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**2019 Oakland A’s Spring Training Information**

***Pitchers & Catchers report Sunday, Feb. 10; Full Squad reports Friday, Feb. 15***

**OAKLAND, Calif. –** Spring Training for the 2019 Oakland Athletics begins on Sunday, Feb. 10, when pitchers and catchers report to Hohokam Stadium, the A’s spring home in Mesa, Ariz.

The first workout for pitchers and catchers will be held Monday, Feb. 11, at the Lew Wolff Training Complex, formerly known as Fitch Park. Position players report Friday, Feb. 15, with the first full squad workout set for Saturday, Feb. 16, also at the Lew Wolff Training Complex.

The following is pertinent A’s Spring Training information, including general guidelines, credential and parking information, roster information, the full spring schedule, and more.

**TRAINING SITE/** Lew Wolff Training Complex

**MINOR LEAGUE** 160 East Athletics Way

**HEADQUARTERS:** Mesa, AZ 85201

(480) 487-5800

**STADIUM** Hohokam Stadium

**HEADQUARTERS:** 1235 N. Center Street

Mesa, AZ 85201

(480) 907-5488

**HOTEL** Doubletree Guest Suites

**HEADQUARTERS:** 320 North 44th Street

Phoenix, AZ 85008

(602) 225-0500

**REPORTING DATES/ Pitchers and Catchers** – Sunday, Feb. 10 / Monday, Feb. 11

**FIRST WORKOUTS: Full Squad** – Friday, Feb. 15 / Saturday, Feb. 16

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**MEDIA CREDENTIALS:** For daily credentials, apply online at **credentials.mlb.com**. **All credential requests must be**

**received at least 24 hours in advance of the game you wish to cover** and **must include**

**head shot,** to be uploaded to the website along with your credential request. In addition,

you must bring a valid photo ID with you when picking up your credential.

**TICKET INFORMATION:** Call(510) 568-5600; visit the Hohokam Stadium box office; purchase online at

athletics.com/tickets

**PHOTO DAY:** Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 6:45 a.m. MST, Hohokam Stadium

**CACTUS LEAGUE** Thursday, Feb. 21 vs. Seattle Mariners, 1:05 p.m. MST, Hohokam Stadium

**OPENER:**

**Spring Training Guidelines**

**FACILITY BREAKDOWN:** A’s workouts will take place at the Lew Wolff Training Complex, 160 East Athletics Way in Mesa, beginning when pitchers and catchers report and continuing through the end of full squad workouts. All A’s players in Major League camp will dress in the home clubhouse at Hohokam Stadium and then go to the LWTC for practices. The drive from Hohokam Stadium to the Lew Wolff Training Complex is less than five minutes.

**A’s CLUBHOUSE:** The A’s clubhouse at Hohokam Stadium will be open to members of the media with proper credentials beginning approximately one hour prior to team stretch. Stretch time varies from day to day; media are asked to check @AsMediaAlerts on Twitter daily for updated clubhouse hours. The clubhouse may close for team meetings, etc. at certain times. Please do not lounge or conduct interviews in the weight room/exercise area. Once games begin, the clubhouse also will open to media during games for access to players who have completed their work for the day.

**FIELD ACCESS:** During workouts at the Lew Wolff Training Complex, media are permitted outside of dugouts, in the open area behind the backstops and on the grass behind the batting cages. Media are not permitted in fair or foul territory down the lines on any fields at the Lew Wolff Training Complex. At Hohokam Stadium, media are permitted in the dugout area and foul territory behind home plate extending down to (but not past) first and third base until the batting cage is removed from the field of play, at which point media will be asked to leave the field. The A’s dugout will remain accessible to the media until 45 minutes before game time.

**MANAGER INTERVIEW SESSIONS:** Prior to the start of Cactus League games, A’s manager Bob Melvin will be available to the media each morning during the A’s stretch time at the Lew Wolff Training Complex near the picnic tables on the west side behind the administrative building. Once games start, he will be available at Hohokam Stadium in the first base dugout during team stretch time. He also will be available on the field immediately following the conclusion of each workout session and game.

**“A’s MEDIA ALERTS” ON TWITTER:** The A’s communications department will provide frequent updates through its media-only Twitter account. For clubhouse hours, interview times and other mediaalerts, please follow @AsMediaAlerts. Player transactions and other relevant game information willcontinue to be posted at @Athletics.

# **Credentials & Parking**

**CREDENTIALS:** Media members covering A’s Spring Training workout sessions and games must have a credential issued by the Oakland A’s, Major League Baseball, or the Baseball Writers Association of America (BBWAA). Any media member without proper credentials will be denied access. **Credentials must be requested through MLB’s credentialing website at credentials.mlb.com. All credential requests must be accompanied by a headshot to be uploaded to the site. Failure to upload a head shot will result in a denial of your request.** Daily credentials can be picked up at one of the designated press will call window to the right of Gate D at Hohokam Stadium beginning approximately two hours prior to game time; prior to that time, credentials can be picked up from the security guard at Gate D.

