

## **IC4A CHAMPIONSHIPS (1876-1942)**

The championship meeting of the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America was first held in 1876. The event was effectively the national collegiate championships of the United States from 1876 to 1920 until the introduction of the NCAA meeting in 1921. Since that point in time the event has declined in importance and is now mainly contested by colleges and universities in the north east of the country (and still remains a men's only organisation).

## **NCAA DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIPS (MEN)**

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (founded in 1906) is the main governing body of collegiate sport in the United States. Member universities/colleges are split into three divisions. The NCAA Division I Outdoor Track and Field Championships were first held in 1921 (the championships were not held in 1924) assuming the mantle of the national collegiate championships from the IC4A meeting. Winners of the NCAA Division I Cross Country Championships are listed at the base of this page. NCAA Division I Women's, Regional and Indoor champions are listed on separate pages.

Up until the 1921 track and field championship, the NCAA was mainly a rules organization. It began with sweeping changes to football rules and by 1921 had rules committees for football, basketball, boxing, soccer, swimming and track and field. The Association was not really involved with the IC4A other than providing the rules governing the competitions. Up to that point, each conference or state governing body for track and field contests compiled and printed its own set of rules of competition. The result was considerable confusion when athletes from different conferences competed in the same games. When the NCAA track and rules committee was appointed, those entities adopted the Association's rules and therefore provided consistency for competitions.

NCAA President, General Palmer Pierce in his address at the 1919 Convention, suggested that it would be advisable for the Association to favor having the college athletes of the United State meet in competition for the various national championships.

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