



# NEW MEXICO BEACH VOLLEYBALL

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## 2017 SCHEDULE

	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
<b>B</b>	3/2	Benedictine	Mesa, Ariz.	3 pm
<b>LMU</b>	3/3	Loyola Marymount	Phoenix, Ariz.	3 pm
<b>GCU</b>	3/3	Grand Canyon	Phoenix, Ariz.	5 pm
<b>MC</b>	3/4	Colorado Mesa	Phoenix, Ariz.	9 am
<b>TCU</b>	3/4	TCU	Phoenix, Ariz.	11 am
SUN DEVIL CHALLENGE • TEMPE, ARIZ.				
<b>ASU</b>	3/11	Texas A&M-Kingsville	Tempe, Ariz.	5 pm
<b>ASU</b>	3/12	Arizona State	Tempe, Ariz.	11 am
<b>UA</b>	3/12	Arizona	Tempe, Ariz.	2 pm
STETSON BEACH INVITATIONAL • TAVARES, FLA.				
<b>FA</b>	3/17	Florida Atlantic	Tavares, Fla.	8 am
<b>GS</b>	3/17	Georgia State	Tavares, Fla.	10 am
<b>MS</b>	3/17	Morehead State	Tavares, Fla.	2 pm
<b>JSU</b>	3/18	Jacksonville State	Tavares, Fla.	9 am
<b>ST</b>	3/18	Stetson	Tavares, Fla.	12 pm
<b>LMU</b>	3/18	Lincoln Memorial	Tavares, Fla.	2 pm
WILDCAT SPRING CHALLENGE • TUCSON, ARIZ.				
<b>CSU</b>	3/31	CSU Bakersfield	Tucson, Ariz.	1 pm
<b>UA</b>	3/31	Arizona	Tucson, Ariz.	3 pm
<b>SC</b>	4/1	Santa Clara	Tucson, Ariz.	12 pm
<b>CM</b>	4/7	Colorado Mesa	Albuquerque	4 pm
<b>CM</b>	4/8	Colorado Mesa	Albuquerque	11 am
ALOHA INVITATIONAL • KAUAI, HAWAII				
<b>H</b>	4/14	Hawaii	Kauai, Hawaii	TBA
<b>USC</b>	4/14	USC	Kauai, Hawaii	TBA
<b>SM</b>	4/15	Saint Mary's	Kauai, Hawaii	TBA
<b>GCU</b>	4/15	Grand Canyon	Kauai, Hawaii	TBA
<b>FA</b>	4/15	Florida Atlantic	Kauai, Hawaii	TBA
<b>ASU</b>	4/21	Arizona State	Tucson, Ariz.	12 pm
<b>Cal</b>	4/21	California	Tucson, Ariz.	2 pm
<b>Air Force</b>	4/22	Air Force	Albuquerque	TBD
<b>NCAA</b>	5/5-7	NCAA Championships	Gulf Shores, Ala.	TBA

All times are Mountain Time and subject to change • Bold denotes a home match

## 2017 ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT.	CL.	HOMETOWN (LAST SCHOOL)
1	Devanne Sours	6-2	Sr.	Tatum, N.M. (Tatum HS)
2	Eastyn Baleto	5-8	Jr.	Seattle, Wash. (West Seattle HS)
3	Ashley Kelsey	6-0	RS Jr.	Ewa Beach, Hawai'i (James Campbell HS)
4	Emily Nenninger	5-5	Fr.	Albuquerque, N.M. (Eldorado HS)
11	Jackie Baro	5-8	Jr.	El Paso, Texas (Americas HS)
12	Lyric Ellison	5-7	Fr.	Albuquerque, N.M. (Volcano Vista HS)
13	Carly Beddingfield	6-3	So.	Albuquerque, N.M. (Bosque School/Long Beach State)
14	Carson Heilborn	6-0	So.	Auburn, Wash. (Auburn Riverside HS)
15	Victoria Spragg	6-5	RS So.	Belen, N.M. (Belen HS)
21	Julia Warren	6-1	Sr.	Albuquerque, N.M. (La Cueva HS)
22	Marisa Doran	6-0	Sr.	Orange, Calif. (Irvine Valley College)
24	Cassie House	6-2	Sr.	Rio Rancho, N.M. (Cleveland HS)
25	Lise Rugland	5-9	Sr.	Tananger, Norway (ToppVolley Norway)
31	Lauren Twitty	6-1	Fr.	Broadlands, Va. (Briar Woods HS)

