liberty has enjoyed the partnership with Virginia Amateur Sports over the past five summers and we look forward to continuing to encourage these athletes of all ages as they pursue their dreams." - President Prevo, Liberty University

Virginia Amateur Sports – organizers of the Virginia Commonwealth Games – is excited to welcome all of these athletes and see a great weekend of performances from athletes that range in age from 4 to 80 years old. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year for the Indoor Track & Field meet in the Games, with the last being held in December 2019 (not held in 2020 due to COVID-19 protocol restrictions).

City of Lynchburg Mayor Mary Jane Dolan said "The Commonwealth Games bring thousands of athletes to the City and we are thrilled as both the number of participants and the impact that they have in Lynchburg continues to grow. While we know that travel and event participation looks different this year, we want you to feel confident while you are here. A healthy and safe travel experience is a shared responsibility with our citizens, eateries, lodging and visitors – we are all in this together!"

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

## For time schedule and further meet information, visit our website.

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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 over 30 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.