

Michelle Chewens

Women's Cross Country Head Coach / Assistant Track Coach

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Biography

Michelle Chewens was named head coach of the women's cross country program in July 2022 and is in her first season with the Mustangs. Chewens is also an assistant track coach for the women's distance team. At the 2022 Big West XC Championships, Chewens led an overlooked Cal Poly women's team to its first Big West title since 2018 and eighth in program history in her first season at the helm. The Mustangs (63 points) edged out UC Irvine (64) in the closest finish in the history of the Big West Championships. Julia Heckey captured third at the conference meet to secure All-Big West honors and four other Cal Poly runners placed inside the top 20 individually. Chewens garnered Big West Women's Co-Coach of the Year praise, while Tatiana Cornejo, who earned 14th at the conference meet, became Cal Poly's first Big West Women's Freshman of the Year award recipient since 2017.
