

# The National Collegiate Championship Series

## A Brief Chronological History

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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** Number of geographical districts reduced to eight.
- 1939** JUNE 24-29. National Collegiate Golf Championships first sponsored by the NCAA.
- 1941** National Collegiate Tennis Championships sponsored solely by the NCAA.
- 1981** NOVEMBER 21. First women's championships sponsored by the NCAA included Division II women's cross country hosted by Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Division III women's cross country hosted by Carthage College, Kenosha, Wisconsin; Division II field hockey hosted by Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, North Carolina; and Division III field hockey hosted by Westfield State College, Westfield, Massachusetts. The first women's Division I championship sponsored by the NCAA was for field hockey, hosted by University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut, November 21-22.
- 1985** Division I Men's Basketball Championship bracket expanded to 64 teams.
- 1991** Starting in the fall, Division II and III individual champions were no longer permitted to compete in Division I championships.
- 1994** Division I Women's Basketball Championship field expanded to 64 teams.
- 1996** Abilene Christian University became first institution to win all four track championships in any division.
- 1997** Stanford became first school to win six team championships (sweeps of cross country, volleyball and tennis) in one year.  
JUNE 1. NCAA announced it would move its national office from Overland Park, Kansas, to Indianapolis in 1999.  
AUGUST 1. 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, took effect.
- 1999** JULY 26. NCAA's new national office opened in Indianapolis. NCAA adopted baseball standards relating to non-wood bats, putting limits on the diameter, weight and length differential.
- 2001** MARCH 10. Kenyon's 17-year streak of NCAA Division III women's swimming and diving championships came to an end when Denison upset their North Coast Athletic Conference rivals, 588-572, in Buffalo, New York.

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

