

# Gymnastics



## 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 were largely dominated by teams from the Midwest and the East.

With the resumption of the Championships following the war, there came a rebirth of interest 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:

HAROLD J. FREY, University of California, Chairman  
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## Twenty-First Annual Championships

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
March 29-30, 1963

PHOTOGRAPH: Jay Werner, Pennsylvania State University, 1960 National Collegiate all-around and flying rings champion.