



## The National Tenpin Coaches Association 2018-2019 DII/DIII Preseason Poll

October 3, 2018

McKendree University Voted No.1 in Preseason Poll

WHITEWATER, WIS. --- McKendree University of Lebanon, Illinois, was unanimously voted the NTCA DII/DIII pre-season favorite for the third year in a row. McKendree finished the NCAA season as the 2018 NCAA National Runner-Up, and received all 34 first place votes. McKendree will be returning the reigning NTCA DII/III Player of the Year, Breanna Clemmer and All-NTCA selections Lauren Pate and Taylor Bailey.

After winning the East Coast Conference and competing at its first NCAA National Championship, Lincoln Memorial looks to have another stellar year. The Rail Splitters are returning six significant contributors from last season including DII/DIII Rookie of the year Justine Brookover.

Adelphi University comes in at No. 3. Skylar McGarrity an ECC All-Conference selection will lead the young Panther team, which consist of two juniors, one sophomore and five freshman.

Coming in at No. 4, are the Jennies of Central Missouri. Central Missouri will be returning six significant contributors from last year's squad. Members include MIAA Rookie of the Year Paytnn Kuhns and first team All-MIAA selection Katey Furze. The Jennies finished second to McKendree at the MIAA Conference Championship

The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater rounds out the top five. The Warhawks are the highest ranked Division III program in the preseason poll. They will be returning six players with significant playing time from last season including Emma Kuhn and Mary Conneely who both earned All-Tournament Team honors.

NCAA bowling competes as a National Collegiate sport, in which all three divisions compete for one National Championship. NEW THIS YEAR: The national committee will select 12 teams during the selection process. Eight conferences will receive automatic qualifiers (AMCC, CIAA, ECC, MIAA, MEAC, NEC, Southland, SWAC) and four teams will receive at-large bids. Four teams will be seeded into the Championship bracket, while the eight remaining teams will compete in four play-in matches. The winners of these matches will then be seeding into the eight-team championship bracket. The 2019 National Championship will be held April 11-13 at Game of Wickliffe in Cleveland, OH.



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	<u>No. 1 Votes</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Adjusted Points</u>	<u>Previously Ranked</u>
1 McKendree University, <i>Lebanon, IL</i>	34	II	704	1
2 Lincoln Memorial University, <i>Harrogate, TN</i>		II	550	3
3 Adelphi University, <i>Garden City, NY</i>		II	504	2
4 University of Central Missouri, <i>Warrensburg, MO</i>		II	478	4
5 University of Wisconsin, <i>Whitewater, WI</i>		III	433	5
6 Maryville University, <i>St. Louis, MO</i>		II	362	8
7 Kutztown University, <i>Kutztown, PA</i>		II	318	6
8 Caldwell University, <i>Caldwell, NJ</i>		II	229	9
9 Felician University, <i>Lodi, NJ</i>		II	185	10
10 Drury University, <i>Springfield, MO</i>		II	154	11
11 Medaille College, <i>Buffalo, NY</i>		III	117	14
Fayetteville State University, <i>Fayetteville, NC</i>		II	117	12
13 Bowie State University, <i>Bowie, MD</i>		II	98	13
14 Mount Aloysius College, <i>Cresson, PA</i>		III	86	15
15 Chestnut Hill College, <i>Philadelphia, PA</i>		II	35	NR

**Also receiving points:**

Wilmington University, *New Castle, DE*; Molloy College, *Rockville Center, NY*; Lincoln University Missouri, *Jefferson City MO*; Elmhurst College; *Elmhurst, IL*

Point system: NTCA voters rank the top 15 Division II and Division III teams on their ballot. Each position has a designated point value, ranging from 22 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 = 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