

The National Tenpin Coaches Association 2017-2018 Preseason Poll

October 4, 2017

McKendree University Voted No.1 in Preseason Poll

BROOKLYN, NY. --- The 2016-2017 NCAA National Champions, McKendree University, received 35 out of 36 votes to take the No. 1 position in this year's preseason poll. McKendree became the first Division II program in women's bowling history to win the championship title. Coached by the reigning DII/DIII Coach of the Year, the Bearcats return their whole roster, including the DII/DIII Rookie of the Year and Player of the Year, Breanna Clemmer.

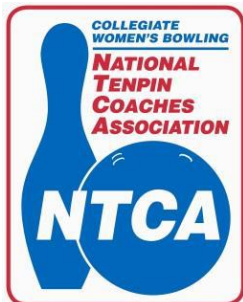
Nebraska was voted second, after ending last season with their fifth straight appearance in the championship match. The Huskers received one first place vote.

Arkansas State University edges Vanderbilt University for the third and fourth spots, respectfully. Sam Houston State University rounds out the top five, with all over 1000 points tallied.

Stephen F Austin University and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore battled for the sixth and seventh positions, while the Knights of Fairleigh Dickinson University grab the eighth spot.

Sacred Heart University holds the ninth spot, as the University of Central Missouri moves up to round out the top 10 in preseason poll.

NCAA bowling competes as a National Collegiate sport, in which all three divisions compete for one National Championship. This year's National Championship will be held in St. Louis, Missouri. It will be the first year that automatic qualifiers will take place in the sport of bowling; the six established conference winners will be added to the four schools selected at-large, who will compete for eight spots at the championship.



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	W-L	1 st Place Votes	Adjusted Pts	Previously Ranked
1 McKendree University, <i>Lebanon, IL</i>	0-0	35	1360	1
2 University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE	0-0	1	1212	2
3 Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR	0-0		1174	4
4 Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN	0-0		1152	3
5 Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX	0-0		1066	5
6 Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX	0-0		936	7
7 University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Princess Anne, MD	0-0		922	6
8 Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ	0-0		810	8
9 Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT	0-0		717	9
10 University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO	0-0		706	12
11 University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, WI	0-0		668	11
12 Delaware State University, Dover, DE	0-0		645	10
13 Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ	0-0		465	13
14 St. Francis University, Loretto, PA	0-0		445	14
15 Adelphi University, Garden City, NY	0-0		373	15
16 LIU Brooklyn, Brooklyn, NY	0-0		358	17
17 Tulane University, New Orleans, LA	0-0		330	16
18 North Carolina A&T, Greensboro, NC	0-0		274	18
19 University of Alabama Birmingham, Birmingham, AL	0-0		211	20
20 Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX	0-0		159	19
21 Saint Francis Brooklyn College, Brooklyn Heights, NY	0-0		144	21
22 Franklin Pierce University, Rindge, NH	0-0		87	23
23 Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA	0-0		81	22
24 Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH	0-0		75	25
25 Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA	0-0		70	NR

Also receiving points:

Alabama State University, Montgomery, AL; Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, NC; Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, TN; Louisiana Tech University,

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.