## PRONUNCIATION

Eastyn Baleto	East-in	Jackie Baro	BAR-o
Marisa Doran	Door-in	Carson Heilborn	Hile-born
Lise Rugland	LEE-say ROOG-land	Victoria Spragg	Rhymes with "flag"
Devanne Sours	Devin	Pauline Manser	Man-zer

## ROSTER BREAKDOWN

FRESHMEN (3)	SOPHOMORES (3)	JUNIORS (3)	SENIORS (5)
• Lyric Ellison	• Carly Beddingfield	• Eastyn Baleto	• Marisa Doran
• Emily Nenninger	• Carson Heilborn	• Jackie Baro	• Cassie House
• Lauren Twitty	• Victoria Spragg (RS)	• Ashley Kelsey (RS)	• Lise Rugland
			• Devanne Sours
			• Julia Warren

## BEACH-ONLY PLAYERS (4)

- Jackie Baro
- Eastyn Baleto
- Lyric Ellison
- Emily Nenninger

## CROSSOVER PLAYERS (10)

- Carly Beddingfield
- Marisa Doran
- Carson Heilborn
- Cassie House
- Ashley Kelsey
- Lise Rugland
- Devanne Sours
- Victoria Spragg
- Lauren Twitty
- Julia Warren

## COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Jeff Nelson (10th season overall, 3rd beach | Ball State, 1986)  
 Assistant Coach: Pauline Manser (2nd season overall/beach | New Mexico, 1991)  
 Volunteer Assistant: Daniel Foo (3rd season overall/beach | New Mexico, 2006)

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of School ..... University of New Mexico  
 City/Zip ..... Albuquerque, N.M. 87106  
 Founded ..... 1889 by Territorial Legislature  
 Enrollment ..... 34,650 (Fall 2015)  
 Nickname ..... Lobos  
 School Colors ..... Cherry & Silver  
 Affiliation ..... NCAA Division I  
 President ..... Dr. Chaouki T. Abdallah (Acting)  
 Vice President for Athletics ..... Paul Krebs  
 Deputy A.D./Internal/SWA ..... Janice Ruggiero  
 Deputy A.D./External ..... Brad Hutchins  
 Athletic Dept. Phone ..... 505-925-5501  
 Ticket Office Phone ..... 505-925-LOBO

## BEACH VOLLEYBALL STAFF

Head Coach ..... Jeff Nelson (Ball State, 1986)  
 Year at UNM ..... 10th overall season, 3rd beach season  
 Assistant Coach ..... Pauline Manser (New Mexico, 1991)  
 Year at UNM ..... 2nd season overall/beach  
 Volunteer Assistant ..... Daniel Foo (New Mexico, 2006)  
 Year at UNM ..... 3rd season overall/beach  
 Athletic Trainer ..... Breeanna Muñoz

## COMMUNICATIONS

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## PROGRAM HISTORY

First Season of Beach Volleyball ..... 2015  
 First Head Coach ..... Jeff Nelson  
 All-Time Record ..... 20-20

## TEAM INFORMATION

2016 Overall Record ..... 17-9 (.654)  
 2016 Final National Ranking ..... 18th  
 2016 Postseason Finish ..... N/A  
 Returning/Lost ..... 9/7  
 Newcomers ..... 5  
 Returning Redshirts ..... 0  
 Home Courts ..... Lucky 66 Bowl

# 2017 ROSTER

## LOBOS FINISH 2016 WITH STRONG PRESENCE IN POLLS

The New Mexico beach volleyball team finished its second season with a strong presence in the national polls, ranking 18th in the season-ending DiG Magazine Poll and receiving votes in the final AVCA Collegiate Beach Volleyball poll.

The Lobos, who compiled a 17-9 record on the year, unofficially finished as the 17th-ranked team in the 10-team AVCA ranking released Tuesday, May 10, and closed their second season as the youngest program ranked in the DiG Magazine poll released Thursday, May 5.

Overall, New Mexico received votes in the AVCA poll in all but three releases since the start of the regular season, rising to an unofficial high of 13th twice (March 28 and April 11).

The Lobos also maintained a steady presence in the DiG Magazine poll, first being ranked on March 29 and climbing to a program-best No. 12 on April 12.

USC, the inaugural NCAA National Collegiate Beach Volleyball champions, finished as the top-ranked team in the both polls, with No. 2 and NCAA runner-up Florida State, No. 3 UCLA, No. 4 Hawai'i and No. 5 Pepperdine rounding out the top five in both.

