



National Tenpin Coaches Association 2026-27 Pre-Season DII & DIII Coaches Poll

NEWMAN EDGES MARYVILLE FOR DII/DIII TOP SPOT

OCTOBER 1, 2026---Newman University edged fellow Great Lakes Valley Conference power Maryville for the top spot in the National Ten Pin Coaches Association pre-season poll.

The Jets were the GLVC champions last spring and return 12 roster members from the title squad. Claire Jacobson, an NTCA honorable mention All-America in 2025-26 returns as a team leader. Newman garnered 16 first-place poll votes.

Second place Maryville has become a fixture in the national rankings, reaching the NCAA Regionals for four consecutive years. The Saints, who had 18 first-place votes, were finalists at the 2026 Rochester Regional after finishing their regular season as the GLVC runner-up. Replacing Elizabeth Teuber, a two-time GLVC Player of the Year will be a must in order to keep the streaks alive.

Following Maryville in the polling is McKendree, which had three first-place votes and Saint Vincent, with one first-place vote.

Central Missouri came in fifth with Oklahoma Christian, Kutztown, Dominican, Felician and William Smith completing the DII/DIII Top 10.

Rank	School, Location, Conference Affiliation	1st Place Votes	Point Total	Previous Rank
1	Newman University, <i>Wichita, KS</i> (GLVC)	16	764	2
2	Maryville University, <i>St. Louis, MO</i> (GLVC)	18	659	1
3	McKendree University, <i>Lebanon, IL</i> (GLVC)	3	614	3
4	Saint Vincent College, <i>Latrobe, PA</i> (AMCC)	1	269	4
5	University of Central Missouri, <i>Warrensburg, MO</i> (GLVC)		266	5
6	Oklahoma Christian University, <i>Oklahoma City, OK</i> (GLVC)		74	9
7	Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, <i>Kutztown, PA</i> (ECC)		68	7
8	Dominican University New York, <i>Orangeburg, NY</i> (CACC)		64	6
9	Felician University, <i>Rutherford, NJ</i> (CACC)		60	NR
10	William Smith College, <i>Geneva, NY</i> (AMCC)		57	NR

Also Receiving Votes: Carroll University, University of Wisconsin -Whitewater, Belmont Abbey College, and Emmanuel 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. This release is a ranking of those Division II and Division III programs ranked in the National Collegiate poll.

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.