



2026 NMAA STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

May 13-16 2026

HOSTED AT LOS ALTOS COMPLEX | CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL | UNM

1. DATES & LOCATIONS

The 2026 NMAA State Softball Tournament will take place:

1A/2A & 3A Classifications

Los Altos Softball Complex – 821 Eubank Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87123

Wednesday, May 13th & Thursday, May 14th.

Championship Games: Friday, May 15th.

UNM- 1111 University Blvd SE Albuquerque, NM 87106 **enter at the south end of the stadium (dirt parking lot)**


4A & 5A Classifications

Cleveland High School – 4800 Cleveland Heights Rd NE, Rio Rancho, NM

87144 Thursday, May 14th & Friday, May 15th

Championship Games: Saturday, May 16th.

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 **Note:** Teams will not report to tournament sites until they have completed the first two rounds, which will be played at the home sites of the top four seeds in each classification.

2. COACHES PACKETS

There will be no in-person coaches meeting.

Team packets and bag tags will be distributed at the site of your first tournament game that takes place in the Albuquerque/ Rio Rancho area.

3. TOURNAMENT PERSONNEL

- **Tournament Director:** Annette Castillo | 505-205-0776
- **Complex/Site Directors:** **Cleveland HS** –Annette Castillo/Zac Stevenson | **Los Altos** – Annette Castillo/Zac Stevenson | **UNM** – Annette Castillo
- **Media Contact:** JP Murrieta, Sports Information Director | 505-379-4305

4. TEAM LIMITATIONS & ENTRY

- Maximum of 18 uniformed players per team (NMAA Handbook, 7.18.5.B)
- Teams will receive 23 total credentials (18 for players and 1 manager, 4 for coaches). Bag tags must be worn at all times for access to team areas. You will not be admitted without your pass. Teams entering together **in uniform** will not be screened further. Players entering alone will need to have a bag tag.
- The gates to all of the facilities will open **1 hour and 15 minutes before game time** for the first game of the day for teams only.
- Spectators will be admitted **one hour before game time** for the first game of the day. Gates will remain open throughout the day. Spectators may re-enter for the day with colored wristband (day pass purchase) only.

5. TEAM ARRIVAL & COIN FLIP

- Teams must arrive dressed and ready to play. No locker rooms are provided.
- **Coin flips will occur 1 hour before game time at the area designated on your respective site maps.**
- National Anthem will be played before the first game of each day at Cleveland and Los Altos.

6. ADMISSION & TICKETING

Admission is cashless. We encourage fans to purchase tickets in advance via GoFan by clicking [HERE](#)

- Day Pass All Ages- \$17.00 (re-entry privileges)
- Adults \$12.00 (**NO** re-entry privileges)
- Students (K-12) / Seniors (65+) / Military (w/ID): \$7.00 (**NO** re-entry privileges)
- Children under 5: Free

Spectators will be admitted one hour before game time for the first game of the day. Gates will remain open throughout the day. Spectators may re-enter for the day with colored wristbands only (day pass admission).

7. PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

Los Altos Softball Complex (see map for reference):

- Spectator parking: everyone will enter through the East entry point (near Sonic). Please know that spectator parking is extremely limited. Once the lot is full, spectators are responsible for seeking alternate locations to park.
- Buses and school vehicles: South lot- buses must drop off athletes and park in the designated area if they are remaining on site. School vehicles not carrying athletes will not be granted permission to park in this area and must park in the spectator area. This area is limited to officials and event staff **and will require a parking pass.**
- Team Entry: South lot

Note: Only individuals with proper state championship credentials will be allowed to enter through the south team entrance. Others will be redirected to the north spectator lot and entrance.

Cleveland High School (see map for reference):

- Spectator Parking: East lot
- Buses and school vehicles: West lot (behind football stadium). School vehicles not carrying athletes will not be granted permission to park in this area and must park on the East lot and enter through the main entrance.
- Team Entry: West lot (behind football stadium)
- Buses and school vehicles will not be permitted to park inside the complex gates. This area is limited to officials and event staff **and will require a parking pass.**

Note: Only individuals with proper state championship credentials will be allowed to enter through the west team entrance. Others will be redirected to the east spectator entrance.

UNM Softball Stadium (see map for reference):

- Spectator & Team Entry/Parking – Baseball South

8. FACILITY & EQUIPMENT NOTES

- **Metal cleats are NOT permitted on Cleveland Field #1.**
 - Please be aware that if fields become unplayable, we have secured turf fields at Bernalillo High School, Cleveland High School, and Rio Rancho High School.

Teams may be asked to travel to one of these alternate sites to complete a portion of their games until the original fields become playable and the schedule can resume.

⚠ IMPORTANT: All athletes should bring molded cleats, turf shoes, or tennis shoes in order to play on turf surfaces. Metal cleats are strictly prohibited on all turf fields.

- Dugouts must remain clean—no sunflower seeds or shelled nuts of any kind will be permitted at **any site complex**. Violators will be removed from the premises.
- **Outside music/portable music will not be permitted at either complex**. These devices will be confiscated and returned to the team when they are eliminated from the tournament.
- Wilson A9011 SST is the official tournament ball and will be provided.

