



# NMAA

New Mexico Activities Association

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Los Alamos County Parks and Recreation  
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To Whom It May Concern,

High School interscholastic tennis programs, which serve about 1,200 students annually from all over New Mexico, often suffer from inadequate court facilities to run the scheduled events. Some of the inadequacy stems from qualitative (court condition), but a majority of the issues are based on quantity (number of courts).

While there is no established minimum number of courts to create an "optimum" facility, my thirty years of involvement in high school tennis (as a coach, athletic director and recently state tennis director for the NMAA) provide me with the experience to say that a complex with a minimum of eight (8) courts is essential to sustain the number of matches that most tournament events require.

High School tennis, like most interscholastic sports, has recently gone through significant budget cutbacks. Many schools now service both boys and girls programs with only a single coach. In addition, there have been significant transportation cutbacks to school athletic budgets. Both of these facts lend themselves to a single-site event being ideal, where the coach can oversee players of both genders without having to travel to multiple sites.

I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Joe Butler".

Joe Butler,  
Assistant Director and Director of Tennis