

# A Brief Chronological History of The National Collegiate Championship Series

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- 1883** First National Collegiate Tennis Championships hosted by Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, and sponsored by the U.S. Lawn Tennis Association.
- 1897** First National Collegiate Golf Championships at Ardsley Casino, New York; conducted by the Intercollegiate Golf Association of America.
- 1906** MARCH 31. Formation of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association.
- 1910** DECEMBER 29. Changed name to National Collegiate Athletic Association. Seven geographical districts created.
- 1911** DECEMBER 28. Number of geographical districts expanded to eight.
- 1916** DECEMBER 28. Number of geographical districts expanded to nine.
- 1921** JUNE 17-18. First National Collegiate Outdoor Track and Field Championships hosted by the University of Chicago under the auspices of the NCAA.
- 1924** APRIL 11-12. First National Collegiate Swimming and Diving Championships hosted by the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland.  
DECEMBER 30. Number of geographical districts reduced to eight.
- 1928** MARCH 30-31. First National Collegiate Wrestling Championships hosted by Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.
- 1937** APRIL 2. First National Collegiate Boxing Championships hosted by the University of California, Davis.
- 1938** APRIL 16. First National Collegiate Gymnastics Championships hosted by the University of Chicago.  
JULY 4-9. National Collegiate Tennis Championships conducted under joint sponsorship of the NCAA and USLTA.  
NOVEMBER 22. First National Collegiate Cross Country Championships hosted by Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan.
- 1939** MARCH 27. First National Collegiate Basketball Championship finals hosted by Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. Bracket provided for eight teams.  
JUNE 24-29. National Collegiate Golf Championships first sponsored by the NCAA.
- 1941** MARCH 29. First National Collegiate Fencing Championships hosted by Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.  
National Collegiate Tennis Championships sponsored solely by the NCAA.
- 1946** Team championship first awarded in National Collegiate Tennis Championships.
- 1947** JUNE 20-21. First National Collegiate Baseball Championship finals hosted by Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan. Bracket provided for eight teams.
- 1948** MARCH 18-20. First National Collegiate Ice Hockey Championship at The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- 1951** National Collegiate Basketball Championship expanded to 16 teams with 10 conference champions qualifying automatically.
- 1953** National Collegiate Basketball Championship expanded to 22 teams.
- 1954** National Collegiate Basketball Championship bracket expanded to 24 teams with 15 conference champions qualifying automatically.
- National Collegiate Baseball Championship bracket expanded to a maximum of 32 teams with eight district champions meeting at the finals.
- MARCH 4-7. First National Collegiate Skiing Championships hosted by the University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada.
- 1956** National Collegiate Basketball Championship bracket expanded to a maximum of 25 teams.
- 1957** First National College Division Basketball Championship finals held at Roberts Stadium, Evansville, Indiana, and hosted by the University of Evansville. Bracket provided for 32 teams.
- 1958** First National College Division Cross Country Championships hosted by Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois.
- 1959** First National Collegiate Soccer Championship finals hosted by the University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut.
- 1963** First National College Division Wrestling Championships hosted by the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa.  
First National College Division Golf Championships hosted by Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri.  
First National College Division Tennis Championships hosted by Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri.  
First National College Division Outdoor Track and Field Championships hosted by the University of Chicago.  
National Collegiate Soccer Championship bracket expanded to 16 teams.
- 1964** First National College Division Swimming and Diving Championships hosted by Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania.  
DECEMBER 4. First College Division Regional Football Championships held at Sacramento, California; Abilene, Texas; Murfreesboro, Tennessee; and Orlando, Florida.
- 1965** First National Collegiate Indoor Track Championships held at Cobo Hall, Detroit, and hosted by the University of Michigan.
- 1966** National College Division Basketball Championship bracket expanded to 36 teams.
- 1968** MARCH 7-9. First National College Division Gymnastics Championships hosted by Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts.  
JUNE 5-7. First National College Division Baseball Championship finals hosted by Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri.  
National Collegiate Soccer Championship bracket expanded to 21 teams.
- 1969** National College Division Basketball Championship bracket reduced to 32 teams.  
APRIL 19. First National Collegiate Trampoline Championships hosted by the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.  
NOVEMBER 28-29. First National Collegiate Water Polo Championship hosted by California State College, Long Beach, California.  
National Collegiate Soccer Championship expanded to 24 teams.  
NOVEMBER 29. First College Division (II) Regional Football Championship games (Amos Alonzo Stagg and Knute Rockne Bowls) played at Springfield, Ohio, and Bridgeport, Connecticut.

