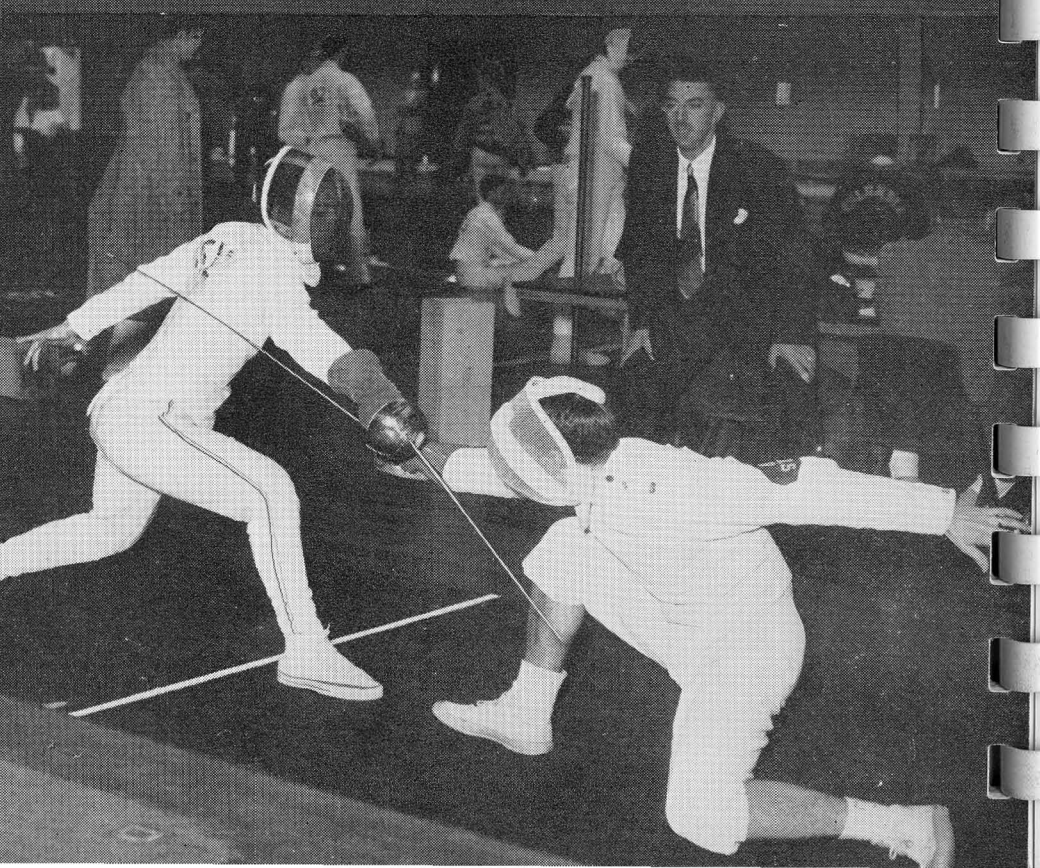


# Fencing



## **Championship History**

The National Collegiate Fencing Championships were established in 1941 as one of the regular Championship events conducted by the NCAA.

This action resulted from a survey conducted by the NCAA Fencing Rules Committee to determine the interest in collegiate fencing and the possibilities of conducting a national championship event in the sport.

The first Championships were held March 29, 1941, at Ohio State University, with a total of 19 colleges and universities and 76 individual contestants entered.

The Championships have been held annually with the exception of the war years, 1943-46, and nine institutions have been able to win outright or share team titles during the 10 years of the tournament. Sixteen institutions have shared the 30 individual championships awarded over that span.

