

***national
collegiate
championships***



1958

Championship History

The National Collegiate Gymnastics Championships originated in 1938 with individual championships contested in eight events.

Nine institutions representing the East, Midwest and Far West competed in the inaugural event, April 16, at the University of Chicago. The host institution won the first team title with a five-point margin over second-place Illinois.

Four of the five pre-war Championships were held at the University of Chicago and largely dominated by teams from the Midwest and the East.

With the resumption of the Championships following the war, there came a rebirth in the sport. The first post-war meet in 1948, held as a tryout for the final Olympic team, boasted entries from all eight of the NCAA geographical districts.

The interest shown in the 1948 meet resulted in the adoption of a plan by the NCAA Gymnastics Rules Committee to rotate the site in a different locale each year.

The Championships are conducted under the direction of the six-man NCAA Gymnastics Rules Committee composed of:

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Sixteenth Annual Championships

Michigan State University, East Lansing
April 11-12, 1958

PHOTOGRAPH: Armando Vega, Pennsylvania State University, 1956 National Collegiate parallel bars champion and member of the United States Olympic team.

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Championship Results

Year	Site	Champion	Pts.	Runner-Up	Pts.
1938	Chicago	Chicago	22	Illinois	18
1939	Chicago	Illinois	21	Army	17
1940	Chicago	Illinois	20	Navy	17
1941	Chicago	Illinois	68½	Minnesota	52½
1942	Navy	Illinois	39	Penn State	30
1943-47	No meets held				
1948	Chicago	Penn State	55	Temple	34½
1949	California	Temple	28	Minnesota	18
1950	Army	Illinois	26	Temple	25
1951	Michigan	Florida State	26	Illinois, U.S.C.	23½
1952	Colorado	Florida State	89½	U.S.C.	75
1953	Syracuse	Penn State	91½	Illinois	68
1954	Illinois	Penn State	137	Illinois	68
1955	U.C.L.A.	Illinois	82	Penn State	69
1956	North Carolina	Illinois	123½	Penn State	67½
1957	Navy	Penn State	88½	Illinois	80

Number of Team Championships

Illinois	7	Florida State	2	Temple	1
Penn State	4	Chicago	1		

Number of Individual Championships, All-Time

Illinois	28	Kent State	6	Michigan	3
Penn State	16	Michigan State	6	California	2
U.S.C.	10	Minnesota	6	Iowa	2
Chicago	9	Army	5	Indiana	1
Navy	7	Syracuse	4	Ohio State	1
Temple	7	U.C.L.A.	4	Pittsburgh	1
Florida State	6	Los Angeles State	3	Western Illinois	1

NOTE: The above table includes co-championships.

Number of Individual Championships, One Year

Six Titles	Two Titles
Penn State—1954	Florida State—1951, 1952, 1956
Four Titles	Illinois—1948, 1952, 1956
Illinois—1940, 1941	Army—1938, 1939
Three Titles	Navy—1940, 1942
Chicago—1938, 1941	Penn State—1953, 1956
Illinois—1938, 1939	Temple—1942, 1949
Kent State—1950	U.S.C.—1949, 1955
Michigan State—1955	Kent State—1949
Penn State—1948	Minnesota—1941
U.S.C.—1952	Syracuse—1950
	U.C.L.A.—1955

Repeat Champions

Three-Time	Two-Time
Edsel Buchanan, Michigan	Jack Beckner, U.S.C.
Trampoline—1949, 1950, 1951	Parallel bars—1951, 1952
Joe Giallombardo, Illinois	Erwin Beyer, Chicago
Tumbling—1938, 1939, 1940	Side horse—1938, 1939
All-around—1938, 1939, 1940	Norm Boardman, Temple
Earl Shanken, Chicago	Horizontal bar—1940, 1942
Long horse—1940, 1941, 1942	Caton Cobb, Illinois
Two-Time	Side horse—1941, 1942
Jack Beckner, U.S.C.	Jean Cronstedt, Penn State
Parallel bars—1951, 1952	All-around—1953, 1954
Erwin Beyer, Chicago	Parallel bars—1953, 1954
Side horse—1938, 1939	
Norm Boardman, Temple	
Horizontal bar—1940, 1942	
Caton Cobb, Illinois	
Side horse—1941, 1942	
Jean Cronstedt, Penn State	
All-around—1953, 1954	
Parallel bars—1953, 1954	

Rope Climb Record

2.8 secs., by Don Perry, U.C.L.A., April 3, 1954, Champaign, Illinois.

