

# **2026** | **NRHA** **IHSA** **WESTERN SEMI-FINALS**

**Hosted By: Zone 7, Region 2**

**New Mexico State University**

**Student Learning Center Arena**

**3170 Knox St.**

**Las Cruces, NM 88001**



# Saddle Up in the Southwest

## It's Time to Turn Up the Heat!

### Welcome to Las Cruces

#### Travel Information

Conveniently located just off westbound I-10, the NMSU Student Learning Center Arena sits on the main New Mexico State University campus within the agriculture complex. The nearest airport is **El Paso International Airport (50 miles)**, offering the most direct and accessible route. Alternative options include **Albuquerque International Sunport (225 miles)** and **Tucson International Airport (270 miles)**.

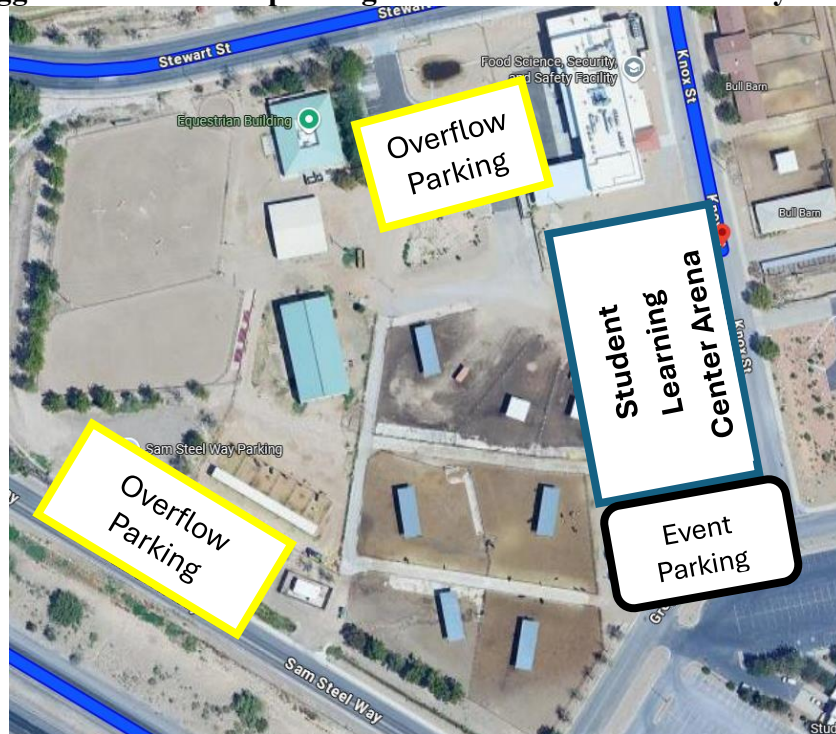
Airports:

- (ELP) El Paso International Airport (50 miles)
  - *Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Delta Airlines, Frontier Airline, Southwest Airlines, and United Airlines*
- (ABQ) Albuquerque International Sunport Airport (225 miles)
  - *Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Delta Airlines, JetBlue Airlines, Southwest Airlines, and United Airlines*
- (TUS) Tucson International Airport (270 miles)
  - *Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Delta Airlines, Frontier Airline, Southwest Airlines, and United Airlines*

Las Cruces offers a true taste of the Southwest with a blend of history, culture, and outdoor adventure. Just minutes from campus, visitors can explore Historic Old Mesilla, known for its charming plaza, unique shops, and authentic New Mexican dining. Outdoor enthusiasts can hike the nearby Organ Mountains–Desert Peaks National Monument, explore the scenic Dripping Springs Natural Area, or enjoy a peaceful walk along the Rio Grande. The New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, located adjacent to NMSU, offers an engaging look at the region's agricultural traditions. Food lovers won't want to miss tasting the area's famous red and green Chile dishes or savoring delicious Mexican cuisine at one of Las Cruces' many local restaurants. For a day trip, White Sands National Park, just an hour away, features stunning gypsum dunes and unforgettable desert views.

Directions: Get on I-10 from Airway Blvd, follow I-10 for 47 miles. Take exit 142 E. University Ave. (0.9 miles), right on El Paseo Rd/ Union Ave (0.3 miles), left on Sam Steele Way {*overflow parking located on the left in dirt lot*} and left on Gregg St into dirt parking on left by the silos.