The Fencing Championships are conducted under the direction of the five-man NCAA Fencing Rules Committee composed of:

ALVAR HERMANSON, University of Chicago, *Chairman*  
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JOSEPH FIEMS, U. S. Naval Academy  
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### ***Eleventh Annual Championships***

**Michigan State College, East Lansing  
March 25-26, 1955**

**Championship Results**

Year	Site	Champion	Pts.	Runner-Up	Pts.
1941	Ohio State	Northwestern	28½	Illinois	27
1942	Washington (Mo.)	Ohio State	34	St. John's	33½
1943-46	No meets held				
1947	Chicago	N.Y.U.	72	Chicago	50½
1948	Navy	C.C.N.Y.	30	Navy	28
1949	Army	Army, Rutgers	63	C.C.N.Y.	62
1950	Wayne	Navy	67½	N.Y.U., Rutgers	66½
1951	Illinois	Columbia	69	Pennsylvania	64
1952	Yale	Columbia	71	N.Y.U.	69
1953	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	94	Navy	86
1954	Chicago	Columbia, N.Y.U.	61	Cornell	59

**Number of Team Championships**

Columbia	3	C.C.N.Y.	1	Ohio State	1
N.Y.U.	2	Navy	1	Pennsylvania	1
Army	1	Northwestern	1	Rutgers	1

NOTE: The above table includes co-championships.

**Number of Individual Championships, All-Time**

Columbia	4	Princeton	2	Ohio State	1
Navy	4	Army	1	St. John's	1
N.Y.U.	3	Brooklyn	1	Temple	1
Pennsylvania	3	Dartmouth	1	Wayne	1
Rutgers	3	Illinois	1		
C.C.N.Y.	2	Northwestern	1		

**Number of Individual Championships, One Year**

**Two Titles**

Columbia, 1951	N. Y. U., 1947	Rutgers, 1949
Navy, 1948	Pennsylvania, 1953	

**Most Individual Titles, One Year**

**Two Titles**

Abraham Balk, N.Y.U., 1947
Foil
Epee

**Most Individual Titles, Career**

**Two Titles**

Abraham Balk, N.Y.U.	Alex Treves, Rutgers
Foil—1947	Saber—1949, 1950
Epee—1947	
Robert Nielsen, Columbia	
Foil—1950, 1951	

**Repeat Champions**

**Two-Time**

Robert Nielsen, Columbia	Alex Treves, Rutgers
Foil—1950, 1951	Saber—1949, 1950

**Illinois Memorial Trophy Winners**

The Illinois Memorial Trophy is awarded to the "Fencer of the Year" selected annually from participants in the National Collegiate Championships. The Trophy is awarded on the basis of sportsmanship and conduct on the strip, attitude and dress, and past performances in the Championships and in over-all intercollegiate competition. Three men are nominated in each weapon classification by participants. Final balloting is completed by a special committee composed of fencing coaches. The first award was made in 1951.

1951 Chamberless Johnston, Princeton	1953 Frank Zimolzak, Navy
1952 Richard Berry, Michigan State	1954 Philippe Moquard, Cornell (NY)

**Coaches of Team Champions**

1941 Henry Zettleman, Northwestern	1950 Joseph Fiems, Navy
1942 Frank A. Riebel, Ohio State	1951 Servando Velarde, Columbia
1947 J. Martinez Castello, N.Y.U.	1952 Servando Velarde, Columbia
1948 James Montague, C.C.N.Y.	1953 Lajos Csaszar, Pennsylvania
1949 Servando Velarde, Army	1954 Irving De Koff, Columbia
Donald Cetrulo, Rutgers	Hugo Castello, N.Y.U.