- 1970** APRIL 24-25. First National Collegiate Volleyball Championship hosted by the University of California, Los Angeles, California.
- 1971** JUNE 5. First National Collegiate Lacrosse Championship hosted by Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York.
- 1972** National College Division Baseball Championship expanded to 21 teams and first College Division Soccer Championship held in Edwardsville, Illinois, hosted by Southern Illinois University.
- 1973** NOVEMBER 10. First National Collegiate Division III Championship held—cross country hosted by Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois.  
DECEMBER 8. First National Collegiate Championship in football—Division III in Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl, Phenix City, Alabama.  
DECEMBER 15. First National Collegiate Division II Football Championship held in Camelia Bowl, Sacramento, California.
- 1974** MARCH 1-2. First National Collegiate Division III Wrestling Championships hosted by Wilkes College, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.  
MAY 25. First National Collegiate Division II Lacrosse Championship hosted by State University College, Cortland, New York.  
MAY 29-31. First National Collegiate Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championships hosted by Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois.  
NOVEMBER 30. First National Collegiate Division III Soccer Championship hosted by Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois.
- 1975** National Collegiate Basketball Championship bracket expanded to 32 teams; first National Collegiate Division III Basketball Championship held March 15 hosted by Albright College, Reading, Pennsylvania. Division II Basketball Championship cut back to 32 teams with the addition of the Division III championship.  
MARCH 20-22. First National Collegiate Division III Swimming and Diving Championships hosted by Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania.  
JUNE 10-13. First National Collegiate Division III Golf Championships hosted by University of Tennessee at Martin.
- 1976** MAY 19-23. First National Collegiate Division III Tennis Championships hosted by Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi.  
JUNE 4-6. First National Collegiate Division III Baseball Championship hosted by Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio.
- 1977** National Collegiate Division I Tennis Championships added team competition to existing individual format.
- 1978** MARCH 16-18. First National Collegiate Division II Ice Hockey Championship hosted by American International College, Springfield, Massachusetts.  
National Collegiate Basketball Championship bracket expanded to 40 teams.  
DECEMBER 16. First National Collegiate Division I-AA Football Championship played in Wichita Falls, Texas.
- 1980** National Collegiate Division I Basketball Championship bracket expanded to 48 teams.  
APRIL 4-5. First National Collegiate Rifle Championships hosted by East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee.  
MAY 25. First National Collegiate Division III Lacrosse Championship hosted by Hobart College, Geneva, New York.
- 1981** NOVEMBER 21. First women's championships sponsored by the NCAA included National Collegiate Division II Women's Cross Country Championships hosted by Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, Missouri; National Collegiate Division III Women's Cross Country Championships hosted by Carthage College, Kenosha, Wisconsin; National Collegiate Division II Field Hockey Championship hosted by Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, North Carolina; and National Collegiate Division III Field Hockey Championship hosted by Westfield State College, Westfield, Massachusetts. First National Collegiate Division I Field Hockey Championship hosted by University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut, November 21-22.  
NOVEMBER 23. First National Collegiate Division I Women's Cross Country Championships hosted by Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas.  
DECEMBER 18-19. First National Collegiate Division II Women's Volleyball Championship hosted by University of California, Riverside, California; first National Collegiate Division III Women's Volleyball Championship hosted by Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee. First National Collegiate Division I Women's Volleyball Championship hosted by University of California, Los Angeles, California, December 18 and 20.
- 1982** MARCH 11-13. First National Collegiate Division II Women's Swimming and Diving Championships hosted by Northeast Missouri State University, Kirksville, Missouri; first National Collegiate Division III Women's Swimming and Diving Championships hosted by University of Massachusetts, Boston, Massachusetts.  
MARCH 18-20. First National Collegiate Division II Women's Basketball Championship hosted by American International and Springfield Colleges, Springfield, Massachusetts; first National Collegiate Division I Women's Swimming and Diving Championships hosted by University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida. First National Collegiate Division III Women's Basketball Championship hosted by Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, March 19-20.  
MARCH 25-27. First National Collegiate Women's Fencing Championships hosted by San Jose State University, San Jose, California; first National Collegiate Division II Women's Gymnastics Championships hosted by Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts.  
MARCH 26 and 28. First National Collegiate Division I Women's Basketball Championship hosted by Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia.  
MARCH 26-27. First National Collegiate Division I Women's Gymnastics Championships hosted by University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah.  
MAY 16-23. First National Collegiate Division I Women's Tennis Championships hosted by University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah. First National Collegiate Division II Women's Tennis Championships hosted by Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois, and first National Collegiate Division III Women's Tennis Championships hosted by Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi, May 17-22.  
MAY 22-23. First National Collegiate Women's Lacrosse Championship hosted by Widener University, Chester, Pennsylvania.  
MAY 25-29. First National Collegiate Division II Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships hosted by California State University, Sacramento, California; first National Collegiate Division III Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships hosted by North Central College, Naperville, Illinois. First National Collegiate Women's Golf Championships hosted by Stanford University, Stanford, California.

