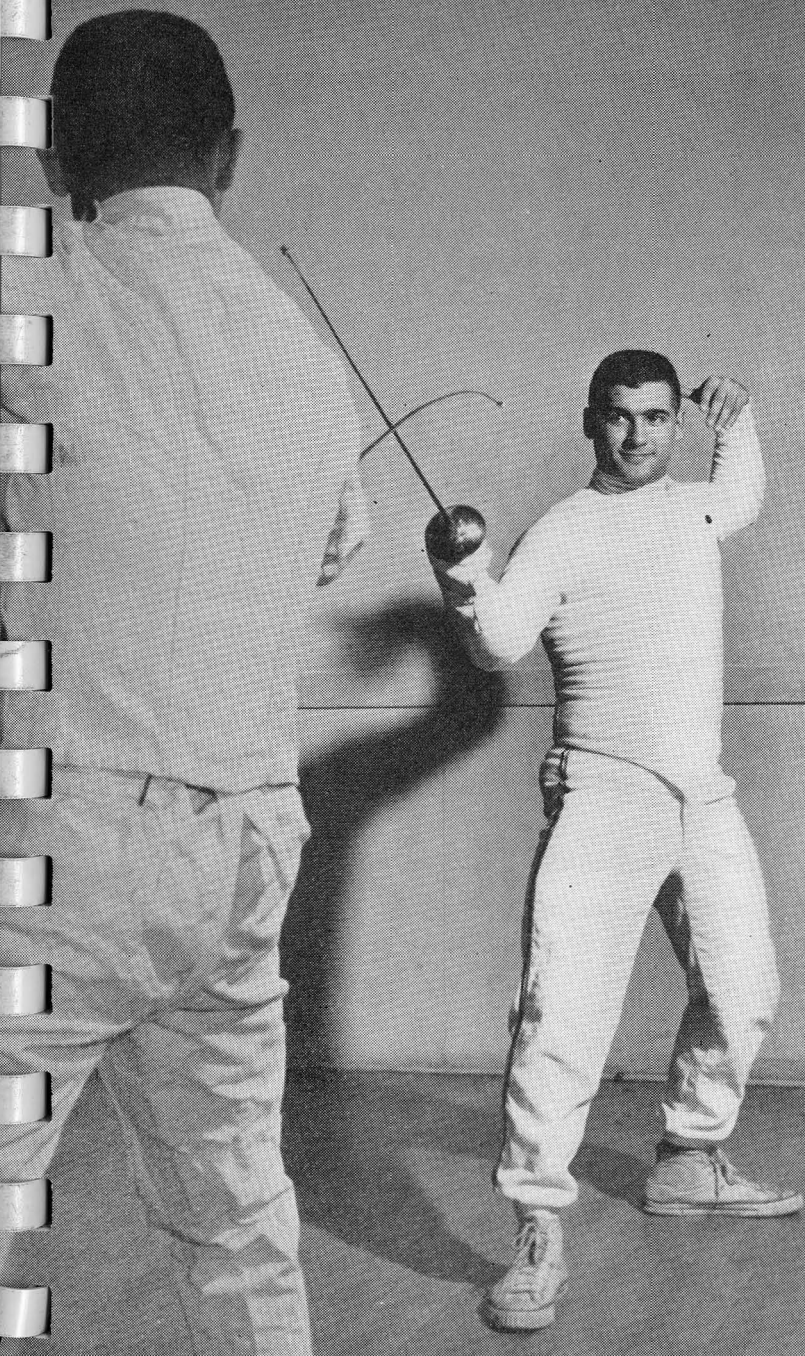


Fencing



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 11 years of the tournament. Seventeen institutions have shared the 33 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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Twelfth Annual Championships

U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland
 March 23-24, 1956

PHOTOGRAPH. Herman Velasco, University of Illinois, 1955
 National Collegiate foil champion.

