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**VISITING TEAM
GUIDE**





Welcome from Director of Athletics – Mario Moccia

Dear Coach/Administrator,

On behalf of New Mexico State Athletics, welcome to Las Cruces.

Please take a moment to review our visitor's guide. Inside this guide you will find helpful information about NM State including gameday procedures, contact numbers and other material to assist you in planning your travel.

In addition, you will find a list of our restaurant and hotel partners. When you are making your travel plans, we hope you consider supporting a local business that provides support for our college athletics program.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Maria Rocha-Hall at (575)-642-5705 (cell). We look forward to your visit to Las Cruces and wish you safe travels!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mario Moccia".

Mario Moccia
Director of Athletics



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DIRECTIONS

DIRECTIONS TO NMSU Campus: If coming from El Paso, take I-10 north approximately 40 miles to I-25 north (Las Cruces Exchange). Take the University Exit; cross over the interstate; turn left at stop light going west on University to Payne/Triviz stop light just past the overpass (Pan American Center on left)

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PAN AMERICAN CENTER

New Mexico State University is home to one of the finest arenas in all of the southwest in the Pan American Center. The Pan Am has been home to the men's and women's basketball teams and the NM State volleyball team for over three decades and has hosted thousands of other events. 2024-25 will mark the 55th season of Basketball at the Pan American Center. In the recent two years, the facility has added a new videoboard, club suites, new seats and new lights.

The arena, which currently has a seating capacity of 12,482, has hosted the NCAA Men's Basketball Midwest Regional, several NCAA first round games, state high school basketball tournaments and hundreds of concerts featuring some of the top entertainers in America including George Strait, Carrie Underwood, Luke Bryan, Garth Brooks, Willie Nelson, Pearl Jam and Notorious B.I.G.

The complex first opened its doors on Nov. 30, 1968 for the New Mexico State men's basketball team. When the facility was constructed nearly four decades ago, the price tag on the facility was a monstrous \$3.5 million and was part of a university wide \$22 million construction program that included the Corbett Center and two observatories on campus.

On Oct. 10, 2005, a \$23.5 million renovation and expansion project on the complex began. A new annex building was added to the south end of the arena that features offices, practice facilities and locker rooms, which opened in November 2006 and the final renovation project was completed before the 2007 WAC Basketball Championships.

The upgrades to the arena greatly improved access and amenities throughout the building and created a more modern and competitive athletic team facility.

Entering this season, the men's and women's basketball programs and the volleyball team has had tremendous success in its home arena, where the Aggie fans have welcomed opponents to Las Cruces with a fierceness and a tenacity, both on the court and in the stands, the like of which are hard to find elsewhere in college athletics.

In 1998-99 and in 1999-00, the Pan American Center was named the "Toughest Place to Play," in the Big West Conference by Dick Vitale's College Basketball Preview.

The Aggie men's team has had four undefeated seasons in the complex, including a then-school-best 16-0 mark during the 1989-90 campaign. Other undefeated seasons came in 1969-70 (15-0), 1970-71 (14-0) and 1979-80 (14-0).

NM State women's basketball team made the permanent move from the Activity Center over to the Pan Am at the start of the 1976-77 season thanks to head coach Karen Fey engineering the move.

The 2024 Volleyball season will be the 37th year for the Aggie Volleyball team in the Pan Am Center. It was late in the 1987 season when the Aggies played their first Volleyball match in the Pan Am. After a trial run resulted in crowds of 2,142 and 3,057 against I-25 rival New Mexico and BYU, the Aggies officially moved from their former home in the Student Activity Center.

The largest crowd ever to attend an Aggie volleyball match was 7,115 on Oct. 1, 2005 against Hawai'i.



PRESLEY ASKEW FIELD

Presley Askew Field, named after one of the greatest coaches in Aggie history, is home to the NM State Baseball program.

The facility went through numerous upgrades prior to the 2015 and 2016 seasons. A major improvement starting in May 2014 was made with the addition of chairback seating and an expansion of the south stands. Additional 2014 improvements included dugout renovation and expansion, upgrades to clubhouse lighting, sprinkler system repair and fencing upgrades. Prior to the 2016 season, thanks to a 1.4 million dollar donation, the program was able to add infield turf to the facility, and most recently, the program added a 1 million dollar hitting facility down the left field line.

In addition, locker room upgrades, team room upgrades and a film room was added before the 2016 campaign. NM State Baseball also made renovations to the bullpen and provided an addition to the press box. Over 2 million dollars in upgrades have occurred to Presley Askew Field. All of the upgrades have been privately funded.

