

Southeastern University Opens New Track and Field Facility for the 2025-2026 Season

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For the first time in program history, Southeastern University's Track and Field team will kick off the 2025-2026 season with their new home track and field facility, located at Tenoroc High School.

Southeastern University's (SEU) Track and Field team hasn't had a place to call home until now. The university recently partnered with the Polk County School District to build a college-grade track and field facility at Tenoroc High School. This facility will host both college and high school meets. All of the equipment will be double-branded to support SEU and Tenoroc.

The coming 2025-2026 Track and Field season will have its first full season with a home track. This addition is very exciting for both the athletes and coaches. "It gives us an opportunity to finally find a place that we can go consistently," said Nick Dodson, the first and current head coach of the program.

A few of the athletes also talked about the benefits of having a home track. Senior Maci Mills said, "It's always really fun to race on the track you know well and practice on each day." With the team's consistent exposure to a home track, they'll be able to grow their confidence by learning the ins and outs of the facility.

Another athlete, senior and conference champion Malki Blunt, said, “Having a place we can truly call home gives us extra motivation and pride every time we step on the track.” That motivation and pride will hopefully be the fuel for the fire this team is stoking.

Since April of 2018 when Dodson started at SEU, their success has been consistent. Both SEU’s men’s and women’s track teams, indoor and outdoor, have won every Sun Conference Championship since 2019. That’s nearly 20 conference championships in a row. Dodson said, “I would have never thought in a million years that we would have been this good, for this long, that early.” The credit belongs both to the athletes and the coach.



(SEU Men’s and Women’s Indoor Track team posing after winning the 2025 Sun Conference Indoor Track Championship. Photo courtesy of SEU Athletics.)

However, the true goals of this team aren't found in the amount of trophies they win, but in the quality of the relationships they build. "My goal was to build a program on character ... and relationships," Dodson said, "We want to build great mothers and fathers, husbands and wives. And we want you to get your degree."

The Tenoroc Track & Field Complex will host its first meet of the season on Nov. 22, 2025. It will be an indoor meet hosted on an outdoor track.