**PARKING:** The A’s provide complimentary parking to media members at both facilities. At Hohokam, media may park in the Center Street Lot (Lot D) located behind home plate and to the right as you enter the parking lot at the home plate entrance. At the LWTC, they may park in the main lot facing the administrative building.

**MEALS:** When games begin, lunch is available for $8 to media members with proper credentials in the landing area at the top of Section 209. The A’s are able to provide complimentary lunches only to Bay Area beat writers, play-by-play broadcasters and designated team officials. There is no lunch service at the LWTC.

**TV/PHOTOGRAPHY:** TV camera crews and still photographers with proper credentials must stay in assigned areas at all times. No roving is permitted. TV camera crews are not allowed in the clubhouse pregame, or in the training room or weight room at any time. Still photographers are not allowed in the clubhouse, training room or weight room at any time.

# **Roster Information**

**SPRING TRAINING ROSTER NOTES:** The Athletics will have 58 players in camp this spring. In addition to the 40 players on the club’s 40-man roster, the A’s will have 18 non-roster invitees in camp. A current roster is attached.

**COACHING STAFF:** Manager Bob Melvin, beginning his eighth full season with the A’s, returns his entire coaching staff. Returning will be bench coach Ryan Christenson, hitting coach Darren Bush, pitching coach Scott Emerson, assistant hitting coach Mike Aldrete, first base coach Al Pedrique, third base coach Matt Williams, bullpen coach Marcus Jensen, and quality control coach Mark Kotsay.

**NON-ROSTER PLAYERS (18):** The Athletics will have 18 non-roster invitees in Major League camp. The players include RHP Jake Buchanan, LHP Kyle Crockett, RHP Parker Dunshee, RHP Kyle Finnegan, LHP Dean Kiekhefer, LHP Kyle Lobstein, LHP Jesus Luzardo, LHP A.J. Puk, RHP Miguel Romero, RHP Norge Ruiz, RHP Brian Schlitter, C Jonah Heim, C Sean Murphy, C Beau Taylor, IF Eric Campbell, IF Corban Joseph, IF Sheldon Neuse and OF Kyler Murray.

**SIGNING UPDATE:**

**Through 2019 (37):** RHP Tanner Anderson, RHP Chris Bassitt, RHP Paul Blackburn, RHP Parker Bridwell, RHP Aaron Brooks, LHP Ryan Buchter, RHP Jharel Cotton, RHP Ryan Dull, RHP Daniel Gossett, RHP Liam Hendriks, RHP Grant Holmes, RHP James Kaprielian, LHP Sean Manaea, RHP Daniel Mengden, RHP Frankie Montas, RHP Yusmeiro Petit (includes club option for 2020), RHP Fernando Rodney, RHP Joakim Soria, RHP Blake Treinen, RHP Andrew Triggs, RHP Lou Trivino, RHP J.B. Wendelken, C Chris Herrmann, C Josh Phegley, IF Franklin Barreto, IF Matt Chapman, IF Jorge Mateo, IF Matt Olson, IF Chad Pinder, IF Marcus Semien, OF Luis Barrera, OF Skye Bolt, OF Mark Canha, OF Khris Davis, OF Dustin Fowler, OF Ramón Laureano, OF Nick Martini

**Through 2020 (2):** RHP Joakim Soria, RHP Mike Fiers

**Through 2022 (1):** OF Stephen Piscotty (includes club option for 2023)

**MAJOR OFFSEASON TRANSACTIONS:**

Dec. 21 **Jurickson Profar** acquired from Texas in three-team deal for Emilio Pagán, Eli White, and a 2019 Competitive Balance Round A pick

Dec. 21 ­­­­­­**Joakim Soria** agrees to terms on a two-year contract

Dec. 24 **Mike Fiers** agrees to terms on a two-year contract

# **Miscellaneous Information**

**SPRING TRAINING HISTORY:** This year marks the A’s 51st Spring Training in Arizona, their fifth during their second stint in Mesa following 33 consecutive years in Phoenix. The A’s Spring Training home at Hohokam Stadium—along with the Lew Wolff Training Complex—underwent a $26.9M renovation prior to the A’s return in 2015. Hohokam Stadium now seats 10,000 fans, including approximately 7,500 seats and space for approximately 2,500 additional fans to sit on the grass berms surrounding the outfield. In March of 2013, the A’s and the City of Mesa reached a 20-year agreement for the team to return to Mesa beginning in 2015. Oakland also holds two five-year options that could extend the contract to 30 years. After relocating from Kansas City, the Oakland A’s spent their first Spring Training in Bradenton, Fla. before moving to Arizona the following season. The A’s had their first stint in Mesa from 1969-78 before a three-year stay in Scottsdale (1979-81). The team then moved to Phoenix for the 1982 Spring Training season.