During the 2016 season, UNM played USC, Florida State, No. 6 Arizona and No. 10 LSU and had matches against six other teams — No. 11 Grand Canyon, No. 14 Tulane, No. 16 California, No. 20 South Carolina, (RV) TCU and (RV) Washington — that were either ranked or receiving votes in the DiG Magazine poll.

## BEACH VOLLEYBALL POSTS PROGRAM-BEST GPA IN FALL 2016

After posting a tremendous campaign in the sand last spring, the University of New Mexico beach volleyball team posted a stellar semester in the classroom last fall.

The Lobos recorded a team GPA of 3.64 for the Fall 2016 semester, the highest in the five-semester history of the program. It's fourth semester that the team registered a mark of at least 3.4.

The beach team combined with the rest of the women's sports at UNM for a 3.55 GPA. It's the 13th-straight semester of at least a 3.4 by the combined women's teams, as well.

## A PRIMER ON BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Beach volleyball and court volleyball share many of the same basic rules. Each side gets three hits, there's rally scoring, and a team earns a points when the ball hits the ground or goes out of bounds. But there are some key difference between the two sports:

- Beach volleyball is a partner sport played during the spring. Court volleyball is a six-player sport played during the fall.
- Beach volleyball plays the best of three sets, with the first two sets played to 21 points,

and a tiebreaker set played to 15 points, if necessary. A set must be won by at least two points.

- Open-handed tipping is prohibited in beach volleyball and the block touch counts as one of three permitted contacts.
- Coaches may only speak or give any kind of input to their players during timeouts or between sets.
- Beach volleyball players switch sides of the court every seven points during a 21-point set and every five points during a 15-point set.
- Beach volleyball is usually contested in dual matches, where the winning team is the school that wins three of five individual matches versus its opponent. Similar in format to tennis, each of those individual matches consist of a doubles — a pair of teammates ranked by ability — that are matched against their corresponding doubles from the opposing team.

## BEACH VOLLEYBALL ENTERS 2ND SEASON AS 90TH NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

Before the 2016 season, the NCAA approved beach volleyball as the 90th NCAA Championship at the 2015 NCAA Convention, which allowed the sport to advance from the emerging sports for women list to a full-fledged NCAA championship.

The NCAA Beach Volleyball Committee also determined the sport will be officially referred to as "beach volleyball". When the sport was placed on the list of emerging sports for women in 2009, it was called sand volleyball. But because the sport is known as beach volleyball at all other levels of play throughout the world, the committee made its decision to refer to the sport as beach volleyball.

The second-annual NCAA Beach Volleyball Championships will take place May 5-7, 2016 at the Gulf Shores Public Beach in Gulf Shore, Alabama. The championship will have an eight-team bracket that will be played in a double-elimination format.

USC won the inaugural NCAA National Championship 3-0 over Florida State.

Beach volleyball is the fastest-growing NCAA sport with 53 Division I colleges and universities sponsoring. NCAA rules require 40 sponsoring schools to request an NCAA championship. Data shows that on average, 60 percent of participants at a sponsoring school participate only in beach volleyball instead of playing both beach and indoor volleyball.

## THE JEFF NELSON FILE NEW MEXICO HEAD COACH

**ALMA MATER:** Ball State, 1986

### COLLEGIATE PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

Setter/Outside Hitter/Defensive Specialist,  
Ball State, 1985-86

### COLLEGIATE COACHING EXPERIENCE

- New Mexico Head Coach ..... 2007-pres. (10th season)  
Court Record..... 188-117 (.616, 2007-pres., 10 seasons)  
Beach Record..... 20-20 (.500, 2015-pres., 2 seasons)
- San Francisco Head Coach..... 2003-06 (4 seasons)  
Record (Pct.)..... 76-51 (.598)
- Texas Tech Head Coach..... 1995-2002 (8 seasons)  
Record (Pct.)..... 166-96 (.634)

### OTHER COACHING EXPERIENCE

- Muncie Burriss HS Assistant Coach (1995)
- Arizona State Assistant Coach (1990-95)
- U.S. Olympic Festival West Assistant Coach (1994)
- U.S. Olympic Festival North Assistant Coach (1993)
- U.S. Junior National Boys Head Coach (1992)
- U.S. Junior National Boys Assistant Coach (1991)
- Minnesota Assistant Coach (1989-90)
- Minnesota Monarchs (MLV) Head Coach (1989) and Assistant Head Coach (1988)
- Nebraska Graduate Assistant (1986-88)