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 (NY)	59
1955	Michigan State	Columbia	62	Cornell (NY)	57

Number of Team Championships

Columbia	4	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	5	Illinois	2	Notre Dame	1
Navy	4	Princeton	2	Ohio State	1
N.Y.U.	3	Navy	1	St. John's	1
Pennsylvania	3	Brooklyn	1	Temple	1
Rutgers	3	Dartmouth	1	Wayne	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.
 Foil—1947
 Epee—1947
 Robert Nielsen, Columbia
 Foil—1950, 1951

Alex Treves, Rutgers
 Saber—1949, 1950

Repeat Champions

Two-Time

Robert Nielsen, Columbia
 Foil—1950, 1951

Alex Treves, Rutgers
 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	1954 Philippe Moquard, Cornell (NY)
1952 Richard Berry, Michigan State	1955 John Gonzales, Navy
1953 Frank Zimolzak, Navy	

Coaches of Team Champions

1941 Henry Zettleman, Northwestern	1951 Servando Velarde, Columbia
1942 Frank A. Riebel, Ohio State	1952 Servando Velarde, Columbia
1947 J. Martinez Castello, N.Y.U.	1953 Lajos Csizsar, Pennsylvania
1948 James Montague, C.C.N.Y.	1954 Irving De Koff, Columbia
1949 Servando Velarde, Army	Hugo Castello, N.Y.U.
Donald Cetrulo, Rutgers	1955 Irving DeKoff, Columbia
1950 Joseph Fiems, Navy	

1955 Championships

(Results of 11th annual meet, Michigan State University, March 25-26)

1955 TEAM STANDINGS

Place	Team	Foil	Epee	Saber	Total
1.	Columbia	21		20	62
2.	Cornell	21	20	16	57
3.	Navy	21	17	17	55
4.	Pennsylvania	17	17	20	54
5.	Illinois	22	18	11	51
6.	Princeton	12	18	19	49
7.	Notre Dame	13	22	13	48
8.	Ohio State	13	17	13	42
	Yale	15	16	12	43
10.	Detroit	14	10	12	36
11.	Boston University	18	11	4	33
	N.Y.U.	11	11	11	33
	C.C.N.Y.	14	7	12	33
14.	Michigan State	7	11	13	31
15.	Buffalo	10	13	7	30
	Texas A&M	5	16	9	30
	Wisconsin	12	8	10	30
18.	Chicago	8	14	7	29
19.	Iowa	12	8	7	27
	Johns Hopkins	6	13	8	27
21.	Case	11	11	4	26
	Wayne	11	8	7	26
23.	Northwestern	17	7	1	25
24.	Fenn	9	5	0	14
25.	Indiana	1	10	2	13
	Louisville	0	13	0	13
27.	Kentucky	0	10	0	10
28.	Syracuse	4	0	0	4

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Place	Name	Foil	Team	Points
1.	Herman Velasco		Illinois	22
2.	Philippe J. Mocquard		Cornell	21
3.	John C. Gonzalez		Navy	21
4.	Ralph DeMarco		Columbia	21
5.	Phillip Craig		Boston University	18
6.	Richard Fixler		Northwestern	17
7.	Aaron Karp		Pennsylvania	17
8.	Kristaps J. Keggi		Yale	15
9.	Aubrey Seeman		C.C.N.Y.	14
10.	Robert Derderian		Detroit	14
11.	James Waters		Notre Dame	13
12.	Arthur Borrer		Ohio State	13
13.	Jack Heiden		Wisconsin	12
14.	Willard Morioka		Princeton	12
15.	Frank Craig		Iowa	12

Place	Name	Saber	Team	Points
*1.	Barry Pariser		Columbia	20
*2.	Walter Farber		Pennsylvania	20
3.	Norfeet Johnston		Princeton	19
4.	John T. Parker, Jr.		Navy	17
5.	James W. Brown		Cornell	16
6.	George H. Thomas		Michigan State	13
7.	Thomas Dorwin		Notre Dame	13
8.	Donald Little		Ohio State	13
9.	Lee Fallieres		Detroit	12
10.	Richard Susco		C.C.N.Y.	12
11.	Richard Sterns		Yale	12
12.	James Bell		Illinois	11
13.	Robert Flynn		New York University	11
14.	Charles Kortier		Wisconsin	10

*—Fenced off first place.