**SPRING TRAINING TICKETS:** Spring Training tickets for all A’s home games at Hohokam Stadium are currently on sale at athletics.com/spring or by calling (877) 493-BALL (2255). The Hohokam Stadium box office is now open and will remain open on non-game days from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, and closed Sundays. During all home games, the box office is open from 10 a.m. until a half hour after the game ends. For Spring Training season tickets, call A’s Ticket Services at (510) 568-5600, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST Monday through Friday. Single game tickets start at just $10 and are priced dynamically, with prices fluctuating based on factors affecting supply and demand. Groups of 20 or more are eligible for discounted tickets for select games by emailing spring@athletics.com.

**REGULAR SEASON TICKETS:** Tickets for all A’s home games can be purchased at the Oakland Coliseum Box Office, online at athletics.com/tickets, or over the phone at (877) 493-BALL (2255). Membership plans, group tickets and private suites can be purchased by calling (510) 638-GoA’s (4627). The A’s will continue using dynamic ticket pricing for all individual game tickets for the 2019 season, with rates fluctuating based on factors affecting supply and demand. Fans can lock in their price and save by purchasing seats early.

**Spring Training Schedule**

**SPRING SCHEDULE:** The Athletics will play 26 exhibition games this spring in preparation for the 2019 season, including a 21-game Cactus League schedule. In addition to the dates in the desert, the A’s will travel to Japan where they will play two exhibition games against the Nippon Ham Fighters prior to the Opening Series against the Seattle Mariners in Tokyo. Following the two regular season games in Japan, the A’s will play their traditional three-game Bay Bridge Series against the San Francisco Giants in Northern California from March 24-26. The team will play a total of 12 games at Hohokam Stadium this spring and will break camp March 14 for Japan.

**A’s SPRING TRAINING SCHEDULE:**

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| **DAY** | **DATE** | **OPPONENT** | **SITE** |   | **TIME\*** |
| Thur. | 2/21 | Seattle Mariners | Mesa |  | 1:05pm |
| Fri. | 2/22 | Seattle Mariners | Peoria |  | 1:10pm |
| Sat. | 2/23 | Chicago White Sox | Mesa |  | 1:05pm |
| Sun. | 2/24 | Kansas City Royals | Mesa |  | 1:05pm |
| Mon. | 2/25 | Arizona Diamondbacks | Salt River |  | 1:10pm |
| Tues. | 2/26 | Los Angeles Angels | Mesa |  | 1:05pm |
| Wed. | 2/27 | Los Angeles Dodgers | Mesa |  | 1:05pm |
| Thur. | 2/28 | Chicago Cubs | Mesa (Sloan Park) |  | 1:05pm |
| Fri. | 3/1 | Colorado Rockies | Mesa |  | 1:05pm |
| Sat. | 3/2 | Cleveland Indians | Mesa |  | 1:05pm |
| Sun. | 3/3 | Los Angeles Angels | Tempe |  | 1:10pm |
| Mon. | 3/4 | OFF DAY |  |  |  |
| Tues. | 3/5 | Texas Rangers | Mesa |  | 1:05pm |
| Wed. | 3/6 | Seattle Mariners | Peoria |  | 6:40pm |
| Thur. | 3/7 | San Francisco Giants | Scottsdale |  | 7:05pm |
| Fri. | 3/8 | San Diego Padres | Mesa |  | 1:05pm |
| Sat. | 3/9 | Milwaukee Brewers | Mesa |  | 1:05pm |
| Sun. | 3/10 | San Francisco Giants (SS) | Mesa |  | 1:05pm |
|  |  | Chicago White Sox (SS) | Glendale |  | 1:05pm |
| Mon. | 3/11 | Colorado Rockies | Salt River |  | 1:10pm |
| Tues. | 3/12 | San Diego Padres | Peoria |  | 6:40pm |
| Wed. | 3/13 | Chicago Cubs | Mesa |  | 1:05pm |
| Thur. | 3/14 | DEPART FOR TOKYO |  |  |  |
| Fri. | 3/15 | ARRIVE IN TOKYO |  |  |  |
| Sat. | 3/16 | Workout at Tokyo Dome |  |  |  |
| Sun. | 3/17 | Nippon Ham Fighters | Tokyo Dome | EXHIBITION | 7:05pm |
| Mon. | 3/18 | Nippon Ham Fighters | Tokyo Dome | EXHIBITION | 12:05pm |
| Tues. | 3/19 | Workout at Tokyo Dome |  |  |  |
| **Wed.** | **3/20** | **Seattle Mariners** | **Tokyo Dome** | **Opening Series** | **6:35pm** |
| **Thur.** | **3/21** | **Seattle Mariners** | **Tokyo Dome** | **Opening Series** | **6:35pm** |
| Fri. | 3/22 | OFF DAY |  |  |  |
| Sat. | 3/23 | WORKOUT AT OAKLAND COLISEUM |  |  |
| Sun. | 3/24 | San Francisco Giants | Oakland |  | 1:05pm |
| Mon. | 3/25 | San Francisco Giants | San Francisco |  | 6:45pm |
| Tues. | 3/26 | San Francisco Giants | San Francisco |  | 6:45pm |

\*All times are local         (SS) denotes split squad

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