



2026 Nusenda Credit Union State Basketball Championships

GIRLS Class A

The championship blue trophy belongs to the team in red. The Logan Longhorns beat Roy/Mosquero 48-36 to win the Girls Class A Title at the 2026 Nusenda Credit Union State Basketball Championships. Roy Mosquero (26-4) jumped out to an early 8-4 lead on the Longhorns (27-4), but Logan wouldn't quit. A 13-7 run in the third gave Logan a lead they would never relinquish. To build on their margin, Logan put together a 16-7 final quarter output to seal the victory. Desta Rose led the champs with a game-high 17 points. Teammate Reese Hastie added 9 points and seven rebounds in the winning effort. It's Logan's first state title since 2013.



Class 2A

In one of the most thrilling finishes of the tournament, the Mesa Vista Trojans lifted the blue trophy on their final game of the season. Mesa Vista beat Tatum 49-47 to win the Girls Class 2A Title at the 2026 Nusenda Credit Union State Basketball Championships. Trailing 47-46 in the final seconds, Mesa Vista's Aaliyah Boies hit a three pointer with two seconds left on the clock and set the crowd into a frenzy giving the Trojans their first state championship. The game winning shot was part of her game-high 24-point effort, 16 in the first half. Teammate Aubrey Maestas added 11 points on the game. Mesa Vista (29-2) led 16-7 at the end of the first quarter, but only made three field goals in the second and third quarters, giving Tatum (25-7) the opportunity to build up a 38-31 lead heading into the final quarter. Junior Aubrey Maestas started a late 7-1 run with a three-pointer to make it 47-46 with 15 seconds remaining, opening the door for the late heroic shot by Boies that will go down in history.



Class 3A

Santa Fe Indian School made 2026 a season to remember as the Lady Braves beat top-seed and two-time defending state champ Navajo Prep 43-35 to win the Girls Class 3A Title at the Nusenda Credit Union State Basketball Championships. After trailing the Eagles (26-4) the opening quarter 10-8, the Lady Braves (26-6) were able to take a 17-15 lead into the lockerroom at halftime. The Lady Braves scored 10 straight points to erase a three point deficit into a 38-32 lead in the fourth quarter and they held on to win. Kaydence Riley led Santa Fe Indian School with 10 points and 12 rebounds. It's the first state title for the Lady Braves since 2011. The team was motivated to honor brothers Jason and Nathan Abeyta, who were killed in April of 2025 in an automobile accident. Jason was the SFIS boys basketball coach and Nathan was the school's assistant athletic director, both big supporters of the girls team.



Class 4A

Kirtland Central is back on top of the basketball world after winning another state title. The Lady Broncos defeated rival Gallup 52-33 to win the Girls Class 4A Title at the 2026 Nusenda Credit Union State Basketball Championships. In a classic #1 vs #2 matchup, with a packed Pit arena of more than 12,000 fans, the top-ranked Lady Broncos (29-3) used a 16-8 second quarter to take a 24-17 lead into halftime. Kirtland Central outscored Gallup (27-5) in each of the final two quarters to win their third



title in five years, and 22nd overall, more than any other program in New Mexico. Allyson Tsoisie led everyone with a game high 17 points and 10 rebounds for the state champions. Teammate Elaina Clani added 15 points. It was the fifth straight appearance in the finals for Kirtland Central.

Class 5A

The Hobbs Lady Eagles came into the postseason as the #1 team, and they ended the year the same way. Hobbs High School beat Rio Rancho 66-53 to win the Girls Class 5A Title at the 2026 Nusenda Credit Union State Basketball Championships. It was a tale of two halves for Hobbs (29-2). With a last second basket at the first half buzzer, Rio Rancho (27-5) went into the break with a 25-23 lead. Hobbs started the third quarter on a 12-2 run to regain the lead, and never gave it back to the



Rams. They outscored the Rams 43-28 in the final two quarters to earn the victory. Hobbs had four players in double figures led by Kareli Rivera with 18 points. Kacelynn Muniz added 17 points, Xoey Rose scored 13 and Matysen Zepeda had 12.