- MAY 27-30. First National Collegiate Division I Women's Softball Championship hosted by Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska; first National Collegiate Division II Women's Softball Championship hosted by Sacred Heart University, Bridgeport, Connecticut. First National Collegiate Division III Women's Softball Championship hosted by College of New Jersey, Trenton, New Jersey, May 28-30.
- First National Collegiate Division I Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships hosted by Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.
- NOVEMBER 20-21. First National Collegiate Women's Soccer Championship hosted by University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida.
- 1983** MARCH 9-12. First National Collegiate Men's and Women's Skiing Championships with combined scoring conducted at Bridger Bowl in Bozeman, Montana, and hosted by University of Montana.
- MARCH 11-12. First National Collegiate Women's Indoor Track Championships hosted by University of Michigan at the Silverdome, Pontiac, Michigan.
- NOVEMBER 12. Then-final Division II Field Hockey Championship held at Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania.
- 1984** MARCH 17. First Division III Men's Ice Hockey Championship held in Rochester, New York.
- MARCH 18. Then-final Division II Men's Ice Hockey Championship held at Bemidji State University, Bemidji, Minnesota.
- 1985** The Division I Men's Basketball Championship bracket expanded to 64 teams.
- MARCH 8-9. First National Collegiate Division III Men's and Women's Indoor Track Championships hosted by Bates College, Lewiston, Maine.
- MARCH 15-16. First National Collegiate Division II Men's and Women's Indoor Track Championships hosted by North Dakota State, Fargo, North Dakota.
- MAY 19. First Division III Women's Lacrosse Championship held at University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 1986** NOVEMBER 16. First Division III Women's Soccer Championship held at State University College at Cortland, Cortland, New York.
- 1988** The College World Series was divided into two brackets with the bracket winners playing in the championship game. The Division II Women's Basketball Championship field expanded to 32 teams with the national semifinals and final played on the campus of one of the competing institutions. The Division I Men's Ice Hockey Championship field expanded to 12 teams, and the Division II Women's Volleyball bracket expanded to 20 teams. The national third-place game was reinstated in the Division II Men's Basketball Championship.
- APRIL 4. University of Kansas defeated University of Oklahoma, 83-79, to win the 50th Division I Men's Basketball Championship. The 50th Anniversary Final Four was held at Kemper Arena in Kansas City, Missouri.
- NOVEMBER 13. First Division II Women's Soccer Championship hosted by Barry University, Miami Shores, Florida.
- 1989** The Division I Women's Basketball Championship field expanded to 48 teams and the Division III Men's Basketball Championship field expanded to 40 teams.
- In Division II men's basketball, quarterfinal games were moved to the same site as the semifinals and final, and games were played on consecutive days. This three-day format was dubbed the Elite Eight.
- 1990** MARCH 24-28. First National Collegiate Men's and Women's Fencing Championships with combined men's and women's team title hosted by the University of Notre Dame.
- 1991** Starting in the fall, Division II and III individual champions were no longer permitted to compete in Division I championships.
- 1992** NOVEMBER 8. First Division II Field Hockey Championship since Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania won the title in 1983. The championship was conducted at Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, Lock Haven, Pennsylvania.
- 1993** MARCH 19-20. First Division II Men's Ice Hockey Championship since March 18, 1984. The championship was conducted at Bemidji State University, Bemidji, Minnesota.
- MAY 16. First Division II Men's Lacrosse Championship since Adelphi University won the championship in 1981. The championship was conducted at C. W. Post University in Brookville, New York.
- 1994** The Division I Women's Basketball Championship field expanded to 64 teams and the Division III Women's Basketball Championship field expanded to 40 teams.
- In Division II women's basketball, quarterfinal games were moved to the same site as the semifinals and final. The four-day format was dubbed the Women's Elite Eight.
- The Division I Women's Softball Championship field expanded to 32 teams, the Division II Women's Softball Championship field expanded to 24 teams and the Division III Women's Softball Championship field expanded to 24 teams.
- In Division II women's softball, championship-round competition increased to include the six regional champions.
- The Division I Women's Soccer Championship field expanded to 16 teams and the Division I Men's Soccer Championship field expanded to 32 teams.
- The Division I Women's Volleyball Championship field expanded to 48 teams, the Division II Women's Volleyball Championship field expanded to 28 teams and the Division III Women's Volleyball Championship field expanded to 32 teams.
- 1995** The format for the National Collegiate Men's and Women's Fencing Championship was changed to a straight individual-team format, with team total based solely upon the individual events. A fifth weapon - women's epee - also was added.
- Division II men's and women's tennis changed to a team-only, combined-site event and a 3-6 format. The men's and women's championships also were held at the same time and site for the first time.
- In men's and women's indoor track, Divisions I and II began holding a combined-site championship.
- Division III men's and women's basketball fields expanded access via a 64-team play-in system.
- The field for the Division I Women's Soccer Championship was expanded to 24.
- 1996** Abilene Christian University became first institution to win all four track championships in any division.
- National Collegiate Women's Golf Championship split into two championships (Division I and Divisions II/III). The University of Arizona won the first Division I championship; Methodist College won the first Divisions II/III championship.
- The women's soccer brackets expanded in all three divisions. Division I went to 32 teams, Division II to 12 and Division III to 24.
- JUNE 1. The University of Arkansas won the 75th Division I Men's Outdoor Track and Field Championships.
- JUNE 8. Louisiana State University defeated the University of Miami (Florida), 9-8, to win the 50th Division I Baseball Championship in Omaha, Nebraska.