9. TOURNAMENT FORMAT & RULES

- First two rounds: hosted by top 4 seeds- first round single elimination
- Final 8: Double elimination format
- ITB (International Tie Breaker) rule in effect
- NFHS and NMAA rules will be strictly enforced
- No pre-tournament practice is permitted on official game fields

10. ATHLETIC TRAINERS & EMERGENCIES

Certified athletic trainers will be on-site throughout the event. In case of an emergency, please notify the scorekeeper at your field, and they will immediately contact the athletic trainer. All medical expenses are the responsibility of the school or the athlete's parent/guardian insurance.

11. CHAMPIONSHIPS & INTRODUCTIONS

Championship & "IF" games will be held at UNM Softball Complex:

- May 15: 1A/2A and 3A
- May 16: 4A and 5A
- A coin flip to determine the home team will still take place. Coaches should meet behind the press box one hour prior to game time for the coin toss.
- National Anthem will be played before the first game of each day.
- Team introductions will be reserved for championship games only.

12. WARM-UP AREA

Please see your respective map for warm-up area(s). Teams warming up in undesignated areas will be redirected to designated areas.

- Los Altos warm-up area is limited to one field. Please be respectful of the fact that multiple teams will need to warm up. Share the area and use time wisely.
- Warm-up Areas: Teams that play next have priority. Teams will warm up at Cleveland on the soccer fields north of your assigned fields. The warm-up areas at each site are indicated on the provided site maps.

13. GAME SCHEDULE & PRE-GAME TIMING

To ensure games remain on schedule, all teams must adhere to the timeline outlined below. Game times will not be adjusted for late arrivals or delays caused by teams.

Activity	Time Prior to Game	Example for 8:30 AM Game
Home Team Outfield Warm-Up	1 hour 15 min before	7:15 AM
Visitor Team Outfield Warm-Up	1 hour 15 min before	7:15 AM

Coin Flip	1 hour before	7:30 AM
Coaches' Meeting @ Homeplate	5 minutes before	8:25 AM
Game Time	ON TIME	8:30 AM

🕒 **Note:** Teams that are not prepared to begin warm-ups or are late to the coin flip forfeit privileges or risk delays that affect their play. Please arrive with ample time to be fully prepared.

14. TOURNAMENT FIELD MAPS/ SCHEDULE LOS ALTOS SOFTBALL COMPLEX (1A/2A & 3A SITE)



**1A/2A & 3A LOS ALTOS COMPLEX
FIELD SCHEDULE**

DAY	TIME	FIELD 1	FIELD 3	FIELD 4	FIELD 5	UNM
WED- 05/13	9:30 AM	1A/2A GAME 5 (W)	1A/2A GAME 6 (W)	3A GAME 5 (W)	3A GAME 6 (W)	
WED- 05/13	12:00 PM	1A/2A GAME 8 (L)	1A/2A GAME 9 (L)	3A GAME 8 (L)	3A GAME 9 (L)	
THUR - 05/14	9:30 AM	1A/2A GAME 10 (L)	1A/2A GAME 11 (L)	3A GAME 10 (L)	3A GAME 11 (L)	
THUR - 05/14	12:00 PM	1A/2A GAME 12 (L)	1A/2A GAME 7 (W)	3A GAME 12 (L)	3A GAME 7 (W)	
THUR - 05/14	2:30 PM	1A/2A GAME 13 (L)		3A GAME 13 (L)		
FRI - 05/15	10:00 AM					1A/2A CHAMPIONSHIP (G14)
FRI - 05/15	12:00 PM					3A CHAMPIONSHIP (G14)
FRI - 05/15	2:00 PM					1A/2A IF
FRI - 05/15	4:00 PM					3A IF

Wed–Thurs: Los Altos Softball Complex (8 teams) | Friday: UNM Championships

CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL (4A/5A SITE)