Place	Name	Epee	Team	Points
1.	Donald Tadrawski		Notre Dame	22
2.	Nyles Ayers		Columbia	21
3.	Richard W. Pew		Cornell	20
4.	Allan Hofman		Princeton	18
5.	Larry Kauffman		Illinois	18
6.	Albert Milosky		Pennsylvania	17
7.	James Furgason		Ohio State	17
8.	John H. Kirkpatrick		Navy	17
9.	James F. Pigg		Texas A&M	16
10.	Andrew Torchia		Yale	16
11.	Alex M. Shane		Chicago	14
12.	Charles E. Thomas		Louisville	13
13.	Alfred Jedrzewski		Buffalo	13
14.	Richard Oles		Johns Hopkins	13

All-Time Individual Champions

Year	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
1955	Herman Velasco, Illinois	1955	Barry Pariser, Columbia

Year	Epee
1941	G. H. Boland, Illinois
1942	Dan Burtt, 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
1955	Donald Tadrawski, Notre Dame

All-Time Standings

1941	
Northwestern	28½
Illinois	27
Washington (Mo.)	26½
Yale	26
Rutgers	26
Ohio State	20
Chicago	17
Michigan State	13
Kentucky	11½
Case	10½
Wayne	10
Wisconsin	10
Notre Dame	9
Dartmouth	9
Lawrence	6
Ohio U.	4
Oberlin	2
Washington (Mo.)	1
1942	
Ohio State	34
St. John's	33½
Illinois	32
Chicago	21½
Rutgers	23½
Washington (Mo.)	21½
Northwestern	14½
Wayne	12
Michigan State	9½
Iowa	5
Yale	4
1943-46 (No meets held)	
1947	
N.Y.U.	72
Chicago	50½
Brooklyn	27
Temple	27
Michigan State	24½
Illinois	22
Northwestern	17½
M.I.T.	16½
Wayne	11
Ohio State	8
Detroit	7
Princeton	7
Notre Dame	6
Colorado	4
Colgate	2
1948	
C.C.N.Y.	30
Navy	28
Army	27
Chicago	27
N.Y.U.	26
Northwestern	25
Wayne	24
Brooklyn	23
Cornell (NY)	22
Princeton	22
Yale	22
Michigan State	21
Detroit	21
Notre Dame	21
Illinois	20
Rutgers	19
Ohio State	18
Harvard	16
Temple	16
Trinity College	15
Buffalo	13
Penn State	12½
Wesleyan	11½

Western Reserve	11
Stevens	8
Haverford	7
M.I.T.	7
Boston University	5
Lehigh	3
1949	
Army	63
Rutgers	63
C.C.N.Y.	62
Navy	58
N.Y.U.	58
Chicago	48
Yale	48
Princeton	47
Brooklyn	46
Illinois	45
Ohio State	44
Wayne	44
Columbia	42
Michigan State	42
Cornell (NY)	41
Pennsylvania	41
Haverford	33
Buffalo	30
M.I.T.	30
Wesleyan	30
Trinity College	27
Boston University	26
Temple	26
Notre Dame	25
Stevens	23
Wisconsin	22
Fordham	19
Colorado	16
Northwestern	13
1950	
Navy	67½
N.Y.U.	66½
Rutgers	66½
C.C.N.Y.	65½
Columbia	64½
Princeton	63
Notre Dame	61½
Pennsylvania	60
Cornell (NY)	59½
Yale	58½
Wayne	55½
Michigan State	53½
Wisconsin	46½
Trinity College	45½
Army	43½
Illinois	42
Ohio State	40
Chicago	39
Harvard	39
Fenn	35
Oberlin	33
Wesleyan	32
Kentucky	30
Detroit	29½
Northwestern	29½
Stevens	27½
Brooklyn	27
Buffalo	25
Bowdoin	20
Colorado	20
Western Reserve	15
Iowa	13½
1951	
Columbia	69
Pennsylvania	64
Navy	61
N.Y.U.	60
Illinois	56
Yale	50