Most Individual Titles, One Year**Four Titles**

Jean Cronstedt, Penn State, 1954
 Parallel bars
 Horizontal bar
 Free exercise
 All-around

Three Titles

Erwin Beyer, Chicago, 1938
 Side horse
 Parallel bars
 Long horse

Joe Giallombardo, Illinois, 1938
 Tumbling
 Flying rings
 All-around

Joe Kotys, Kent State, 1950
 Parallel bars
 Horizontal bar
 All-around

Carlton Rintz, Michigan State
 Side Horse
 Horizontal Bar
 Parallel Bars

Two Titles

Jack Beckner, U.S.C., 1952
 Parallel bars
 All-around

Most Individual Titles, Career**Seven Titles**

Joe Giallombardo, Illinois
 Tumbling—1938, 1939, 1940
 All-around—1938, 1939, 1940
 Flying rings—1938

Six Titles

Jean Cronstedt, Penn State
 Parallel bars—1953, 1954
 All-around—1953, 1954
 Horizontal bar—1954
 Free exercise—1954

Joe Kotys, Kent State
 Parallel bars—1949, 1950
 All-around—1949, 1950
 Horizontal bar—1950
 Side horse—1951

Four Titles

Erwin Beyer, Chicago
 Side horse—1938, 1939
 Parallel bars—1938
 Long horse—1938

Carlton Rintz, Michigan State
 Side Horse—1953, 1955
 Horizontal Bar—1955
 Parallel Bars—1955

Coaches of Team Champions

1938 Dan Hoffer, Chicago
 1939 Hartley Price, Illinois
 1940 Hartley Price, Illinois
 1941 Hartley Price, Illinois
 1942 Hartley Price, Illinois
 1948 Gene Wettstone, Penn State
 1949 Max Younger, Temple
 1950 Charley Pond, Illinois

Caton Cobb, Illinois, 1941
 Side horse
 Parallel bars

Jean Cronstedt, Penn State, 1953
 Parallel bars
 All-around

Joe Giallombardo, Illinois, 1939, 1940
 Tumbling
 All-around

Joe Kotys, Kent State, 1949
 Parallel bars
 All-around

Bill Roetzheim, Florida State, 1951
 Horizontal bar
 All-around

Bob Sears, Army, 1938
 Horizontal bar
 Rope climb

Courtney Shanken, Chicago, 1941
 All-around
 Rope climb

Ray Sorenson, Penn State, 1948
 Parallel bars
 All-around

Armando Vega, Penn State, 1957
 Parallel bars
 All-around

Three Titles

Jack Beckner, U.S.C.
 Parallel bars—1951, 1952
 All-around—1952

Edsel Buchanan, Michigan
 Trampoline—1949, 1950, 1951

Caton Cobb, Illinois
 Side horse—1941, 1942
 Parallel bars—1941

Bob Sears, Army
 Parallel bars—1939
 Horizontal bar—1938
 Rope climb—1938

Earl Shanken, Chicago
 Long horse—1940, 1941, 1942

Bob Sullivan, Illinois
 Tumbling—1951, 1952
 Free exercise—1953

Armando Vega, Penn State
 Parallel bars—1956, 1957
 All-around—1957

1951 Hartley Price, Florida State
 1952 Hartley Price, Florida State
 1953 Gene Wettstone, Penn State
 1954 Gene Wettstone, Penn State
 1955 Charley Pond, Illinois
 1956 Charley Pond, Illinois
 1957 Gene Wettstone, Penn State

1957 Championships

(Results of 15th annual meet, U. S. Naval Academy, March 22-23)

Free Exercise

1. Norman Marks, L.A. State, 271
2. Armando Vega, Penn State, 266
3. Abie Grossfeld, Illinois, 265
4. Jamile Ashmore, Florida State, 263
5. Chick Cicio, Florida State, 253
6. Roland Brown, Michigan State, 250
7. Sam Bailie, Iowa, 244
8. Rafael Lecuona, Florida State, 241
9. Ed Gagnier, Michigan, 241
10. Bob Murray, Florida State, 235

Trampoline

1. Glenn Wilson, Western Ill., 283
2. Joe Tim, Iowa, 270
3. Ed Cole, Michigan, 266
4. Bob Rhinberger, Western Ill., 258
5. Gene Merriman, Fresno State, 247
6. Bob Justice, Iowa, 246
7. Michael Karon, Illinois, 241
8. Morris Hicks, Western Ill., 225
9. Sam Bailie, Iowa, 214
10. Don Preisser, Florida State, 209

