



# National Tenpin Coaches Association

## 2023-2024 Pre-Season Coaches Poll

### NTCA Division II & III Poll Tabs Maryville

*October 1, 2023* --- A veteran Maryville team coming off a history-making season is the pre-season poll leader for Division II/III programs according to the National Tenpin Coaches Association (NTCA).

The Saints reached last year's NCAA championship field for the first time. The NTCA recognized with DII/III Coach of the Year Lauren Pate directing a veteran squad headed by All-American Anna Maxwell and bolstered by Laura Bartlet, Natalie Heltne and Brianna Schmidt that Maryville will be a handful for opponents in 2023-24.

Newman was a solid choice for the second spot in the preseason poll. The Jets also made history last year in their first year as an NCAA program, going 71-34. Head Coach Billy Murphy took the team to the Great Lakes Valley championship match and the Jets finished the season ranked 13<sup>th</sup> among all classifications.

McKendree was third in the polling. The Bearcats, perennial leaders in this division, are undergoing a massive rebuilding program under new Head Coach Shawn Bibee and Assistant Breanna Clemmer.

Wisconsin-Whitewater and Mercyhurst were fourth and fifth, followed by Central Missouri, Lincoln Memorial, Lewis, Wilmington and Carthage to complete the Top 10.

Daemen, Marian, St. Vincent, Emmanuel, and Kutztown complete the ranked 15 programs.



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\*NCAA Bowling Division II & Division III Programs Only

Rank	School, Location, Conference Affiliation	First Place Votes	Point Total	Regular Season Record (‘22-’23) (RPI)	Final DII&III Season Ranking (‘22-’23)
1	Maryville University, St. Louis, MO (GLVC)	31	850	94-41-0 (.610)	2
2	Newman University, Wichita, KS (GLVC)		682	71-34-0 (.597)	3
3	McKendree University, Lebanon, IL (GLVC)	11	545	100-17-0 (.665)	1
4	University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, WI (INDEPENDENT)		517	64-47-0 (.571)	6
5	Mercyhurst University, Erie, PA (ECC)		509	83-38-0 (.590)	4
6	University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO (GLVC)		467	72-48-0 (.577)	7
7	Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, TN (ECC)		465	64-42-0 (.579)	5
8	Lewis University, Romeoville, IL (GLVC)		318	55-53-0 (.543)	9
9	Wilmington University, New Castle, DE (CACC)		218	53-50-0 (.522)	10
10	Carthage College, Kenosha, WI (CCIW)		166	39-28-0 (.536)	11
11	Daemen University, Amherst, NY (ECC)		153	47-32-0 (.549)	13
12	Marian University, Fond du Lac, WI (CCIW)		128	43-34-0 (.529)	12
13	Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA (AMCC)		112	51-9-0 (.567)	14
14	Emmanuel University, Franklin Springs, GA (C-CAROLINAS)		92	28-26-0 (.514)	15
15	Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA (ECC)		85	52-35-0 (.528)	NR

**Rankings Continued:** Fayetteville State University (16), Oklahoma Christian University (17), Molloy University (18), Adelphi University (19), Caldwell University (20), Kentucky Wesleyan University (21), Chestnut Hill (22), Roberts Wesleyan University (23), Elmhurst University (24), and Bowie State University (25).

*Point system: NTCA submitted ballots rank the top fifteen Division II & III programs in the sport of NCAA bowling. Each position has a designated point value, ranging from twenty-two points for first place and one point for fifteenth 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 = 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.*