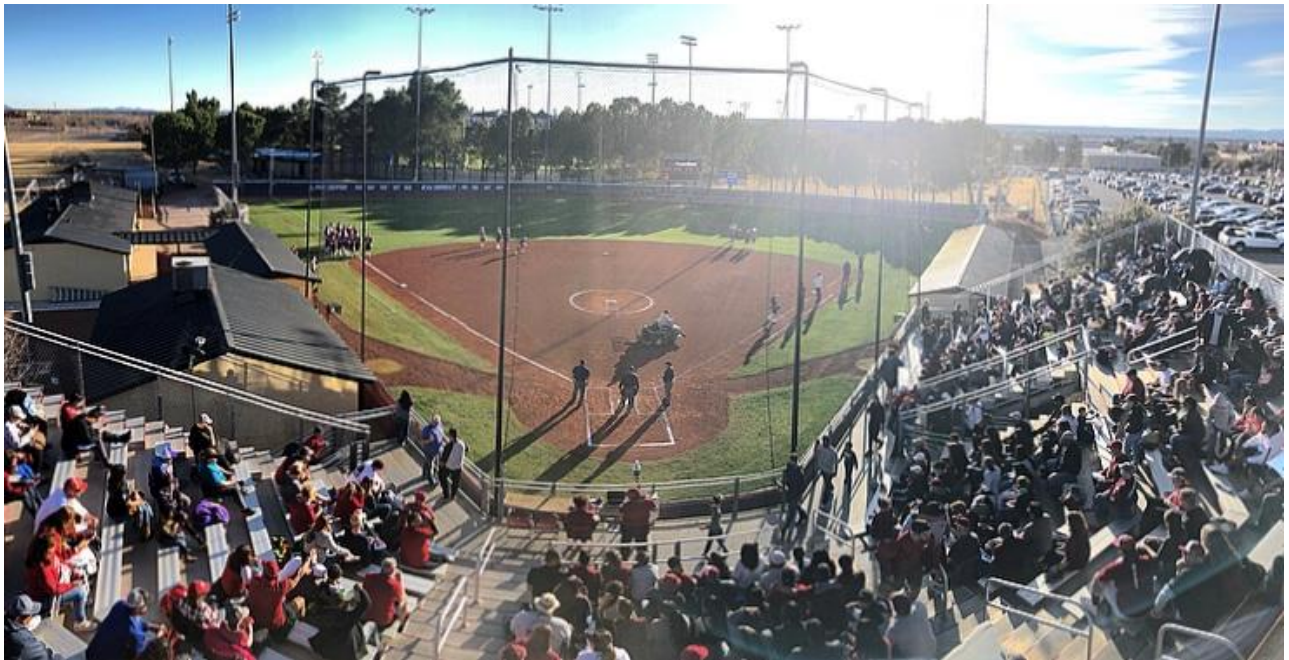


SOFTBALL COMPLEX

Originally dedicated in 1981, the 2025 season marks the 45th year of the NM State Softball Complex.

To help with keeping the complex on of the best in the state, the New Mexico Legislature funded \$1.2 million toward the renovation of the Softball Complex that took place beginning in 1997 and ending in 2000. Following the renovations a brand new infield from Stabilizer Solutions in the fall of 2004; the dirt is clay with a polymer additive. The new dirt repels water, requires no watering and maintains a consistent playing surface year-round.

The complex seats 1,050 people and in 2017 and 2018, the Aggies hosted Western Athletic Conference Tournament, which the Aggies won on both occasions. The conference tournament is not the only tournament the Aggies host as NM State annually hosts the Troy Cox Classic that features top competition from around the country. In the Spring of 2024, the NM State Softball Complex hosted the Conference USA Tournament for the first time.



NM STATE TENNIS CENTER

The NM State Tennis Center first opened on Nov. 21, 1987. It featured 20 courts including two stadium courts and an office building equipped with locker rooms. Over the years the facility gave way to the rigors of normal wear and tear and was torn down. At the conclusion of the 2023 summer, all 12 courts will be finished resurfacing ahead of the 2023-24 season.

The new state-of-the-art NM State Tennis Center opened for the 2006 spring dual match season and was relocated to its current position just south of Aggie Memorial Stadium. It features 12 post-tension concrete tennis courts with the best lighting system for any facility in the Southwest. The post-tension concrete courts are the finest hard courts in the world.

