



The National Tenpin Coaches Association 2018-2019 Preseason Poll

October 3, 2018

Vanderbilt University Voted No.1 in Preseason Poll

WHITEWATER, WIS. --- The 2017-2018 NCAA National Champions, Vanderbilt University, received 32 out of 40 votes to take the No. 1 position in this year's preseason poll. Vanderbilt won its second national championship and just the fourth in school history. The Commodores return two players who received All-NTCA honors, senior Kristin Quah and junior Maria Bulanova.

The Bearcats of McKendree University received six first place votes and come in at No. 2. McKendree finished second to Vanderbilt in a thrilling National Championship match and won the MIAA Conference Championship. The Bearcats will be returning three players who received All-NTCA honors: Senior Lauren Pate, Junior Breanna Clemmer, the reigning DII-III Player of the Year and Junior Taylor Baily.

The University of Nebraska Lincoln tallies in at No. 3 and received one first place vote. Last April, the Huskers made their 14th consecutive NCAA National Championship appearance. The Huskers return two All-NTCA players from last season including senior Meagan Struab and junior Raquel Orozco.

The Bearcats of Sam Houston State come in at No. 4. Sam Houston finished last season as a National Semi-Finalist losing to Vanderbilt.

The Redwolves of Arkansas State University round out the top five. Last year Arkansas State won the Southland Bowling League Conference Championship.

Stephen F. Austin University and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore battled for the sixth and seventh positions, while the Hornets of Delaware State come in at No. 8.

The Knights of Fairleigh Dickinson University and the Green Wave of Tulane University round out the top 10 in preseason poll.

NCAA bowling competes as a National Collegiate sport, in which all three divisions compete for one National Championship. NEW THIS YEAR: The national committee will select 12 teams during the selection process. Eight conferences will receive automatic qualifiers (AMCC, CIAA, ECC, MIAA, MEAC, NEC, Southland, SWAC) and four teams will receive at-large bids. Four teams will be seeded into the Championship bracket, while the eight remaining teams will compete in four play-in matches. The winners of these matches will then be seeding into the eight-team championship bracket. The 2019 National Championship will be held April 11-13 at Game of Wickliffe in Cleveland, OH.



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	<u>No. 1 Votes</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Adjusted Points</u>	<u>Previously Ranked</u>
1	32	I	1497	1
2	6	II	1409	2
3	1	I	1320	3
4		I	1222	5
5	1	I	1194	4
6		I	1092	6
7		I	942	8
8		I	888	7
9		I	811	9
10		I	780	10
11		I	712	13
12		I	666	11
13		I	528	12
14		II	442	17
15		II	389	14
16		I	375	16
17		I	342	20
18		II	336	18
19		I	330	15
20		I	267	19
21		III	222	21
22		II	180	23
23		I	129	24
24		II	125	22
25		I	19	NR

Also receiving points:

Youngstown State, Youngstown, OH; Valparaiso University, Valparaiso IN; Norfolk State, Norfolk VA; Jackson State University, Jackson, MS; St. Francis College Brooklyn, Brooklyn N., Alabama State University, Montgomery, AL; Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX

Point system: NTCA submitted ballots rank the top 25 programs in the sport of NCAA bowling. Each position has a designated point value, ranging from 40 points for first place and one point for twenty-fifth place. To be ranked teams need to equal or surpass the minimum vote criteria, which is one vote for every eight ballots submitted. The actual ranking position is determined by using the adjusted point standings, which lists in priority order the total points a school has accumulated after the highest and lowest votes are dropped. The specific point values follow: 1st place = 40 points, 2nd =37, 3rd =35, 4th =33, 5th =31, 6th =29, 7th =27, 8th =25, 9th =23, 10th =21, 11th =19, 12th =17, 13th =15, 14th =13, 15th =11, 16th =10, 17th =9, 18th =8, 19th =7, 20th =6, 21st =5, 22nd =4, 23rd =3, 24th =2, 25th =1.