**Parking lot located on the south side of the Student Learning Center Arena on Gregg St with overflow parking located off of Sam Steele Way and Stewart St.**



Available Lodging:

- **Comfort Suites University**  
2101 S Triviz Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88001  
Phone: (575) 222-2362  
**Room Block \$95/night**  
**Code: Choice Advantage Group Account ID: 5243753**
- **Courtyard by Marriott Las Cruces at NMSU**  
456 E University Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88005  
Phone: (575) 526-1722
- **Hilton Garden Inn Las Cruces**  
2550 Don Roser Drive, Las Cruces, NM, 88011  
Phone: (575) 522-0900
- **Sleep Inn University**  
2121 S Triviz Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88001  
Phone: (575) 636-2530
- **Holiday Inn Express & Suites Las Cruces by IHG**  
2635 S Valley Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88005  
Phone: (575) 527 - 9947

## Show Information

### Show Managers:

- Hannah Bilovesky | 575-636-8836 | [hswarth@nmsu.edu](mailto:hswarth@nmsu.edu)
- Hannah Gilmore | 970-605-4052 | [hgillmore@nctc.edu](mailto:hgillmore@nctc.edu)

Show Secretary: Mikayla Buchanan (NMSU)

### Show Stewards:

- Amy Daspit (National Associate Steward)
- Dawn Ross (Area 84)
- TBD (Area 85)
- TBD (Area 75)

### Horse Selection:

- Michelle Morr (Area 72)
- Mara Surelle (Area 84)
- TBD (Area 81)

Scoring: Hannah Gilmore

### Judges:

- ❖ Larry Sanchez | Stillwater, OK
- ❖ Sandra Curl | Vero Beach, FL

### Facility:

- 130' x 180' indoor arena with metal bleacher seating
- Restrooms and changing area located next to arena
- No Dogs allowed at the facility
- Concessions: Coffee truck on site, with light snacks and drinks Saturday and Sunday  
Santa Fe Grill – (0.4 mile) Best breakfast burritos around, and great lunch specials!  
Jimmy Johns – (0.5 miles) Freaky Fast and will deliver to campus  
Chick -Fil-A – (0.6 miles) Closed on Sunday, but delicious option on Saturday  
McAlister's – (3.4 miles) Fresh sandwiches, salads, and famous sweet tea.  
Corner Bakery Café – (3.4 miles) Soups, sandwiches, and bakery favorites.

### Photography:

Kristina Truluck | [kristina@truluckphoto.com](mailto:kristina@truluckphoto.com) | 941-404-3317



Notes:

- Make checks payable to IHSA, inc., Individual classes \$100; Team \$700; High Point Rider \$125.
- There is potential to have horses that may require two hands or may be outfitted with Romal reins.
- Show classes will remain on the days listed within this document, but the order is subject to change.
- Horse schooling and drag breaks are subject to change and will be communicated throughout the event and during coaches' meetings
- Coaches keep up to date throughout the event by signing up for Remind!

This year I'm using Remind to send updates about important event information.

- To sign up for **New Mexico Semi-Finals 2026** notifications, please visit <https://www.remind.com/join/hbilovesky>

### Schedule of Events

Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026

1:00 pm	Office opens – Student Learning Center arena Classroom
2:30 pm	Horse Demonstrations
5:30 pm	<b>Exhibitor Party, Enchilada Dinner, and FUN!</b> <b>Dinner is \$10/plate please RSVP by 3/16/26 to <a href="mailto:hswarth@nmsu.edu">hswarth@nmsu.edu</a></b>

Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026

6:30 am	Office opens, arena open for pattern walk
7:00 am	<b>Horse warm-ups begin</b>
8:00 am	Coaches Meeting and Arena Drag – <i>first draw after Coaches meeting</i>
9:00 am	Show begins

Class 1	Individual Ranch Riding	<b>Finals</b>
Class 2	Individual Open Horsemanship	Section A
Class 3	Individual Rookie Horsemanship	Section A
Class 4	Individual Open Horsemanship	Section B
Class 5	Individual Rookie Horsemanship	Section B

