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USA Masters Games Enters Final Weekend with Competition in 11 Sports

Greensboro, NC (July 29, 2016): The 2016 USA Masters Games is finishing with a bang over the final weekend of events with competition in 11 sports.

Competition continues today in **Track & Field** at Irwin Belk Track at NC A&T State University. Track & Field athletes from as far as India are competing in a variety of events including the weight throw, 100 meter dash, and 500 meter racewalk. The field includes Olympians Willie Banks and Zola Budd Pieterse, among others. Also continuing today is **Tennis** at Spencer Love Tennis Center where the 50+ athletes take the courts.

New sports getting underway today include **Basketball**, **Ice Hockey** and **Table Tennis** at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex, **Diving** and **Synchronized Swimming** at the Greensboro Aquatic Center, and **Soccer** at the Bryan Park Soccer Complex. All competitions start at 9am with the exception of Soccer which begins at 6:30pm.

“We wanted to make sure the Games conclude on a high note,” said Hill Carrow, CEO of the USA Masters Games. With the six new sports starting today, joining Track & Field and Tennis already in progress, and three more sports before the weekend is done, no one can say the inaugural USA Masters Games are cruising to the finish line. In fact, we will conclude with a flourish as our Closing Ceremonies on Sunday night bring this historic Games to a celebratory close.”

All eight of the above sports continue on Saturday, where they are joined by additional sports **Functional Fitness** and **Weightlifting** which start at 9am at the Greensboro Sportsplex.

Then on Sunday, July 31, 2016 the final day of the USA Masters Games, the day gets underway early with the 10K **Road Race**, which starts and ends on the Greensboro Coliseum Complex campus, at 8am. Basketball, Diving, Ice Hockey, Soccer, Synchronized Swimming, Table Tennis, and Track & Field all conclude their competitions on Sunday.

The Games wrap up with a **Closing Ceremony** celebration at the White Oak Amphitheater on the Greensboro Coliseum Complex campus. The Ceremony begins at 6:45pm and concludes at 8:45pm. The Ceremony will primarily feature a concert by the band Sleeping Beauty, but there will also be closing remarks, recognition of volunteers and sponsors, a flyover, and the big reveal of the host site of the 2018 USA Masters Games.

All sports competitions as well as Closing Ceremonies are free to the public and all are invited to attend.

For more information on the 2016 USA Masters Games, go to www.usamastersgames.com.

About the 2016 USA Masters Games: The USA Masters Games is the National Sports Festival for Adult Athletes, ages 21 and over. The Games feature 24 sports, Opening & Closing Ceremonies, a Health & Fitness Expo, Games Village, social activities and live entertainment. The inaugural USA Masters Games is Thursday, July 21 to Sunday, July 31, 2016 in Greensboro, NC, with Opening Ceremonies on Friday, July 22 and Closing Ceremonies Sunday, July 31. The Greensboro Coliseum Complex serves as the hub for the Games, hosting half of the Games sports and also serving as the site of the Games Village. For more information on the USA Masters Games, visit usamastersgames.com.