**1954 Championships**

(Results of 10th annual tournament, University of Chicago, March 26-27)

**1954 TEAM STANDINGS**

Place	Team	Foil	Saber	Epee	Total
1.	Columbia	16	24	21	61
	N.Y.U.	22	18	21	61
3.	Cornell	20	17	22	59
4.	Navy	21	22	15	58
5.	Pennsylvania	23	16	15	54
6.	Princeton	13	17	23	53
	Rutgers	16	19	18	53
8.	Wisconsin	15	18	19	52
	Illinois	21	17	14	52
	Notre Dame	16	20	16	52
11.	Yale	14	22	15	51
12.	C.C.N.Y.	15	17	11	43
13.	Ohio State	17	8	15	40
14.	Kentucky	13	14	12	39
	Detroit	7	14	18	39
16.	Fenn	11	8	19	38
17.	Wayne	18	11	8	37
18.	Buffalo	5	12	19	36
19.	Iowa	12	7	15	34
20.	Texas A&M	6	9	12	27
21.	Chicago	7	4	14	25
	Boston University	—	18	7	25
	Texas Tech	7	9	9	25
	Northwestern	9	3	13	25
25.	Michigan State	5	6	13	24
26.	Indiana	4	8	11	23
27.	St. Peters	—	19	—	19
28.	Trinity	—	—	18	18
29.	Nebraska	—	—	17	17
30.	Brooklyn	15	—	—	15
	Iowa State	3	1	11	15
	Louisville	—	—	15	15
33.	Johns Hopkins	—	—	9	9

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

**Foil**

Place	Name	Team	Victories
1.	Robert Goldman	Pennsylvania	23
2.	Herman Wallner	N.Y.U.	22
3.	Herman Velasco	Illinois	21
4.	John C. Gonzales	Navy	21
5.	Phillipe J. Mocquard	Cornell	20
6.	David Clinton	Wayne	18
7.	William Edwards	Ohio State	17
8.	Ralph DeMarco	Columbia	16
9.	Richard Hull	Notre Dame	16
10.	Paul Frimmamore	Rutgers	16
11.	Harold Glatter	Brooklyn	15
12.	Jack Helden	Wisconsin	15
13.	Aubrey Seeman	C.C.N.Y.	15
14.	J. Alan Cohen	Yale	14
15.	Nick Boley	Princeton	13

**Saber**

Place	Name	Team	Victories
1.	Steve Sobel	Columbia	24
2.	Joseph N. Allen, 3rd	Navy	22
3.	William A. Goering	Yale	22
4.	Gerald Finney	Notre Dame	20
5.	William J. Carducci	St. Peters	19
6.	A. Bruce White	Rutgers	19
7.	Joseph Livergood	N.Y.U.	18
8.	Edwin Richards	Boston U.	18
9.	Charles Kortier	Wisconsin	18
10.	James W. Brown	Cornell	17
11.	Richard Susco	C.C.N.Y.	17
12.	Norfleet Johnson	Princeton	17
13.	William Shewchuk	Illinois	17
14.	Walter Farber	Pennsylvania	16
15.	Phillip T. Prather	Kentucky	14

**Epee**

Place	Name	Team	Victories
1.	Henry Kolowrat	Princeton	23
2.	Richard W. Pew	Cornell	22
3.	Harry Shafft	N.Y.U.	21
4.	Irwin Bernstein	Columbia	21
5.	Eric Kindwall	Wisconsin	19
6.	Benjamin Firth	Fenn	19
7.	Alfred H. Jedrezejewski	Buffalo	19
8.	James Williams	Detroit	18
9.	Walter Brackelmanns	Rutgers	18
10.	Dave Fisher	Trinity	18
11.	James A. Rogers	Nebraska	17
12.	Roderick Duff	Notre Dame	16
13.	James Furgason	Ohio State	15
14.	Don E. Loring	Navy	15
15.	Nelson Fishman	Pennsylvania	15

NOTE: Ties were resolved by touches in accordance with A.F.L.A. rules.