Class 6	Individual Open Horsemanship	<b>Finals</b>
Class 7	Individual Rookie Horsemanship	<b>Finals</b>
<b>Warm-up Break: Horsemanship</b>		
Class 8	Back-on-track High Point Rider	Horsemanship Phase
Class 9	Individual Beginner Horsemanship	Section A
Class 10	Individual Level II Horsemanship	Section A
Class 11	Individual Beginner Horsemanship	Section B
Class 12	Individual Level II Horsemanship	Section B
Class 13	Individual Beginner Horsemanship	Finals
Class 14	Individual Level II Horsemanship	Finals
<b>Warm-up Break: Reining and Arena Drag</b>		
Class 15	Individual Reining	Finals

**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**

6:30 am	Office opens, arena open for pattern walk
7:00 am	<b>Horse warm-ups begin: Reining/ Ranch Riding</b>
7:45 am	Coaches Meeting ( <i>draw will begin after coaches meeting</i> )
8:30 am	Show begins

Class 16	Team Open Reining	
Class 17	Team Ranch Riding	
Class 18	Back-on-track High Point Rider	Reining Phase
<b>Warm-up Break: Horsemanship</b>		
Class 19	Individual Level I Horsemanship	Section A
Class 20	Team Beginner Horsemanship	
Class 21	Individual Level I Horsemanship	Section B

Class 22	Team Level I Horsemanship	
Class 23	Individual Level I Horsemanship	Finals
Class 23	Team Open Horsemanship	
Class 24	Team Rookie Horsemanship	
Class 26	Team Level II Horsemanship	
	Awards	





# Support the IHSA/NRHA Western Semi-Finals Championship

**March 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**  
New Mexico State University

## THE EVENT:

Founded in 1967, the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) is one of the nation's largest and most inclusive collegiate equestrian organizations, providing students the opportunity to compete regardless of gender or financial means. The NRHA/IHSA Western Semi-Finals are the final qualifying events for the IHSA National Championships, bringing together top collegiate Western riders each March. This national event draws participants and spectators from across the country, generating significant regional visibility and economic impact while offering sponsors meaningful alignment with education, youth development, and equestrian excellence.

## *Sponsorship Opportunities* **Official Program Color Ad**

*Deadline – 3/5/26*

- Quarter Page **\$50**
- Half Page **\$100**
- Full Page **\$150**

## **Sponsoring a Horse**

All competition horses are generously loaned by collegiate teams, lesson programs, and private owners. Sponsorship supports horse use, hauling, and stalling, and includes recognition in the event program, logo/name placement on the sponsor banner, and a sponsor gift.

- Horse for 1 day **\$150**
- Horse for 2 days **\$300**

## **Event Supporter**

- Barn Friend **\$25**
- Blue Ribbon Sponsor **\$50**
- Arena Sponsor **\$100**

## **Candid Photo Sponsor**

Help send competitors home with free candid event photos featuring your logo, plus curated business web promotion

- Snapshot sponsor **\$500**
- Spotlight sponsor **\$1500**





# Sponsor Form

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsorship Type: Please check the box next to the type of sponsorship you wish to provide**

<b>Program Ad</b> <input type="radio"/> Quarter Page = \$50 <input type="radio"/> Half Page = \$100 <input type="radio"/> Full Page = \$150  <b>Please email Ad information including logos, images, and text to <a href="mailto:hswarth@nmsu.edu">hswarth@nmsu.edu</a> by 3/5/26</b>	<b>Horse Sponsor</b> <input type="radio"/> 1-day = \$150 <input type="radio"/> 2 days = \$300  <b>Event Sponsor</b> <input type="radio"/> Barn Friend = \$25 <input type="radio"/> Blue Ribbon = \$50 <input type="radio"/> Arena Sponsor = \$100	<b>Candid Photo Sponsor</b> <input type="radio"/> Snapshot sponsor = \$500 <input type="radio"/> Spotlight Sponsor = \$1500
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## Credit Card Authorization Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (as it appears on card): \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Purchase: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ We Accept: \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Master Card \_\_\_\_\_ Discover Card

(Please check type of credit card above) \_\_\_\_\_ American Express \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check

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Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV Code (3-digit code): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Index Number for Deposit: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send completed form to  
Hannah Bilovesky, PO Box 30003 MSC 3-I, Las Cruces, NM 88003  
Email Program AD details to [hswarth@nmsu.edu](mailto:hswarth@nmsu.edu) by 3/5/26  
Contact with questions: 575-636-8836**