## NATIONAL RANKINGS

### AVCA PRESEASON POLL (FEB. 20)

RK.	SCHOOL	2016 REC.	PREV.
1	USC	34-2	1
2	Florida State	32-3	2
3	UCLA	22-8	3
4	Pepperdine	20-5	5
5	Hawaii	18-10	4
6	Arizona	20-7	6
7	Long Beach State	13-14	9
8	Georgia State	26-10	7
9	Stetson	28-9	8
10	LSU	20-9	10
11	Florida International	13-9	NR
12	Grand Canyon	18-8	NR
13	Stanford	5-10	NR
14	California	17-11	NR
15	Tulane	20-15	NR

**Also Receiving Votes:** Arizona State, TCU, Cal Poly, Loyola Marymount, Florida Atlantic, Saint Mary's, Washington, South Carolina

### DIG MAGAZINE PRESEASON POLL (FEB. 23)

RK.	SCHOOL	RK.	SCHOOL
1.	USC	11.	Grand Canyon
2.	UCLA	12.	Florida International
3.	Florida State	13.	North Florida
4.	Pepperdine	14.	Tulane
5.	Hawaii	15.	TCU
6.	Arizona	16.	California
7.	Stetson	17.	South Carolina
8.	Georgia State	18.	NEW MEXICO
9.	LSU	19.	Florida Atlantic
10.	Long Beach State	20.	Loyola Marymount

**Also Receiving Votes:** Stanford, Cal Poly, St. Mary's, Pacific, Nebraska

*Italics indicate a 2017 New Mexico opponent*

# 2016 ACCUMULATED STATISTICS

## DUAL MATCH RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	SCORE	REC.	1	2	3	4	5	RANK
March 4	Arizona State <sup>^</sup>	Tempe, Ariz.	W, 3-2	1-0	L	L	W	W	W	--
March 4	Colorado Mesa <sup>^</sup>	Tempe, Ariz.	W, 5-0	2-0	W	W	W	W	W	--
March 5	South Carolina <sup>^</sup>	Tempe, Ariz.	L, 2-3	2-1	L	L	L	W	W	--
March 5	Florida State <sup>^</sup>	Tempe, Ariz.	L, 1-4	2-2	L	L	L	W	L	--
March 6	California	Phoenix, Ariz.	W, 3-2	3-2	L	L	W	W	W	--
March 13	Grand Canyon	Phoenix, Ariz.	L, 1-4	3-3	L	L	L	W	L	--
March 13	San José State	Phoenix, Ariz.	W, 4-1	4-3	W	W	W	W	L	--
March 14	Irvine Valley College	Irvine, Calif.	W, 4-1	5-3	L	W	W	W	W	--
March 14	MiraCosta College	Irvine, Calif.	W, 4-1	6-3	W	W	W	W	L	--
March 18	Colorado Mesa	Albuquerque	W, 5-0	7-3	W	W	W	W	W	--
March 19	Colorado Mesa	Albuquerque	W, 5-0	8-3	W	W	W	W	W	--
March 19	Arizona State	Albuquerque	W, 4-1	9-3	L	W	W	W	W	--
March 19	New Mexico State	Albuquerque	W, 5-0	10-3	W	W	W	W	W	--
March 25	CSUN!	Tucson, Ariz.	W, 4-1	11-3	W	L	W	W	W	--
March 25	Arizona!	Tucson, Ariz.	L, 0-5	11-4	L	L	L	L	L	--
March 26	CSU Bakersfield!	Tucson, Ariz.	W, 4-1	12-4	L	W	W	W	W	--
April 8	Pacific	Stockton, Calif.	W, 4-1	13-4	W	W	W	W	L	15
April 8	Sacramento State	Sacramento, Calif.	W, 5-0	14-4	W	W	W	W	W	15
April 9	Washington	Sacramento, Calif.	W, 5-0	15-4	W	W	W	W	W	15
April 9	San José State	Sacramento, Calif.	W, 4-1	16-4	L	W	W	W	W	15
April 15	TCU+	Fort Worth, Texas	L, 2-3	16-5	L	W	L	W	L	12
April 16	USC+	Fort Worth, Texas	L, 0-5	16-6	L	L	L	L	L	12
April 16	ULM+	Fort Worth, Texas	L, 2-3	16-7	L	L	W	W	L	12
April 30	Tulane#	Baton Rouge, La.	L, 1-4	16-8	L	L	L	W	L	16
April 30	LSU#	Baton Rouge, La.	L, 2-3	16-9	W	L	W	L	L	16
April 30	New Orleans#	Baton Rouge, La.	W, 5-0	17-9	W	W	W	W	W	16
May 1	Houston Baptist#	Baton Rouge, La.	Cancelled	--	--	--	--	--	--	16
May 1	TCU#	Baton Rouge, La.	Cancelled	--	--	--	--	--	--	16