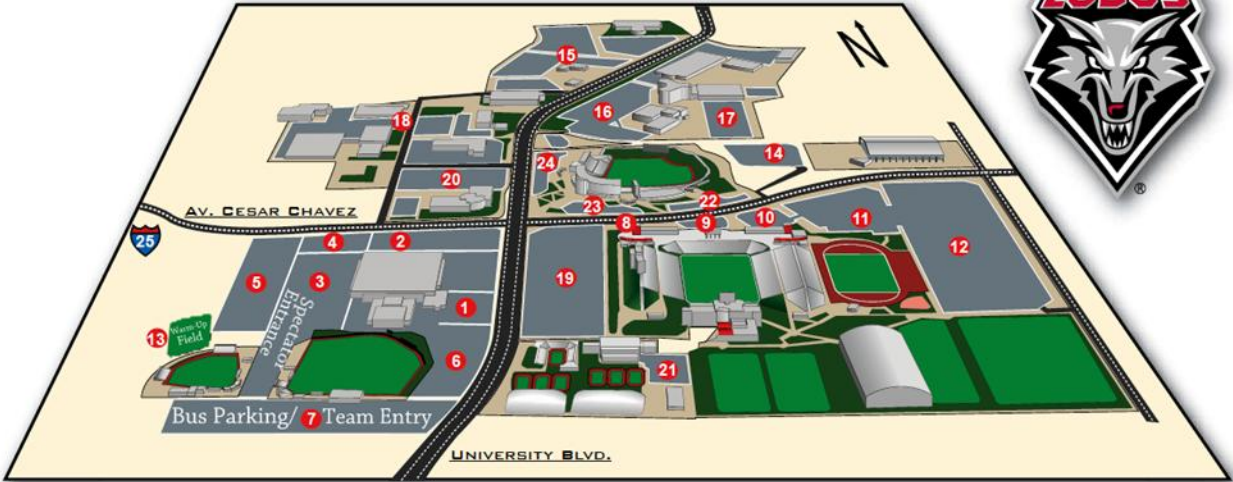
- RESTRICTED ACCESS- PARKING PASS REQUIRED - OFFICIALS , EVENT STAFF & BUSES ONLY
- COIN FLIP MEETING AREA
- FIELDS/DESIGNATED WARM-UP AREA
- SPECTATOR PARKING/COMPLEX ENTRANCE

**4A/5A CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL
FIELD SCHEDULE**

DAY	TIME	FIELD 1	FIELD 2	FIELD 3	FIELD 4	UNM
THUR - 05/14	9:30 AM	4A GAME 5 (W)	4A GAME 6 (W)	5A GAME 5 (W)	5A GAME 6 (W)	
THUR - 05/14	12:00 PM	5A GAME 8 (L)	5A GAME 9 (L)	4A GAME 8 (L)	4A GAME 9 (L)	
FRI - 05/15	9:30 AM	4A GAME 10 (L)	4A GAME 11 (L)	5A GAME 10 (L)	5A GAME 11 (L)	
FRI - 05/15	12:00 PM	5A GAME 7 (W)	5A GAME 12 (L)	4A GAME 12 (L)	4A GAME 7 (W)	
FRI - 05/15	2:30 PM	5A GAME 13 (L)			4A GAME 13 (L)	
SAT- 05/16	10:00 AM					4A CHAMPIONSHIP(G14)
SAT- 05/16	12:00 PM					5A CHAMPIONSHIP (G14)
SAT- 05/16	2:00 PM					4A IF
SAT- 05/16	4:00 PM					5A IF

Thursday –Friday: Cleveland High School Softball Complex (8 teams) | Saturday: UNM Championships

UNM SOFTBALL STADIUM (CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES)



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ATHLETIC EVENT PARKING GRID

1 PIT EAST	8 STADIUM NORTH 1	15 CNM 1	22 ISOTOPES A
2 PIT NORTH 2	9 STADIUM NORTH 2	16 CNM 2	23 ISOTOPES B
3 PIT WEST 1	10 STADIUM NORTH 3	17 CNM 3	24 ISOTOPES C
4 PIT NORTH 1	11 STADIUM NORTH 4	18 STP	
5 PIT WEST 2	12 STADIUM EAST	19 STADIUM WEST	
6 BASEBALL EAST	13 PIT WEST 3	20 SSSC	
7 BASEBALL SOUTH	14 CNM EMPLOYEE	21 STADIUM SOUTH	

UNM- SPECTATOR & TEAM ENTRY/PARKING- BASEBALL SOUTH ONLY
WARM-UP FIELD WILL BE THE GRASSY AREA BEHIND LEFT FIELD

PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#) TO VIEW A LIST OF PROHIBITED ITEMS FOR THE UNM COMPLEX

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DAY	TIME					UNM
FRI - 05/15	10:00 AM					1A/2A CHAMPIONSHIP
FRI - 05/15	12:00 PM					3A CHAMPIONSHIP
FRI - 05/15	2:00 PM					1A/2A IF
FRI - 05/15	4:00 PM					3A IF

Wed-Thurs: Los Altos Softball Complex (8 teams) | Friday: UNM Championships

4A/5A FIELD SCHEDULE						
DAY	TIME	FIELD 1	FIELD 2	FIELD 3	FIELD 4	UNM
SAT - 05/16	10:00 AM					4A CHAMPIONSHIP
SAT - 05/16	12:00 PM					5A CHAMPIONSHIP
SAT - 05/16	2:00 PM					4A IF
SAT - 05/16	4:00 PM					5A IF

Thur-Sat: Los Altos Softball Complex (8 teams) | Friday: UNM Championships

15. MEDIA, PHOTOGRAPHY, & VIDEO/STREAMING

XL Sports Photography is the official photographer.

Spectator video is permitted but must not obstruct others' view. No electrical hookups will be provided for equipment.

The streaming of NMAA Championship games is strictly prohibited.

16. REQUIRED FORMS

Coach Locator Forms: Due Monday, May 11, 2026. Complete and submitted online by clicking [HERE](#).

Hotel Tracking Forms: Due Monday, May 11, 2026: Completed and submitted online by clicking [HERE](#).