BOYS

Class A

The winning continues for Fort Sumner/House. The Foxes won the state football title in the fall, and the following March they were lifting the blue trophy again. Fort Sumner/House beat defending state champion Logan 66-63 to win the Boys Class A Title at the 2026 Nusenda Credit Union State Basketball Championships. Fort Sumner/House used a 19-7 second quarter to take a 23-17 lead into halftime. Logan (27-5) put together a 26-15 run over the next eight minutes to take the lead, but Fort Sumner/House (26-5) was not ready to quit. The Foxes



came from behind to outscore the Longhorns in the final quarter to take the title. Jordan Holland led everyone with 31 points for the winners. Teammate Tra'von Bonds added 21 points. It's the third state title for the Foxes in four years.

Class 2A

2026 was just like 2025 for the Texico High School. The Wolverines finished the season on top once again, as Texico beat Rehoboth Christian 58-46 to win the Boys Class 2A Title at the Nusenda Credit Union State Basketball Championships. The Wolverines (30-2) started the game on a 10-0 run and led 28-16 at halftime. Texico built up their lead on the Lynx (24-7) to 15 points after three quarters, 42-27, and they held on for the victory. Texico had two players in double figures, led by Jett Curtis with 17 points. Berrett Whalen added 12 points and 8 rebounds. It's the 2nd straight state title for Texico.



Class 3A

The "Unfinished Business" St. Michael's High School talked about before the tournament is now complete. The Hornsamen beat rival Robertson 70-57 to win the Boys Class 3A Title at the 2026 Nusenda Credit Union State Basketball Championships. In a rematch of last year's title game, the Horsemen got their revenge. St. Michael's (26-5) grabbed a 22-13 lead in the opening quarter and led 30-21 at the break. Robertson (20-13) climbed back into it to tie the game at 40 late in the third quarter, but could never take the lead. The Horsemen were led by 28 points from Kamal Stith. Teammate Dillan McCoy added 20 points in the winning effort. St. Michael's pounded the boards and outrebounded Robertson 50-35. For St. Michael's, it's their second state title in four years.



Class 4A

It was a rematch of the 2025 final, but this year the result was different. The Highland Hornets beat the defending state champions from Artesia High School 71-62 to win the Boys Class 4A Title at the 2026 Nusenda Credit Union State Basketball Championships.

After a back-and-forth opening quarter where the Hornets had a 12-10 lead, Highland (27-4) got hot shooting in the second quarter building up a double digit lead and taking a 36-19 lead into halftime. The Hornets controlled the

game the rest of the way, leading by as many as 20 points in the third quarter. The Bulldogs (25-6) cut the lead to four early in the fourth, but could never take over. Three Hornets scored in double figures led by Fede Nunez with 17 points. Nico Sanchez added 16 points for the champs and Juan Limas scored 14. It's Highland's second title in three years.



Class 5A

The Volcano Vista Hawks continue to dominate the state's largest classification. The Hawks beat district rival Cleveland 66-52 to win the Boys Class 5A Title at the 2026 Nusenda Credit Union State Basketball Championships. Volcano Vista (26-5) jumped out to a 19-12 first quarter lead on Cleveland (26-7) and never trailed the rest of the way. The Hawks built up their biggest lead of the game just before halftime when they went up by 16 points and went into the lockerroom with a 29-18 lead.

The Storm cut into the lead, outscoring the Hawks 17-13 in the third quarter, but Volcano Vista closed the game with a 21-17 finish for the wire-to-wire victory. David Lunn led the Hawks with 23 points. Teammate Eli Covell added 15 points and ten rebounds. Volcano Vista outrebounded their opponent 34-17. It's the fifth straight state title for head coach Greg Brown and the Volcano Vista Hawks.

