



# The National Tenpin Coaches Association 2020-2021 February Poll

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NASHVILLE, TN---While the top four teams stayed the same, there were seismic shifts in the latest poll of the National Ten Pin Coaches Association (NTCA) as the Covid-19 pandemic wreaked havoc on the collegiate bowling schedules around the country. McKendree, Vanderbilt, Arkansas State and Nebraska maintained their top pre-season rankings in the judgement of the 39 head coaches participating in the February poll, in which pandemic policies and last-minute tournament cancellations made it difficult to compare apples to apples in the voting.

McKendree collected just over half (20) of the first place poll votes while Vanderbilt continued to draw strong support with 12 first place ballots. Arkansas State had three first-place votes. McKendree has won the Prairie View Invitational and the Columbia 300 Saints Invite while Vanderbilt claimed the title at the Kat Klash and Arkansas State topped the field at the Lady Techster.

In the volatile poll, Louisiana Tech, Mount St. Mary's, Maryville (Saint Louis) and Lincoln Memorial were among the biggest climbers. Louisiana Tech jumped from No. 9 to fifth based on its consistent tournament finishes from last fall's limited season through the January events. Mount St. Mary's shot from 12th into seventh, collecting three first place votes in the process.

Maryville began the season ranked 18th and now sits in ninth place, aided by a championship at the Hammer Bearcat Open last fall, and Lincoln Memorial zoomed from 23rd all the way to 11th.

Sam Houston State slipped a notch from fifth to sixth, Youngstown State went from 10th into eighth and Stephen F. Austin dropped from seventh into tenth to round out the Top 10.

The poll was impacted by administrative and safety actions that ended some team's season before they began – pre-season No. 7 Maryland-Eastern Shore for example – and many other teams were prevented from fall participation due to concerns about Covid. As a result, there are a number of newcomers listed in the Top 25 including Alabama State (16), Lewis (18), Valparaiso (19), Kentucky Wesleyan (23) and Texas Southern (25).



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<u>Rank</u>	<u>School, Location, Conference Affiliation</u>	<u>First Place Votes</u>	<u>Points Total</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Previous Ranking</u>
1	McKendree University, Lebanon, IL (GLVC)	20	1416	30-8	1
2	Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (SBL)	12	1380	21-9	2
3	Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR (SBL)	4	1168	15-11	3
4	University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE (INDEPENDENT)		1157	17-8	4
5	Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA (SBL)		1149	29-18	9
6	Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX (SBL)		1103	22-21	5
7	Mount Saint Mary's University, Emmitsburg MD (NEC)	3	963	10-1	12
8	Youngstown State, Youngstown, OH (SBL)		927	23-15	10
9	Maryville University, St. Louis, MO (GLVC)		801	22-11	18
10	Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX (SBL)		715	20-28	7
11	Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, TN (ECC)		650	16-9	23
12	Tulane University, New Orleans, LA (SBL)		474	11-11	19
13	North Carolina A&T, Greensboro, NC (MEAC)		431	3-1	8
14	Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX (SWAC)		401	18-20	RV
15	Delaware State University, Dover, DE (MEAC)		384	4-7	17
16	Alabama State University, Montgomery, AL (SWAC)		283	7-3	RV
17	Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA (NEC)		259	0-0	11
18	Lewis University, Romeoville, IL (GLVC)		247	15-18	NR
19	Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN (SBL)		219	11-10	RV
20	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ (NEC)		177	0-0	13
21	Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT (NEC)		167	0-0	14
22	University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO (GLVC)		153	0-0	15
23	Kentucky Wesleyan College, Owensboro, KY (IND)		151	5-7	NR
24	University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, WI (INDEPENDENT)		144	3-5	16
25	Texas Southern University, Houston, TX (SWAC)		142	9-22	NR

**Also receiving points:** Jackson State University, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Drury University, Tusculum University, Coppin State University, Monmouth University, Long Island University, Southern University, Baton Rouge, Upper Iowa University, Saint Francis University (PA),

**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.