Rope Climb

1. Garvin Smith, L. A. State, 3.1
2. Paul Dean, Army, 3.6
3. Philip Mullen, Penn State, 3.7
4. Ben Plat, California, 3.7
5. Michael Shipley, Syracuse, 3.7
6. Robert Degen, Army, 3.8
7. Richard Rehm, Penn State, 3.9
8. Jack Keen, Georgia Tech, 4.2
9. Laird Anderson, Florida State, 4.3
10. Myron Zavack, San Jose State, 4.5

Side Horse

1. John Davis, Illinois, 271
2. Sam Bailie, Iowa, 268
3. Furman Sheppard, Navy, 252
4. Armando Vega, Penn State, 252
5. Richard Peterson, Springfield, 250
6. Garland O'Quinn, Army, 230
7. Ronnie Amster, Florida State, 226
8. Jack Biesterfeldt, Penn State, 222
9. Rafael Lecuona, Florida State, 221
10. Donald Erickson, Illinois, 208

All-Around

1. Armando Vega, Penn State, 1601
2. Abie Grossfeld, Illinois, 1514
3. Sam Bailie, Iowa, 1471
4. Ed Gagnier, Michigan State, 1439
5. Charles Neely, Temple, 1387
6. Rafael Lecuona, Florida State, 1375
7. Ronnie Amster, Florida State, 1367
8. Jamile Ashmore, Fla. State, 1348
9. Dion Weissend, Penn State, 1341
10. Gilbert Leu, Penn State, 1336

1957 TEAM STANDINGS: 1—Penn State 88½; 2—Illinois 80; 3—Florida State 63½; 4—Iowa 50; 5—Army 36; 6—Michigan 32½; 7—Los Angeles State 26½; 8—Western Illinois 26; 9—Pittsburgh 21½; 10—Navy 19; 11—Temple 13; 12—Michigan State 11; 13—(tie) California and Syracuse, 7; 15—(tie) Fresno State and Springfield, 6; 17—San Jose State 4; 18—Georgia Tech 3; 19—Indiana 2½; 20—Minnesota 1.

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Olympian Armando Vega scored 58 of Penn State's 88½ points as the Nittany Lions won the 1958 National Collegiate Gymnastics Championships. Vega won the all-around and parallel bars, placed in five other events.

All-Time Individual Champions

Side Horse

1938	Erwin Beyer, Chicago
1939	Erwin Beyer, Chicago
1940	Harry Koehnemann, Illinois
1941	Caton Cobb, Illinois
1942	Caton Cobb, Illinois
1948	Steve Greene, Penn State
1949	Joe Berenato, Temple
1950	Gene Rabbitt, Syracuse
1951	Joe Kotys, Kent State
1952	Frank Bare, Illinois
1953	Carlton Rintz, Michigan State
1954	Robert Lawrence, Penn State
1955	Carlton Rintz, Michigan State
1956	James Bown, Los Angeles State
1957	John Davis, Illinois

Tumbling

1938	Joe Giallombardo, Illinois
1939	Joe Giallombardo, Illinois
1940	Joe Giallombardo, Illinois
1941	John Adkins, Illinois
1942	George Szypula, Temple
1948	Charlie Thompson, California
1949	Charlie Thompson, California
1950	Irving Bedard, Illinois
1951	Bob Sullivan, Illinois
1952	Bob Sullivan, Illinois
1953	James Sebbo, Syracuse
1954	Dick Browning, Illinois
1955	Lloyd Coahran, U.S.C.
1956	Dan Lirot, Illinois
1957	Frank Hailand, Illinois

Parallel Bars

1938	Erwin Beyer, Chicago
1939	Bob Sears, Army
1940	Bob Hanning, Minnesota
1941	Caton Cobb, Illinois
1942	Hal Zimmerman, Penn State
1948	Ray Sorenson, Penn State
1949	Joe Kotys, Kent State
	Mel Stout, Michigan State
1950	Joe Kotys, Kent State
1951	Jack Beckner, U.S.C.
1952	Jack Beckner, U.S.C.
1953	Jean Cronstedt, Penn State
1954	Jean Cronstedt, Penn State
1955	Carlton Rintz, Michigan State
1956	Armando Vega, Penn State
1957	Armando Vega, Penn State

