

Vamos a Tucson Mexican Baseball Fiesta Returns to Tucson for Twelfth Year

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The 12th annual Vamos a Tucson Mexican Baseball Fiesta presented by Vantage West, Modelo, AT&T and Visit Tucson will return to Kino Veterans Memorial Stadium. The 2023 dates are October 5 - 8.

The Liga Arco Mexicana del Pacifico's (Mexican Winter Baseball League) version of "Spring Training" will feature four Mexican Pacific League (Liga ARCO Mexicana Del Pacifico) teams and the University of Arizona Wildcats. The LMP teams are Naranjeros de Hermosillo, Yaquis de Obregon, Aguilas de Mexicali, and Mayos de Navojoa.

The Arizona Wildcats have played in the MBF for the last three years. This year's Wildcats game will be against Hermosillo in the second game of the doubleheader on Thursday, October 5th. This will be the fourth year UA has been in the Fiesta.

The Vamos A Tucson Mexican Baseball Fiesta is excited to announce the return of **La Brissa** following the Sunday doubleheader on October 8th. This highly popular Sonoran band has now averaged over 6,300 fans the last three years.

Tickets for the Vamos a Tucson Mexican Baseball Fiesta go on sale in early September online at www.MexicanBaseballFiesta.com. Game tickets are box seats - \$25, adult general admission - \$20, students (6-16) and seniors are \$10, under 6 are free. Tickets will also be on sale at the Kino Stadium box office as well as other local locations the week of the games. The popular games between Hermosillo and Obregon will once again be the second game of the doubleheader on both Friday and Saturday. Those games have drawn in excess of 5,000 fans every year.

Here is the 2023 schedule:

Thursday, October 5
Obregon vs Navojoa 5:05 first game
Hermosillo vs Arizona Wildcats, follows first game

Friday, October 6
Navojoa vs Mexicali 5:05 first game
Hermosillo vs Obregon, follows first game

Saturday, October 7 Mexicali vs Navojoa 5:05 first game Hermosillo vs Obregon, follows first game

Sunday, October 8
Obregon vs Mexicali, 2:30
Navojoa vs. Hermosillo, follows first game
La Brissa performs either following the second game or late in that game so come early!

"Over the last 11 years, the Mexican Pacific League has developed a great partnership with the Mexican Baseball Fiesta. These games get their teams ready for their regular season with great success. All four LAMP teams in this year's MBF made the playoffs last year! The Mexican baseball fans now look forward to the Fiesta every year." said **Francisco Gamez**, Mexican Baseball Fiesta, Founder and Partner. Gamez played over 10 years in the Mexican Pacific League as well as in the Milwaukee Brewers organization in the states. MBF founder Gamez joined Mike Feder in forming the Mexican Baseball Fiesta, LLC in 2011.

"The Vamos A Tucson Mexican Baseball Fiesta has become one of the top entertainment/baseball events on the Tucson calendar," said **Mike Feder**, President of the Mexican Baseball Fiesta. "The energy of the fans, the music, the food, and the fun make this a unique experience for all baseball fans. We believe the Fiesta is the largest Hispanic sporting event in Tucson every year." Feder is a 30-year minor league baseball general manager, 15 of those years as the GM of the Tucson Triple-A franchise. **Francisco Gamez**, Mexican Baseball Fiesta Founder and Partner was a longtime professional baseball pitcher in both minor league baseball and the Liga Mexicana Del Pacifico joined **Feder** in forming the Mexican Baseball Fiesta LLC in 2011.

Chip Hale, Arizona Wildcats Baseball Coach, said "Playing in the Mexican Baseball Fiesta is an honor for Arizona Baseball. It is a great event for our program to be associated with. The baseball passion of Tucson is on full display and our players get to be a part of it."

The Mexican Baseball Fiesta will also take place in the Phoenix area on September 28 – October 1 at Sloan Park in Mesa and American Family Fields of Phoenix in Maryvale. The MBF will play in Douglas on October 4th. Discussions are ongoing for games in Nogales, Sonora and Nogales, Arizona. More information on those games will be announced shortly.

Information on the Mexican Baseball Fiesta, LLC is available at www.MexicanBaseballFiesta.com; on Facebook at Mexican Baseball Fiesta; on Twitter at @MexBaseballFista in English, Instagram – Mexicanbaseballfiesta.