



# PENN STATE FENCING COACHING HISTORY

In 1926, the Penn State men’s fencing program was launched by Dr. Paul Schweitzer, the school’s first coach.

Replacing Schweitzer after eight years at the helm of the program was Nels Walke. He guided the team for three years (1934-36) and compiled a 6-3 record. Harry Krutter took over in 1937 and coached until 1941, while compiling a 19-15 mark.

From 1942-51, H. Arthur Meyer was the head coach. Meyer’s teams won 13 of 38 meets before the program was temporarily discontinued. The men’s program returned in 1962 under the leadership of Dick Klima, who coached the Lions for 12 years. Klima’s teams were 42-34 during his tenure.

The men’s program returned to Eastern prominence during the reign of Maxwell “Mac” Garret, who coached from 1973-82. Garret raised the level of fencing at Penn State, leading the Lions to a 113-21 mark.

The women’s program was instituted in 1964-65 under co-coaches Barbara Hoepner and Dorothy Moody.

In 1968, coaching great Mary Beth Alphin took over the women’s program. No one could have predicted that 17 years later, her teams would have an overall record of 249-31-1 and capture national championships in 1980, 1981, and 1983.

Emmanuel Kaidanov assumed responsibility for the men’s team in 1982 and the women’s squad in the fall of 1985, following Alphin’s retirement. Kaidanov has continued the tradition established by previous Lion mentors such as Klima, Garret, and Alphin.

In Kaidanov’s 30-plus years at Penn State, the men posted a 444-44 dual meet record and the women were 423-68. Kaidanov guided Penn State to the combined men’s and women’s NCAA crown in 1990, 1991, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2007, 2009, and 2010.

Wes Glon Glon took the reins as Interim Head Coach in August 2013 and quickly set about the task of leading Penn State to its 13th NCAA Championship, an NCAA record. Glon led the Nittany Lion men’s team to a 22-3 overall record while the women compiled a 16-10 mark. He then led Penn State to the ‘13-14 NCAA title as eight Nittany Lion fencers earned All-America honors. Penn State finished fifth in ‘14-15 and sixth in ‘15-16.

## All-Time Penn State Men’s Coaches:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Record</i>
Paul Schweitzer	1926-33	Unknown
Nels Walke	1934-36	6-3
Harry Krutter	1937-41	19-15
H. Arthur Meyer	1942-51	13-25
Dick Klima	1962-73	42-34
Maxwell Garret	1973-82	113-21
Emmanuel Kaidanov	1983-2013	444-44
Wes Glon	2013-Current	88-19

## All-Time Penn State Women’s Coaches:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Record</i>
Barbara Hoepner/ Dorothy Moody	1964-67	Unknown
Mary Beth Alphin	1968-85	249-31-1
Emmanuel Kaidanov	1986-2013	423-58
Wes Glon	2013-Current	76-35