All-Around

1938	Joe Giallombardo, Illinois
1939	Joe Giallombardo, Illinois
1940	Joe Giallombardo, Illinois
	Lou Fina, Illinois
1941	Courtney Shanks, Chicago
1942	Newt Loken, Minnesota
1948	Ray Sorenson, Penn State
1949	Joe Kotys, Kent State
1950	Joe Kotys, Kent State
1951	Bill Roetzheim, Florida State
1952	Jack Beckner, U.S.C.
1953	Jean Cronstedt, Penn State
1954	Jean Cronstedt, Penn State
1955	Karl Schwenzfeier, Penn State
1956	Don Tonry, Illinois
1957	Armando Vega, Penn State

Free Exercise

1941	Lou Fina, Illinois
1953	Bob Sullivan, Illinois
1954	Jean Cronstedt, Penn State
1955	Don Faber, U.C.L.A.
1956	Jamile Ashmore, Florida State
1957	Norman Marks, Los Angeles State

Horizontal Bar

1938	Bob Sears, Army
1939	Adam Walters, Temple
1940	Norm Boardman, Temple
1941	Newt Loken, Minnesota
1942	Norm Boardman, Temple
1948	Joe Calvetti, Illinois
1949	Bob Stout, Temple
1950	Joe Kotys, Kent State
1951	Bill Roetzheim, Florida State
1952	Charles Simms, U.S.C.
1953	Hal Lewis, Navy
1954	Jean Cronstedt, Penn State
1955	Carlton Rintz, Michigan State
1956	Ronnie Amster, Florida State
1957	Abie Grossfeld, Illinois

Flying Rings

1938	Joe Giallombardo, Illinois
1939	Ron Hall, U.S.C.
1940	Bill Butler, Navy
1941	Del Daly, Minnesota
1942	Jim Parker, Navy
1948	George Hayes, Temple
1949	Jerry Todd, U.S.C.
1950	Bob Schneider, Navy
1951	Mel Stout, Michigan State
1952	Jack Sharp, Florida State
1953	Ken Bartlett, Minnesota
1954	Manuel Procopio, Penn State
1955	George Wikler, U.S.C.
1956	Fred Hoerner, Navy
1957	Thomas Darling, Pittsburgh

Long Horse

1938	Erwin Beyer, Chicago
1939	Mary Forman, Illinois
1940	Earl Shanks, Chicago
1941	Earl Shanks, Chicago
1942	Earl Shanks, Chicago
1948	Jim Peterson, Minnesota
1948	Gay Hughes, Illinois
1949	Edsel Buchanan, Michigan
1950	Edsel Buchanan, Michigan
1951	Edsel Buchanan, Michigan
1952	Dick Gutting, Florida State
1953	Bob Hazlett, Iowa
1954	James Norman, Iowa
1955	Richard Albershardt, Indiana
1956	Donald Harper, Ohio State
1957	Glenn Wilson, Western Illinois

Rope Climb

1938	Bob Sears, Army
1939	Ray Belardi, Army
1940	Stan Ellison, Navy
1941	Courtney Shanks, Chicago
1942	Dale Cox, Navy
1948	Ken Foreman, U.S.C.
1949	Ken Foreman, U.S.C.
1950	Leo Minotti, Syracuse
1951	Leo Minotti, Syracuse
1952	John Claybrook, Army
1953	Don Perry, U.C.L.A.
1954	Don Perry, U.C.L.A.
1955	Robert Hammond, U.C.L.A.
1956	Phillip Mullen, Penn State
1957	Garvin Smith, Los Angeles State

1938

Chicago	22
Illinois	18
Minnesota	9
Temple	8
Army	7
U.C.L.A.	3
Gust. Adolphus	3
Washington	2

1939

Illinois	21
Army	17
U.S.C.	13
Temple	11
Minnesota	8
Chicago	7

1940

Illinois	20
Temple	17
Navy	17
Minnesota	16½
Chicago	7½

1941

Illinois	68½
Minnesota	52½
Chicago	39½
Temple	15½

1942

Illinois	39
Penn State	30
Minnesota	23
Temple	20
Chicago	17
Navy	13
Army	12

1943-1947
(No meets held)

1948

Penn State	55
Temple	34½
Illinois	22½
Minnesota	14
California	12
Michigan	7
U.C.L.A.	5½
Nebraska	1½
U.S.C.	1
Chicago	1

1949

Temple	28
Minnesota	18
Illinois	17½
Kent State	17
California	17
Michigan State	15
U.S.C.	14½
Army	11
Michigan	10
U.C.L.A.	3
Colorado	2
Occidental	1

All-Time Standings

1950

Illinois	26
Temple	25
Kent State	24
Michigan	19
Michigan State	17½
Syracuse	14
Navy	13
U.S.C.	8
Army	7½
California	6½
Iowa State	6
Penn State	5½
Chicago	3
Minnesota	1

