

# The National Tenpin Coaches Association 2019-20 DII/DIII Preseason Poll

October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

## **McKendree Voted No 1. For DII/DIII Poll**

Harrogate, TN. --- McKendree University (DII) captures the No. 1 pre-season ranking for the 2019-2020 season. The Bearcats return NTCA DII/III Player of the Year and First Team All-American, Breanna Clemmer; Second Team All-American, Taylor Bailey; and NTCA DII/III Rookie of the Year and Third Team All-American, Hope Gramly. McKendree will begin its first year in the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) and will kick off its season hosting the Hammer Bearcat Open, October 25-27th.

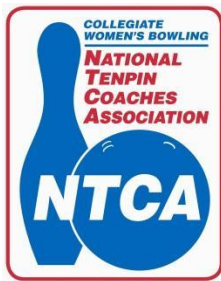
The University of Wisconsin Whitewater (DIII) is ranked No.2 on the NTCA DII/III Pre-season Poll and begins the season 10<sup>th</sup> on the NTCA Top 25 All-Divisions Pre-Season Poll. The Warhawks will start their inaugural season of the Central Intercollegiate Bowling Conference (CIBC). Whitewater will return four veteran players and will begin its season traveling to the Hammer Bearcat Open, before hosting the Warhawk Classic, November 8-10th.

The University of Central Missouri (DII) comes in at No. 3 and begins the season 12<sup>th</sup> on the all-divisions pre-season poll. Last season, the Jennies lost to McKendree in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) Conference Championship. Central will also begin its first year in the GLVC and return three key starters from last season. The Jennies will begin its NCAA season at the Bearcat Open.

Lincoln Memorial University Railsplitters (DII) ranks No. 4. The Railsplitters, also ranked on the NTCA Top 25 All-Divisions Pre-Season Poll (13<sup>th</sup>), finished as a runner-up at the East Coast Conference Championship last season. Lincoln Memorial returns all its starters and is set to begin their season at the Allstate Sugar Bowl Classic, October 18-20<sup>th</sup>.

Maryville rounds out the DII/DIII top five after coming off an impressive 2018-19 campaign. The Saints are ranked 18<sup>th</sup> on the all divisions pre-season poll and will also begin conference play in the GLVC. Maryville will be returning key players to its lineup and will begin its season at the Bearcat Open.

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 16 teams during the post-season selection process. Of those 16 teams, seven will receive automatic qualifiers from winning their Conference Championship (AMCC, CIAA, ECC, MEAC, NEC, Southland, SWAC) and the final nine teams will receive at-large bids. The 16 teams will be seeded into four regional sites with the four regional champions moving on to the 2020 National Championship, April 9-11, 2020, at Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, MI.



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		<u>First Place</u>	<u>Points Total</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Division</u>
1	McKendree University, Lebanon, IL	36	770	0-0	DII
2	University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, WI	1	627	0-0	DIII
3	University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO		552	0-0	DII
4	Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, TN		539	0-0	DII
5	Maryville University, St. Louis, MO		448	0-0	DII
6	Adelphi University, Garden City, NY		407	0-0	DII
7	Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA		251	0-0	DII
8	Caldwell University, Caldwell, NJ		248	0-0	DII
9	Molloy College, Rockville Centre, NY		197	0-0	DII
10	Chestnut Hill College, Philadelphia, PA		153	0-0	DII
11	Drury University, Springfield, MO		142	0-0	DII
12	Medaille College, Buffalo, NY		129	0-0	DIII
13	Kentucky Wesleyan, Owensboro, KY		110	0-0	DII
T1	Walsh University, North Canton, OH		94	0-0	DII
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T1	Lewis University, Romeoville, IL		94	0-0	DII
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### Also receiving points:

Bowie State University, Bowie MD; Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC; Felician University, Lodi, NJ; Mount Aloysius College, Cresson PA; Tusculum University, Tusculum, TN

### Point system:

NTCA voters rank the top 15 Division II and Division III teams on their ballot. Each position has a designated point value, ranging from 22 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 six 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 = 22 points, 2nd =19, 3rd =17, 4th =15, 5th =13, 6th =11, 7th =9, 8th =8, 9th =7, 10th =6, 11th =5, 12th =4, 13th =3, 14th =2, 15th =1