<sup>^</sup> Sun Devil Challenge    ! Wildcat Spring Challenge    + Cowtown Classic    # Battle on the Bayou

# 2016 ACCUMULATED STATISTICS

## PAIRS RECORDS

PAIR	OVERALL W-L	TOURNEY W-L	DUALS W-L	NO. 1 W-L	NO. 2 W-L	NO. 3 W-L	NO. 4 W-L	NO. 5 W-L
Cassie House/Ashley Kelsey	11-10	--	11-10	11-10	--	--	--	--
Lise Rugland/Devanne Sours	14-6	--	14-6	--	14-6	--	--	--
Hannah Johnson/Julia Warren	18-7	--	18-7	--	--	18-7	--	--
Eastyn Baleto/Marisa Doran	23-3	--	23-3	--	--	1-0	22-3	--
Carson Heilborn/Maddie Mayfield	14-11	--	14-11	--	--	--	--	14-11
Chloe Crappell/Maddie Mayfield	1-0	--	1-0	--	--	--	--	1-0
Cassie House/Lise Rugland	1-4	--	1-4	1-3	0-1	--	--	--
Ashley Kelsey/Devanne Sours	1-4	--	1-4	0-1	1-3	--	--	--
Sami Reynolds/Julia Warren	1-0	--	1-0	--	--	--	1-0	--
Lise Rugland/Chloe Crappell	0-1	--	0-1	--	0-1	--	--	--
Totals	84-46	--	84-46	12-14	15-11	19-7	23-3	15-11
Percentage	.646	--	.646	.462	.577	.731	.885	.577

## INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

NO.	INDIVIDUAL	OVERALL W-L	TOURNEY W-L	DUALS W-L	NO. 1 W-L	NO. 2 W-L	NO. 3 W-L	NO. 4 W-L	NO. 5 W-L
1	Devanne Sours	15-10	--	15-10	0-1	15-9	--	--	--
2	Eastyn Baleto	23-3	--	23-3	--	--	1-0	22-3	--
3	Ashley Kelsey	12-14	--	12-14	11-11	1-3	--	--	--
4	Allie Askew	0-0	--	0-0	--	--	--	--	--
5	Chloe Crappell	1-1	--	1-1	--	0-1	--	--	1-0
11	Jackie Baro	0-0	--	0-0	--	--	--	--	--
12	Hannah Johnson	18-7	--	18-7	--	--	18-7	--	--
13	Maddie Mayfield	15-11	--	15-11	--	--	--	--	15-11
14	Carson Heilborn	14-11	--	14-11	--	--	--	--	14-11
15	Sami Reynolds	1-0	--	1-0	--	--	--	1-0	--
21	Julia Warren	19-7	--	19-7	--	--	18-7	1-0	--
22	Marisa Doran	23-3	--	23-3	--	--	1-0	22-3	--
23	Keaton Alley	0-0	--	0-0	--	--	--	--	--
24	Cassie House	12-14	--	12-14	12-13	0-1	--	--	--
25	Lise Rugland	15-11	--	15-11	1-3	14-8	--	--	--
31	Mercedes Pacheco	0-0	--	0-0	--	--	--	--	--
Totals		84-46	--	84-46	12-14	15-11	19-7	23-3	15-11
Percentage		.646	--	.646	.462	.577	.731	.885	.577

## CAREER INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

NO.	INDIVIDUAL	OVERALL W-L	TOURNEY W-L	DUALS W-L	NO. 1 W-L	NO. 2 W-L	NO. 3 W-L	NO. 4 W-L	NO. 5 W-L
1	Devanne Sours	19-20	--	19-20	0-2	19-12	0-6	--	--
2	Eastyn Baleto	31-9	--	31-9	--	3-4	4-2	24-3	--
3	Ashley Kelsey	15-25	--	15-25	13-20	2-4	0-1	--	--
11	Jackie Baro	2-7	--	2-7	--	--	--	--	2-7
14	Carson Heilborn	14-11	--	14-11	--	--	--	--	14-11
21	Julia Warren	27-13	--	27-13	--	3-4	21-9	3-0	--
22	Marisa Doran	23-3	--	23-3	--	--	1-0	22-3	--
24	Cassie House	12-14	--	12-14	12-13	0-1	--	--	--
25	Lise Rugland	21-19	--	21-19	1-3	17-12	1-1	5-7	--