All-Time Individual Champions

Foil		Saber	
1941	Edward McNamara, Northwestern	1941	William Meyer, Dartmouth
1942	Byron Kreiger, Wayne	1942	Andre Deladrier, St. John's
1947	Abraham Balk, N.Y.U.	1947	Oscar Parsons, Temple
1948	Albert Axelrod, C.C.N.Y.	1948	James Day, Navy
1949	Ralph Tedeschi, Rutgers	1949	Alex Treves, Rutgers
1950	Robert Nielsen, Columbia	1950	Alex Treves, Rutgers
1951	Robert Nielsen, Columbia	1951	Chamberless Johnston, Princeton
1952	Harold Goldsmith, C.C.N.Y.	1952	Frank Zimolzak, Navy
1953	Ed Nober, Brooklyn	1953	Robert Parmacek, Pennsylvania
1954	Robert Goldman, Pennsylvania	1954	Steve Sobel, Columbia

Epee	
1941	G. H. Boland, Illinois
1942	Dan Burt, Ohio State
1947	Abraham Balk, N.Y.U.
1948	William Bryan, Navy
1949	Richard C. Bowman, Army
1950	Thomas Stuart, Navy
1951	Daniel Chafetz, Columbia
1952	James Wallner, N.Y.U.
1953	Jack Tori, Pennsylvania
1954	Henry Kolowrat, Princeton

All-Time Standings

<b>1941</b>		Western Reserve	11	Michigan State	47
Northwestern	28½	Stevens	8	Wisconsin	43
Illinois	27	Haverford	7	Wayne	42
Washington (Mo.)	26½	M.I.T.	7	Notre Dame	41
Yale	26	Boston University	5	Stevens	40
Rutgers	26	Lehigh	3	Northwestern	39
Ohio State	20			M.I.T.	36
Chicago	17	<b>1949</b>		Johns Hopkins	34
Michigan State	13	Army	63	Kentucky	34
Kentucky	11½	Rutgers	63	Haverford	33
Case	10½	C.C.N.Y.	62	Buffalo	33
Wayne	10	Navy	58	Chicago	32
Wisconsin	10	N.Y.U.	58	Ohio State	31
Notre Dame	9	Chicago	48	Texas Tech	31
Dartmouth	9	Yale	48	Virginia	26
Lawrence	6	Princeton	47	Princeton	25
Ohio U.	4	Brooklyn	46	Illinois	24
Oberlin	2	Illinois	45	Iowa	24
Washington (Mo.)	1	Ohio State	44	San Francisco	24
		Wayne	44	Fenn	23
		Columbia	42	Trinity College	22
		Michigan State	42	Wesleyan	22
<b>1942</b>		Cornell (NY)	41	Brooklyn	20
Ohio State	34	Pennsylvania	41	Boston University	19
St. John's	33½	Haverford	33	Harvard	18
Illinois	32	Buffalo	30	Illinois Tech	17
Chicago	21½	M.I.T.	30	Indiana	16
Rutgers	23½	Wesleyan	30	Arizona	6
Washington (Mo.)	21½	Trinity College	27		
Northwestern	14½	Boston University	26	<b>1952</b>	
Wayne	12	Temple	26	Columbia	71
Michigan State	9½	Notre Dame	25	N.Y.U.	69
Iowa	5	Stevens	23	Pennsylvania	66
Yale	4	Wisconsin	22	Navy	66
		Fordham	19	Michigan State	62
<b>1943-46</b>		Colorado	16	Brooklyn	61
(No meets held)		Northwestern	13	Army	58
				Illinois	54
<b>1947</b>		<b>1950</b>		Rutgers	51
N.Y.U.	72	Navy	67½	Yale	50
Chicago	50½	N.Y.U.	66½	C.C.N.Y.	45
Brooklyn	27	Rutgers	66½	Johns Hopkins	44
Temple	27	C.C.N.Y.	65½	Princeton	42
Michigan State	24½	Columbia	64½	Harvard	41
Illinois	22	Princeton	63	Wisconsin	41
Northwestern	17½	Notre Dame	61½	Notre Dame	40
M.I.T.	16½	Pennsylvania	60	Kentucky	38
Wayne	11	Cornell (NY)	59½	Texas Tech	35
Ohio State	8	Yale	58½	Stevens	34
Detroit	7	Wayne	55½	Virginia	34
Princeton	7	Michigan State	53½	M.I.T.	33
Notre Dame	6	Wisconsin	46½	Wayne	30
Colorado	4	Trinity College	45½	Buffalo	29
Colgate	2	Army	43½	Wesleyan	29
		Illinois	42	Boston University	28
<b>1948</b>		Ohio State	40	Haverford	24
C.C.N.Y.	30	Chicago	39	St. Peter's	24
Navy	28	Harvard	39	Lafayette	23
Army	27	Fenn	35	Chicago	21
Chicago	27	Oberlin	33	Trinity College	54
N.Y.U.	26	Wesleyan	32	St. Lawrence	15
Northwestern	25	Kentucky	30	Lehigh	13
Wayne	24	Detroit	29½	Ohio State	8
Brooklyn	23	Northwestern	29½	G. Washington	7
Cornell (NY)	22	Stevens	27½		
Princeton	22	Brooklyn	27		
Yale	22	Buffalo	25	<b>1953</b>	
Michigan State	21	Bowdoin	20	Pennsylvania	94
Detroit	21	Colorado	20	Navy	86
Notre Dame	21	Western Reserve	15	Yale	73
Illinois	20	Iowa	13½	Columbia	72
Rutgers	19			N.Y.U.	72
Ohio State	18	<b>1951</b>		Illinois	70
Harvard	16	Columbia	69	Notre Dame	67
Temple	16	Pennsylvania	64	Rutgers	67
Trinity College	15	Navy	61	Brooklyn	65
Buffalo	13	N.Y.U.	60	Wisconsin	61
Penn State	12½	Illinois	56	Wayne	60
Wesleyan	11½	Yale	50	Princeton	58

