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**Meijer State Games of Michigan – Winter Games Main Weekend
to Begin Friday with Athlete Celebration**

Online registration still open; onsite registration available

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 11, 2020 — The main weekend of the Meijer State Games of Michigan — Winter Games will take place Feb. 14-16. The sports featured this weekend are: indoor archery, ninja, fencing, cross country skiing (freestyle and nordic), karate, disc golf, shooting sports and wrestling.

Online registration as well as onsite registration is still available for some main weekend sports. For more information about onsite registration, times, locations and entry fees for events, please visit <https://www.stategamesofmichigan.com/winter-games-sports-lineup>. Registration information is located on each sport's page.

The main weekend will begin with an athlete celebration hosted by the Grand Rapids Griffins on Friday, Feb. 14 at the Van Andel Arena. Athletes, who have purchased tickets, will have the opportunity to high-five the Griffins starters inside the "High-Five Alley" before they take the ice. A special in-game recognition of all Meijer State Games athletes will take place during the first period.

Prior to the Griffins Game, the Meijer State Games will present the 2019 Athletes of the Year awards to: Noah lobe - Mendon, MI (youth male / wrestling), Catherine Vandergriff – Spring Lake, MI (youth female / speedskating), Noah Zomberg – Grand Rapids, MI (adult male / rugby) and Anastasia Schutte - Holland, MI (adult female / archery 3D).

The 2020 Volunteer(s) of the Year, presented by Lake Michigan Credit Union, will also be awarded to Gary Wilfong Sr. and Gary Wilfong Jr. of Grand Rapids, MI. The father and son duo have been involved with the Meijer State Games of Michigan basketball tournaments for over eight years as a volunteer and/or tournament director.

For more information on the athlete celebration, please visit <https://www.stategamesofmichigan.com/athlete-night/>.

The Meijer State Games of Michigan held the first sporting event of the Winter Games, fatbike, on Feb. 1. Results for the Winter Games sporting events are now available at: <https://www.stategamesofmichigan.com/winter-games-results/>.

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About the Meijer State Games of Michigan:

The Meijer State Games of Michigan is an Olympic-style, multi-sport event(s) that welcomes athletes regardless of age or ability level. The games embody the values of participation, sportsmanship, and healthy living among the residents of Michigan. Since 2010, Meijer State Games of Michigan has hosted over 65,000+ athletes. The Meijer State Games of Michigan has also contributed over \$25 million in estimated economic impact to cities throughout Michigan.