

## The National Tenpin Coaches Association April Poll Rankings through March 18, 2018

April 4, 2018

Huskers Remain No. 1 in April NTCA Poll

WHITEWATER, Wis. ---The Huskers of the University of Nebraska captured 34 first place votes out of 41 ballots to remain on top of NTCA April Poll. Nebraska has remained on top since December and has compiled an impressive 96-12 season record. As the No. 1 seed, the Huskers will be making their 15<sup>th</sup> straight NCAA National Championship appearance.

McKendree University (91-24) remains No. 2, after receiving seven first place votes. The Bearcats ended their regular season with a bang, winning the Music City Classic and MIAA (Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association) Conference Championship. McKendree was selected as the No. 2 seed and look to defend their 2017 NCAA National Championship title. This is McKendree's third appearance at the Championship.

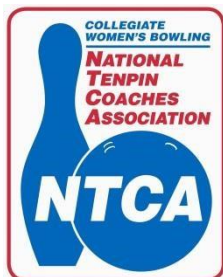
The Redwolves of Arkansas State (87-34) hold steady at No. 3, after winning the Southland Conference Championship and receiving an Automatic Qualifier to the NCAA National Championship. This is Arkansas States 11<sup>th</sup> straight National Championship appearance.

The Commodores of Vanderbilt University (89-43) and the Bearcats of Sam Houston State (85-46) round out the NTCA top five. Both Universities were selected as at-large bids for the 2018 National Championship. Vanderbilt University will be attending their 13<sup>th</sup> straight National Championship and won its first in 2007. Sam Houston State will be making its sixth straight appearance and won its first National Championship in 2014.

Stephen F. Austin (72-48), Delaware State (71-35), Maryland Eastern Shore (79-45), Fairleigh Dickenson (68-41) and Tulane (46-33) round out the NTCA top 10. Unfortunately, these teams did not qualify for the NCAA National Championship.

This is the first year the NCAA used six automatic qualifiers from the eligible conferences, and four at-large bids to select the 10-team field. The six automatic qualifiers from winning their conference championships were: Arkansas State (3) of the Southland League, St. Francis PA (13) of the NEC, North Carolina A&T (15) of the MEAC, Lincoln Memorial (19) of the ECC, Texas Southern (NR) of the SWAC, and Bowie State (NR) of the CIAA. Nebraska (1), McKendree (2), Vanderbilt (4) and Sam Houston State (5) received the at-large bids. Texas Southern and Lincoln Memorial will compete April 6<sup>th</sup> as a play-in match, while Bowie State and St. Francis PA will compete April 7<sup>th</sup> as the other play in match. Winners of those matches will compete in the eight team National Championship Bracket.

Tune into ESPNU Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm CST for the Live NCAA National Championship.



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	<u>Record</u>	<u>First Place Votes</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Previously Ranked</u>
1. University of Nebraska, <i>Lincoln, NE</i>	96-12	34	1542	1
2. McKendree University, <i>Lebanon, IL</i>	91-24	7	1461	2
3. Arkansas State, <i>Jonesboro, AR</i>	87-34		1363	3
4. Vanderbilt University, <i>Nashville, TN</i>	89-43		1283	4
5. Sam Houston State University, <i>Huntsville, TX</i>	85-46		1201	5
6. Stephen F. Austin State University, <i>Nacogdoches, TX</i>	72-48		1110	6
7. Delaware State University, <i>Dover, DE</i>	71-35		1005	7
8. University of Maryland Eastern Shore, <i>Princess Anne, MD</i>	79-45		989	8
9. Fairleigh Dickinson University, <i>Teaneck, NJ</i>	68-41		759	10
10. Tulane University, <i>New Orleans, LA</i>	46-33		742	9
11. Sacred Heart University, <i>Fairfield, CT</i>	61-44		711	12
12. Adelphi University, <i>Garden City, NY</i>	76-36		687	11
13. St. Francis University, <i>Loretto, PA</i>	71-52		589	16
14. LIU Brooklyn, <i>Brooklyn, NY</i>	75-44		558	13
15. North Carolina A&T, <i>Greensboro, NC</i>	67-47		395	18
16. University of Alabama Birmingham, <i>Birmingham, AL</i>	60-41		390	14
17. University of Central Missouri, <i>Warrensburg, MO</i>	56-43		382	15
18. Duquesne University, <i>Pittsburg, PA</i>	65-43		296	17
19. Lincoln Memorial University, <i>Harragate, TN</i>	71-50		293	23
20. Louisiana Tech University, <i>Ruston, LA</i>	55-50		225	20
21. University of Wisconsin <i>Whitewater, Whitewater, WI</i>	51-47		202	19
22. Kutztown University, <i>Kutztown, PA</i>	72-45		97	21
23. Maryville University, <i>St. Louis, MO</i>	52-54		92	24
24. Monmouth University, <i>West Long Branch, NJ</i>	60-57		70	NR
25. Franklin Pierce University, <i>Rindge, NH</i>	54-43		61	NR

**Also receiving points:** (must receive votes from minimum 1 out of every 8 ballots)

Fayetteville State University; *Fayetteville, NC*; Norfolk State, Norfolk, VA; Texas Southern University, *Houston, TX*; Valparaiso University, *Valparaiso, IN*

NTCA voters rank the top 25 teams on their ballot. 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.