



2025 State Soccer Championships



La Cueva Back on Top for First Time Since 2016

La Cueva reclaimed its place atop New Mexico high school soccer with a hard-fought 1–0 victory over Rio Rancho in the 2025 NMAA Class 5A Boys Soccer State Championship. After a scoreless first half, Brice Clark broke through with the game’s only goal, finding the net with just over 27 minutes remaining to give the Bears the edge they needed.

The win secured La Cueva’s ninth boys soccer state title overall and their first since 2016, capping a stellar 19-1-2 season. Rio Rancho finished an impressive year as the 5A runner-up at 15-4-2.



St. Pius X Wins 4A Boys Soccer Title

St. Pius X capped off a dominant season with a 2–0 victory over Albuquerque Academy in the 2025 NMAA Class 4A Boys Soccer State Championship. The win secured the Sartans’ 19th overall state title, further cementing their legacy as one of New Mexico’s premier soccer programs.

Christopher Justus opened the scoring early, putting St. Pius X ahead 1–0. Later in the first half, Ethan Wright doubled the lead with a goal at the 19:21 mark, giving the Sartans firm control of the match. From there, St. Pius X’s defense held strong to preserve the shutout and finish the season with an impressive 19-1-3 record.

Albuquerque Academy closed out its season at 14-6-3, finishing as the 4A runner-up.



Santa Fe Prep wins A-3A Boys Soccer Title

In a dramatic finale to the 2025 Boys A-3A State Soccer Championship, Santa Fe Prep rallied from a two-goal halftime deficit to defeat Sandia Prep in a penalty shootout, 3-2, capturing the program's third state title and its first since 2016.

The title match opened with Sandia Prep's Ryan Williams putting on a show early, converting two first-half penalty kicks to give the Sun Devils a commanding 2-0 advantage at the break.

But the Blue Griffins refused to back down.

In the second half, Adain Nixon sparked the comeback, scoring to make it 2-1 before striking again just over 20 minutes later to level the match at 2-2. Neither side could break the deadlock through two 10-minute overtime periods, setting up a tense shootout to decide the champion.

In the penalty round, Santa Fe Prep kept its composure, converting three of its five attempts while its defense and goalkeeper held Sandia Prep to just two. When the final shot missed wide, the Blue Griffins erupted in celebration — completing an incredible comeback to seal the 3-2 shootout victory and bring home the state crown.

The win marks a storybook ending for Santa Fe Prep's season (19-2) and adds another championship banner to the school's storied soccer history.



Eldorado Girls Atop 5A Soccer

The Eldorado Eagles claimed the 2025 NMAA Class 5A State Championship with a convincing 2-0 victory over Rio Rancho. Eldorado wasted no time setting the tone, striking within the first eight minutes when Aliyah Nivanh put the Eagles on the board for a 1-0 lead.

Less than 10 minutes before halftime, Emma Gurule extended the advantage to 2-0 with a well-placed finish. The Eagles' defense held strong throughout the second half, shutting down Rio Rancho's attack to secure the clean sheet and the program's 19th win of the season.



Eldorado closes out an impressive 19-2-1 campaign, while Rio Rancho finishes 16-5-2.

Hope Christian Girls Soccer Continues Streak

In a thrilling rematch of the past two title games, the four-time defending state champion Hope Christian Huskies (22-1) faced off against their familiar rivals, the Albuquerque Academy Chargers, in the Class 4A State Championship. The Chargers (18-4-1) entered the final with confidence, having been the only team to defeat Hope earlier in the regular season—snapping the Huskies’ incredible 56-game win streak.

Hope struck first 20 minutes into the match when Brooklyn Fankam buried a shot to give the Huskies a 1–0 lead heading into halftime. But just minutes into the second half, Academy’s Selena Broussard capitalized on a breakaway to even the score at 1–1. Neither team could find the net again in regulation, sending the championship into overtime.

With just 3:09 remaining, Hope sophomore Nikki Dountas delivered the golden goal, securing a 2–1 victory and a fifth consecutive state championship for the Huskies.



St. Michael's Edges Bosque for A-3A Girls Title

In a tightly contested Class A-3A championship match, St. Michael's edged Bosque School 1–0 to capture the 2025 NMAA state title. The lone goal of the match came with 9:17 left in the first half, when senior Sophia Miera found the back of the net to give the Lady Horsemen a 1–0 lead.

St. Michael's defense held firm the rest of the way, turning aside several late Bosque scoring chances to preserve the shutout. With the win, St. Michael's finishes the season 18–5, while Bosque closes out at 14–7–1.