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Army	57	St. Lawrence	19	Kentucky	39
Lehigh	57	Indiana	17	Detroit	39
Michigan State	55	Northwestern	14	Fenn	38
Trinity College	54	G. Washington	10	Wayne	37
Texas Tech	52	Miami (Fla.)	9	Buffalo	36
Lafayette	51			Iowa	34
Boston University	49	<b>1954</b>		Texas A&M	27
St. Peter's	47	Columbia	61	Chicago	25
Ohio State	43	N.Y.U.	61	Boston University	25
Temple	42	Cornell	59	Texas Tech	25
Chicago	40	Navy	58	Northwestern	25
Stevens	39	Pennsylvania	54	Michigan State	24
Johns Hopkins	38	Princeton	53	Indiana	23
M.I.T.	34	Rutgers	53	St. Peters	19
Case	34	Wisconsin	52	Trinity	18
Haverford	31	Illinois	52	Nebraska	17
Louisville	31	Notre Dame	52	Brooklyn	15
Iowa	31	Yale	51	Iowa State	15
Buffalo	30	C.C.N.Y.	43	Louisville	15
N. C. State	24	Ohio State	40	Johns Hopkins	9



Only two persons have been able to repeat as individual champions in the National Collegiate Fencing Championships. Alex Treves, Rutgers University, won the saber event in 1949 and 1950 and Robert Nielsen, Columbia University, won the foil in 1950 and 1951.



Return of the 1954 National Collegiate Fencing Championships to the University of Chicago marked the first time that the event has been held at an institution more than once. Chicago was host in 1947. The other eight Championships have been held on different campuses.



Eastern institutions dominated the team race of the National Collegiate Fencing Championships with resumption of the Championships following World War II. Northwestern and Ohio State Universities won the first two team championships before war forced cancellation of the event, but the East has won the eight team titles awarded since 1947.



N.Y.U.'s Abraham Balk is the only fencer to win two National Collegiate individual titles in a single year—and likely will hold that distinction until the rules for the Championships are changed. Balk won the foil and epee events in the 1947 National Collegiate Fencing Championships. Two years later, the rules were altered to limit participants to competition in one weapon only.