- 1997** Stanford became first school to win six team championships (sweeps of cross country, volleyball and tennis) in one year.  
 MARCH 29. The University of North Dakota won the 50th annual Division I Ice Hockey Championship.  
 MAY 31. Pepperdine University won the 100th annual Division I Men's Golf Championship.  
 JUNE 1. Inaugural National Collegiate Women's Rowing Championships won by University of Washington.  
 JUNE 1. NCAA announced that it would move its national office from Overland Park, Kansas, to Indianapolis in 1999.  
 AUGUST 1. The NCAA's federated governance structure went into effect.
- 1998** JANUARY 7. Midseason rules changes in the sport of wrestling caused by the deaths of three student-athletes during weight-loss activities take effect. Among these changes is the addition of a seven-pound weight allowance to existing weight classes. Since there already was a one-pound allowance for the month of January, the seven-pound allowance in effect created an eight-pound allowance for that month. After January 31, the weight allowance was a flat seven pounds.  
 MARCH 14. Melissa Price of Fresno State became the NCAA's first women's pole vault champion, winning the inaugural indoor event with a mark of 4.22 meters (13-10).  
 MARCH 28. Stanford won the 75th annual Division I men's swimming title.  
 JUNE 5. Bianca Maran of Cal Poly won the first women's outdoor pole vault crown.  
 Division II Men's Lacrosse Championship played at common site with Division I and III championships for first time. Rutgers hosted.
- 1999** National Collegiate Women's Lacrosse Championship

reserves a slot for the top Division II team. West Chester becomes first Division II team to compete in the event.

The Division I Women's Volleyball Championship field was expanded from 48 to 64 teams.

DECEMBER 6. Southern California won the 30th annual National Collegiate Water Polo Championship.

MAY 8. Brigham Young claimed the 30th annual National Collegiate Men's Volleyball Championship.

JULY 26. NCAA's new national office opens in Indianapolis.

The NCAA adopts baseball standards relating to non-wood bats, putting limits on the diameter, weight and length differential.

- 2000** MAY 27. The Division III men's outdoor track and field title was shared for the first time in the 27-year history of the event. North Central and Lincoln (Pennsylvania) tied for the championships title with 52 points each.

DECEMBER 11. In a rematch of the 1998 Division II Football Championship title game, Northwest Missouri State overcame a 15-point deficit to Carson-Newman with less than four minutes left in regulation to send the game into overtime. Northwest Missouri State prevailed after four overtime periods to win 58-52. The game was the longest in terms of the number of extra periods in NCAA football playoff history and took more than four hours to complete.

JUNE 3. UCLA's Seilala Sua became the career leader in individual titles in Division I women's outdoor track and field history when she won the shot put and discus at the 2000 meet. Sua won the discus in each of her four seasons, becoming only the second competitor in the meet's 19-year history to win an event four times.

*(Note: All championships before 1981 were men's championships.)*