1955

Illinois	82
Penn State	69
U.C.L.A.	67½
U.S.C.	56
Michigan State	55
Iowa	54½
Florida State	44½
Indiana	41
California	40
Nebraska	10
Minnesota	9
Ohio State	9
Los Angeles State	8½
Syracuse	7
Calif. Poly.	6½
Army	3
Stanford	1

1952

Florida State	89½
U.S.C.	75
Illinois	60½
Army	57½
Minnesota	29
Michigan State	26
Iowa	20½
Navy	14½
Penn State	14
U.C.L.A.	13½
Michigan	13½
Syracuse	9
Georgia	8
California	6½
Colorado	6
Indiana	3
Ohio State	2

1953

Penn State	91½
Illinois	68
Syracuse	51
U.C.L.A.	48½
Florida State	43½
Minnesota	40
Michigan State	38
Army	31½
Iowa	29
U.S.C.	28
Navy	23
Ohio State	7
California	4

1954

Penn State	137
Illinois	68
Florida State	62
U.C.L.A.	53½
Michigan State	37

Illinois	123½
Penn State	67½
Florida State	64½
U.C.L.A.	42½
Michigan	25
Michigan State	21½
Navy	17
Los Angeles State	17
Iowa	16
Army	15
California	15
Pittsburgh	15
Ohio State	13
Nebraska	10½
North Carolina	9½
Indiana	9
Minnesota	8½
Western Illinois	8
Chicago	2
Fresno State	2
Georgia Tech	1

1957

Penn State	88½
Illinois	80
Florida State	63½
Iowa	50
Army	36
Michigan	32½
Los Angeles State	26½
Western Illinois	26
Pittsburgh	21½
Navy	19
Temple	13
Michigan State	11
California	7
Syracuse	7
Fresno State	6
Springfield	6
San Jose State	4
Georgia Tech	3
Indiana	2½
Minnesota	1

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Minnesota	9
Temple	8
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Iowa State	6

Penn State	5½
Chicago	3
Minnesota	1
1951	
Florida State	26
Illinois	23½
U.S.C.	23½
Navy	18½
Kent State	17
Syracuse	16
Michigan State	13½
Army	9½
Michigan	8½
Temple	7
Penn State	5
California	2
Minnesota	1

1952	
Florida State	89½
U.S.C.	75
Illinois	60½
Army	57½
Minnesota	29
Michigan State	26
Iowa	20½
Navy	14½
Penn State	14
U.C.L.A.	13½
Michigan	13½
Syracuse	9
Georgia	8
California	6½
Colorado	6
Indiana	3
Ohio State	2

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Army	31½
Iowa	29
U.S.C.	28
Navy	23
Ohio State	7
California	4

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Illinois	68
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U.C.L.A.	53½
Michigan State	37
Iowa	27
U.S.C.	25
Syracuse	18½
Temple	18½
L. A. State	15
Ohio State	11
California	10½
Minnesota	8½
Michigan	5
Chicago	3
Nebraska	3
West Virginia	1½

1955	
Illinois	82
Penn State	69
U.C.L.A.	67½
U.S.C.	56
Michigan State	55
Iowa	54½

Florida State	44½
Indiana	11
California	10
Nebraska	10
Minnesota	9
Ohio State	9
Los Angeles State	8½
Syracuse	7
Calif. Poly.	6½
Army	3
Stanford	1

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Penn State	67½
Florida State	64½
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Army	15
California	15
Pittsburgh	15
Ohio State	13
Nebraska	10½
North Carolina	9½
Indiana	9
Minnesota	8½
Western Illinois	8
Chicago	2
Fresno State	2
Georgia Tech	1

1957	
Penn State	88½
Illinois	80
Florida State	63½
Iowa	50
Army	36
Michigan	32½
Los Angeles State	26½
Western Illinois	26
Pittsburgh	21½
Navy	19
Temple	13
Michigan State	11
California	7
Syracuse	7
Fresno State	6
Springfield	6
San Jose State	4
Georgia Tech	3
Indiana	2½
Minnesota	1

1958	
Michigan State	79
Illinois	79
Penn State	72½
Iowa	49½
Michigan	30½
Army	27½
Pittsburgh	23½
Western Illinois	23
Florida State	20½
Ohio State	19
Los Angeles State	16
U.S.C.	14
California Poly	8½
Indiana	8
Navy	7
Massachusetts	6
San Jose State	6
Nebraska	4
Temple	4
Chicago	2
Colorado	1½

Ice Hockey

