

National Tenpin Coaches Association

2023-2024 March Coaches Poll

Jax State Tops Last Regular Season Coaches Poll

March 7, 2024 — Jacksonville State held on to the top spot in the National Tenpin Coaches Association (NTCA) March polling but it was no longer a unanimous choice as the regular season nears its conclusion.

The Gamecocks secured 44 of the 51 first-place votes after finishing fourth at the Mid-Winter Invitational and second at the Stallings Invitational.

There was a mild shuffling in the poll's Top 5 with Arkansas State jumping into second on the basis of impressive first-place finishes at its own Mid-Winter Invitational and the Stallings Invitational, two of the NCAA's strongest fields. The Red Wolves picked up the remaining seven first-place votes.

Youngstown State slipped from second to third. The Penguins had a quiet month, placing sixth at the Mid-Winter in their only February competition. They were scheduled to play in the Big Red Invite but the tournament was cancelled.

Vanderbilt moved up from fifth to fourth, shaking off its January slump with a second-place finish at the Mid-Winter and a fourth-place result at the Stallings.

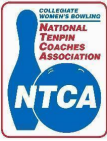
North Carolina A & T dropped to fifth after winning the MEAC's regular season championship and finishing third at the Mount Shootout and its own Stallings Invitational.

Nebraska and Louisiana Tech maintained their grip on the sixth and seventh spots, followed by Duquesne, Maryville and Sam Houston – who each moved up one place.

Stephen F. Austin sagged from eighth to 11th, followed by Mount St. Mary's, Tulane, Newman and Maryland-Eastern Shore to complete the Top 15. Merrimack was 16th with Valparaiso, Sacred Heart, Fairleigh Dickinson and McKendree rounding out the Top 20.

Wisconsin-Whitewater, Oklahoma Christian, Niagara, Delaware State and Saint Vincent complete the Top 25. St. Vincent is making its poll debut.

Many NCAA programs have just one more regular season competition remaining before post-season tournaments begin.



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Rank	School, Location, Conference Affiliation	1st Place Votes	Point Total	February Ranking
1	Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, AL (CUSA)	44	1977	1
2	Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR (CUSA)	7	1820	3
3	Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH (CUSA)		1710	2
4	Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (CUSA)		1660	5
5	North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, NC (MEAC)		1548	4
6	University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE (INDEPENDENT)		1466	6
7	Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA (CUSA)		1376	7
8	Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA (NEC)		1160	9
9	Maryville University, St. Louis, MO (GLVC)		1136	10
10	Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX (CUSA)		1102	11
11	Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX (CUSA)		912	8
12	Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD (INDEPENDENT)		888	13
13	Tulane University, New Orleans, LA (CUSA)		743	12
14	Newman University, Wichita, KS (GLVC)		625	16
15	University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD (MEAC)		579	14
16	Merrimack College, North Andover, MA (NEC)		402	18
17	Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN (CUSA)		366	20
18	Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT (NEC)		350	19
19	Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ (NEC)		339	21
20	McKendree University, Lebanon, IL (GLVC)		332	23
21	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Whitewater, WI (INDEPENDENT)		275	15
22	Oklahoma Christian University, Edmond, OK (INDEPENDENT)		214	17
23	Niagara University, Niagara University, NY (NEC)		135	25
24	Delaware State University, Dover, DE (MEAC)		102	22
25	Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA (AMCC)		85	NR

Also Receiving Votes: University of Central Missouri, Mercyhurst University, Monmouth University

Point system: NTCA submitted ballots rank the top twenty-five programs in the sport of NCAA bowling. Each position has a designated point value, ranging from forty 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.