In the spring of 2007, construction began on the new clubhouse for the Tennis Center and it was completed in early July of the same year. This new 3,000 square foot clubhouse features a classroom, player lounge, locker rooms and offices. The classroom is equipped with desks and computers with internet connections for the student-athletes. The player lounge is an area where the Aggies can relax before and after practices and matches and it is equipped with a refrigerator and kitchen sink.

On April 24-27, 2008, New Mexico State University and its tennis center was able to show of its magnificent facility to the rest of the Western Athletic Conference, as the NMSU Tennis Center played host to the 2008 WAC Championships.

The tennis center also played host to the 2017, 2018 and 2021 WAC Championships.



NM STATE SOCCER COMPLEX

The Soccer Athletic Complex is home to the NM State soccer program. The Aggies moved into their new stadium in 2012. The field has a natural grass surface, and the facility shares amenities with the softball complex such as the entrance, ticket booth, concessions and restrooms. The Aggies' locker room, team room and coaches offices are located in the field house just east of the Coca-Cola Weight Center. New to the complex for 2021 were the lights, allowing the program to have night matches for the first time. This was part of a \$600,000 construction project.



NM STATE SWIMMING AND DIVING COMPLEX

The complex includes ten lanes, 50 meters by 25 yards with two sets of starting blocks allowing two competitions at one time. The facility includes a 6x25-yard indoor pool and the outdoor diving facility offers two 1-meter and two 3-meter boards.

The new locker room facility, which also features a lounge area where the athletes can study and office space for the coaching staff, was unveiled in a ribbon-cutting and naming ceremony in 2016 at the NMSU Aquatic Center.

The Wanda Glass Family Swimming and Diving Locker Room was made possible by a gift from Smoky Glass Torgerson and her husband, Alan. Smoky's sister, Linda Glass Schroeder, was the first head coach of NMSU's swim team in the 1970s. Smoky and Alan, along with other members of the Glass family, named the facility for Smoky and Linda's mother, Wanda Glass.



NM STATE GOLF COURSE AND CLUBHOUSE

The New Mexico State Golf Course is one of the top facilities in the Southwest and has received major upgrades in the past couple of years that has improved on its already outstanding reputation.

The 18-hole layout covers 7,040 yards for men and 5,858 yards for women.

Included in the lengthy list of events that has kept the University Golf Course in the national spotlight are the 1968 NCAA Men's Championship, 1988 NCAA Women's Golf Championships, the 1990 NCAA Men's West Regional Golf Tournament, the 1971 AIAW National Championship, two Missouri Valley Conference Championships, two High Country Athletic Conference Championships, two Big West Championships and many other amateur competitions.

A new golf clubhouse was opened in October of 2004. The facility features a 15,000 square foot clubhouse with a 5,000 square foot cart barn.

Already one of the best and busiest golf courses in New Mexico, the facility will again benefit a number of constituents.

Highlighted by beautiful scenery, the 18-hole layout is framed by the majestic Organ Mountains to the east and the picturesque Mesilla Valley to the west.

Easily accessible to the New Mexico State main campus, the University Golf Course is situated one-half mile to the east of the campus, just off Interstate 25. Open seven days a week for public use, the course and driving ranges are also used by both Aggie golf teams as a practice and training facility. The climate of the Mesilla Valley allows the course to be playable year round with an average of two unplayable days per year.

The initial cost of the 18-hole course, including the watering system and clubhouse, was \$300,000. No state funds were involved in the construction or operation of the course with the financing coming from a 30-year revenue bond paid by course memberships, greens fees and a special fee passed by the University Student Commission of a rate of \$1 per student per semester.

The course is long; championship distance is 7,040 yards for men and 6,084 yards for women. The par for both men and women is 72 strokes, 36 on the front nine and 36 on the back nine. The United States Golf Association course rating is 75.0. The average size of the greens is 9,100 square feet and the largest, No. 15 is 11,000.

Most greens have two to four sand traps each. Trees have been set in strategic locations at the corners of the doglegs, near tees and around greens. The course has four par-5 holes, 10 par-4 holes and four par-3 holes for men and women. Fairways are narrow – about 30 yards wide – and the roughs are difficult, filled with native creosote, mesquite, yucca and cactus.



SECURITY

New Mexico State University Police Department and Special Events work together with uniformed police officers, uniformed security officers, and outside public safety personnel to safeguard students, faculty/staff and guest attendees.

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