

National Tenpin Coaches Association 2024-2025 March Coaches Poll

BIG RED CONTINUES TO LEAD NTCA POLL

March 6, 2025 – Nebraska maintained its grip on the No. 1 spot in the latest polling of National Tenpin Coaches Association (NTCA) members but while the head coaches seem to have identified the national leaders, their order of those teams varies slightly from tournament to tournament.

Nebraska climbed into first place last month and used a win in its own Big Red Invitational along with a third-place finish at the Storm Flyer Classic and fifth place at the Mid-Winter Invitational to stay there with 40 of the 53 first-place votes.

Jacksonville State and Vanderbilt continue to be viewed as a close pair. The Gamecocks moved into second after a month of consistent results - a pair of second place finishes at the Mid-Winter and the Stallings Invitational and a win at the Flyer Classic behind Emma Yoder individual champion and Dannielle Henderson a close second. Jacksonville State captured 11 first place votes.

Vanderbilt defeated Jacksonville State to win the Stallings Invitational behind Alyssa Ballard's MVP performance but was fourth at the Mid-Winter and sixth at the Storm Flyer. The Commodores garnered one first place vote.

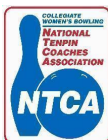
Youngstown State took the remaining first place vote and moved up a notch into fourth place after coming in third at the Mid-Winter and fifth at the Storm Flyer.

Wichita State was the biggest mover in the Top 10, jumping from seventh to fifth as coaches continue to see the Shockers, who are competing in NCAA circles for the first time. Wichita State won the Mid-Winter behind Mary Orf's MVP effort and came in second at the Big Red Invitational.

Arkansas State dropped two spots into sixth after finishing sixth at their own Mid-Winter and third at the Storm Flyer. Sam Houston moved into seventh with North Carolina A & T, Stephen F. Austin keeping its ninth-place spot and Maryville and Louisiana Tech nearly deadlocked in 10th and 11th.

Sacred Heart was 12th, followed by Wisconsin-Whitewater, Duquesne and Mount St. Mary's. Fairleigh Dickinson is in 16th place with McKendree, Maryland-Eastern Shore, Alabama-Birmingham and Tulane rounding out the Top 20.

Wright State, Felician, Delaware State, Valparaiso and Emmanuel complete the Top 25.



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Rank	School, Location, Conference Affiliation	1st Place Votes	Point Total	Prev. Rank
1	University of Nebraska, <i>Lincoln, NE</i> (INDEPENDENT)	40	2257	1
2	Jacksonville State University, <i>Jacksonville, AL</i> (CUSA)	11	2142	3
3	Vanderbilt University, <i>Nashville, TN</i> (CUSA)	1	2062	2
4	Youngstown State University, <i>Youngstown, OH</i> (CUSA)	1	1924	5
5	Wichita State University, <i>Wichita, KS</i> (CUSA)		1802	7
6	Arkansas State University, <i>Jonesboro, AR</i> (CUSA)		1752	4
7	Sam Houston State University, <i>Huntsville, TX</i> (CUSA)		1596	8
8	North Carolina A&T State University, <i>Greensboro, NC</i> (MEAC)		1588	6
9	Stephen F. Austin State University, <i>Nacogdoches, TX</i> (CUSA)		1400	9
10	Maryville University, <i>St. Louis, MO</i> (GLVC)		1288	10
11	Louisiana Tech University, <i>Ruston, LA</i> (CUSA)		1272	11
12	Sacred Heart University, <i>Fairfield, CT</i> (INDEPENDENT)		1060	12
13	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, <i>Whitewater, WI</i> (INDEPENDENT)		1018	14
14	Duquesne University, <i>Pittsburgh, PA</i> (NEC)		864	15
15	Mount St. Mary's University, <i>Emmitsburg, MD</i> (INDEPENDENT)		755	16
16	Fairleigh Dickinson University, <i>Teaneck, NJ</i> (NEC)		753	22
17	McKendree University, <i>Lebanon, IL</i> (GLVC)		751	13
18	University of Maryland Eastern Shore, <i>Princess Anne, MD</i> (MEAC)		711	18
19	University of Alabama at Birmingham, <i>Birmingham, AL</i> (MEAC)		615	17
20	Tulane University, <i>New Orleans, LA</i> (CUSA)		572	20
21	Wright State University, <i>Dayton, OH</i> (INDEPENDENT)		537	19
22	Felician University, <i>Rutherford, NJ</i> (CACC)		363	23
23	Delaware State University, <i>Dover, DE</i> (MEAC)		362	21
24	Valparaiso University, <i>Valparaiso, IN</i> (CUSA)		324	24
25	Emmanuel University, <i>Franklin Springs, GA</i> (Conference Carolinas)		268	NR

Also Receiving Votes: Alabama State University, University of Central Missouri, Kutztown University, Mercyhurst University, Merrimack College, Monmouth University, Newman University, Niagara University, Oklahoma Christian University.

Point system: NTCA submitted ballots rank the top thirty programs in the sport of NCAA Bowling a National Collegiate sport. Each position has a designated point value, ranging from forty-five points for first place and one point for thirtieth 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 = 45 points, 2nd =42, 3rd =40, 4th =38, 5th =36, 6th =34, 7th =32, 8th =30, 9th =28, 10th =26, 11th =24, 12th =22, 13th =20, 14th =18, 15th =16, 16th =15, 17th =14, 18th =13, 19th =12, 20th =11, 21st =10, 22nd =9, 23rd =8, 24th =7, 25th =6, 26th =5, 27th =4, 28th =3, 29th =2, 30th =1.

The March poll rankings are based on NTCA ballots from 53 head coaches representing 28 Division I programs, 16 Division II programs, and 9 Division III programs. The ballots reflect participation from various conferences, including 4 from the AMCC, 4 from the CACC, 4 from the CCIW, 1 from Conference Carolinas, 9 from Conference USA, 7 from the ECC, 5 from the GLVC, 5 from the MEAC, 4 from the NEC, 5 from the SWAC, and 5 from independent programs.