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## Frank J. Ryan Sports Training Collection

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
<b>Title:</b>	Frank J. Ryan Sports Training Collection
<b>Date:</b>	1936-1982
<b>Identifier:</b>	NMAH.AC.0871
<b>Creator:</b>	Ryan, Frank J. (Creator)
<b>Extent:</b>	16 Cubic feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated to the Archives Center in 2004 by Neil Ryan (Frank Ryan's son) and Fran Ryan.

### Processing Information

Collection is unprocessed.

### Preferred Citation

Frank J. Ryan Sports Training Collection, Archives Center, National Museum of American History.

### Restrictions on Access

Collection open for research on site by appointment. Unprotected photographs must be handled with gloves.

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## Biographical / Historical

Coach at Yale University, creator of sports training films and author of sports training books. He developed a unique bank/school community relations program wherein banks would donate Ryan's sports training films to local schools in exchange for publicity.

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## Scope and Contents

Archival materials relating to Ryan's career as an athlete, a sports coach at Yale, an inventor, and an author. Includes photographs, the patent for Ryan's electro-mechanical football game, scrapbooks of newsclippings, Ryan's instructional books on sports, brochures, reprints of articles and other printed materials relating to Ryan's instructional films. Also included are instructional sports films Ryan created and marketed.

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## Arrangement

Divided into 2 series: Series 1: Papers, photographs and printed materials; Series 2: Audiovisual materials.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Athletics
- Coaches (Athletics)
- Coaching (Athletics)
- Physical education and training
- Sports -- 20th century

Types of Materials:

- Advertisements -- 20th century
- Books
- Brochures
- Motion pictures (visual works) -- 20th century
- Patents
- Photographs -- 20th century
- Scrapbooks