Michigan State	47
Wisconsin	43
Wayne	42
Notre Dame	41
Stevens	40
Northwestern	39
M.I.T.	36
Johns Hopkins	34
Kentucky	34
Haverford	33
Buffalo	33
Navy	32
Ohio State	31
Chicago	31
Texas Tech	26
Virginia	26
Princeton	25
C.C.N.Y.	24
Iowa	24
San Francisco	24
Fenn	23
Trinity College	22
Wesleyan	22
Brooklyn	20
Boston University	18
Harvard	18
Illinois Tech	17
Indiana	16
Arizona	6
1952	
Columbia	71
N.Y.U.	69
Pennsylvania	66
Navy	66
Michigan State	62
Brooklyn	61
Army	58
Illinois	54
Rutgers	51
Yale	50
C.C.N.Y.	45
Johns Hopkins	44
Princeton	42
Harvard	41
Wisconsin	41
Notre Dame	40
Kentucky	38
Texas Tech	35
Stevens	34
Virginia	34
M.I.T.	33
Wayne	30
Buffalo	29
Wesleyan	29
Boston University	28
Haverford	24
St. Peter's	24
Lafayette	23
Chicago	21
Trinity College	21
St. Lawrence	15
Lehigh	13
Ohio State	8
G. Washington	7
1953	
Pennsylvania	94
Navy	86
Yale	73
Columbia	72
N.Y.U.	72
Illinois	70
Notre Dame	67
Rutgers	67
Brooklyn	65
Wisconsin	61
Wayne	60
Princeton	58

Army	57
Lehigh	57
Michigan State	55
Trinity College	54
Texas Tech	52
Lafayette	51
Boston University	49
St. Peter's	47
Ohio State	43
Temple	42
Chicago	40
Stevens	39
Johns Hopkins	38
M.I.T.	34
Case	34
Haverford	31
Louisville	31
Iowa	31
Buffalo	30
N. C. State	24
St. Lawrence	19
Indiana	17
Northwestern	14
G. Washington	10
Miami (Fla.)	9
1954	
Columbia	61
N.Y.U.	61
Cornell	59

Navy	58
Pennsylvania	54
Princeton	53
Rutgers	53
Wisconsin	52
Illinois	52
Notre Dame	52
Yale	51
C.C.N.Y.	43
Ohio State	40
Kentucky	39
Detroit	39
Fenn	38
Wayne	37
Buffalo	36
Iowa	34
Texas A&M	27
Chicago	25
Boston University	25
Texas Tech	25
Northwestern	25
Michigan State	24
Indiana	23
St. Peters	19
Trinity	18
Nebraska	17
Brooklyn	15
Iowa State	15
Louisville	15
Johns Hopkins	9

1955	
Columbia	62
Cornell	57
Navy	55
Pennsylvania	54
Illinois	51
Princeton	49
Notre Dame	48
Ohio State	43
Yale	43
Detroit	36
Boston University	33
N.Y.U.	33
C.C.N.Y.	33
Michigan State	31
Buffalo	30
Texas A&M	30
Wisconsin	30
Chicago	29
Iowa	27
Johns Hopkins	27
Case	26
Wayne	26
Northwestern	25
Fenn	14
Indiana	13
Louisville	13
Kentucky	10
Syracuse	4

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Seven of the 11 National Collegiate Fencing Championships team titles have been settled with two points or less separating the national champion and runner-up. The most hotly-contested finish was 1942, when Ohio State edged St. John's by one-half point for the title. Two others have been settled by one-point margins.

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Columbia University has had a team entry in the past seven National Collegiate Fencing Championships, and has won national team titles in four of the past five.

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No institution has been able to make a clean sweep of the three individual titles contested in the National Collegiate Fencing Championships though five teams have won a pair over the 11-year history of the event. Double winners have been: N.Y.U., 1947; Navy, 1948; Rutgers, 1949; Columbia, 1951, and Pennsylvania, 1953. In each case except Navy, the double winners went on to cop the team title. The Middies placed second.

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Servando Velarde coached two different institutions to team titles in the National Collegiate Fencing Championships. Velarde's Army team tied with Rutgers for the 1949 team title and he coached Columbia to championships in 1951 and 1952.