



National Association of Basketball Coaches NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Rankings

2023-24 Rankings – Oct. 31, 2023 (Pre-Season Poll)

Despite falling in the regional semifinals last year in its quest to win a fourth straight national championships, Northwest Missouri State is the pick as the top-ranked team in the 2023-24 NABC/Division II pre-season rankings. The Bearcats received 10 first place votes to finish ahead of defending national champion Nova Southeastern, who got five of the other six and is ranked second in the poll. National finalist West Liberty, Indiana (Pa.) and Indianapolis – who got the other first place vote – round out the top five.

All eight teams in last year's Elite Eight received recognition in the pre-season rankings, with six of them ranked in the Top 25 (No. 1 Nova Southeastern, No. 3 West Liberty, No. 6 Lincoln Memorial, No. 12 Minnesota Duluth, Nov. 13 Cal State San Bernardino and No. 17 Black Hills State; Missouri-St. Louis and New Haven received votes). The season gets underway this weekend with events being hosted by Florida Southern and Lubbock Christian; the two events will include a combined seven teams in the pre-season Top 25.

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| | Record | Points | Previous | Season Opener |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1. Northwest Missouri State (10) | 31-3 | 385 | 2 | Nov. 10 vs. #21 Northern State |
| 2. Nova Southeastern, Fla. (5) | 36-0 | 352 | 1 | Nov. 10 vs. Montevallo |
| 3. West Liberty, W. Va. | 33-4 | 333 | 5 | Nov. 10 vs. Shippensburg |
| 4. Indiana, Pa. | 32-2 | 315 | 3 | Nov. 10 vs. Concord |
| 5. Indianapolis, Ind. (1) | 26-5 | 312 | 9 | Nov 10 vs. Wisconsin-Parkside |
| 6. Lincoln Memorial, Tenn. | 30-5 | 300 | 12 | Nov. 3 at Lubbock Christian |
| 7. West Texas A&M | 27-7 | 273 | 13 | Nov. 3 vs. Illinois Springfield |
| 8. UNC Pembroke | 26-4 | 269 | 8 | Nov. 4 vs. #20 Emporia State |
| 9. Central Oklahoma | 26-6 | 214 | 11 | Nov. 4 vs. #25 Mercyhurst |
| 10. Augusta, Ga. | 27-6 | 211 | 10 | Nov. 10 vs. Mount Olive |
| 11. Point Loma, Calif. | 29-4 | 200 | 4 | Nov. 10 vs. Stanislaus State |
| 12. Minnesota Duluth | 26-10 | 195 | NR | Nov. 10 vs. Oklahoma Baptist |
| 13. Cal State San Bernardino | 31-4 | 159 | 6 | Nov. 10 vs. Western Oregon |
| 14. Colorado Mesa | 25-6 | 150 | 20 | Nov. 10 vs. DBU |
| 15. Fort Lewis, Colo. | 29-4 | 141 | 7 | Nov. 10 vs. #19 Angelo State |
| 16. Bentley, Mass. | 23-7 | 134 | 25 | Nov. 4 vs. #18 Colorado School of Mines |
| 17. Black Hills State, S.D. | 29-6 | 122 | 21 | Nov. 10 vs. Oklahoma Christian |
| 18. Colorado School of Mines | 26-6 | 100 | 14 | Nov. 4 vs. #16 Bentley |
| 19. Angelo State, Texas | 26-7 | 93 | 23 | Nov. 10 vs. #15 Fort Lewis |
| 20. Emporia State, Kan. | 23-9 | 89 | NR | Nov. 4 vs. #8 UNC Pembroke |
| 21. Northern State, S.D. | 24-7 | 84 | 18 | Nov. 10 vs. #1 Northwest Missouri State |
| 22. Chico State, Calif. | 13-16 | 82 | NR | Nov. 10 vs. Azusa Pacific |
| 23. Alabama Huntsville | 27-8 | 78 | NR | Nov. 10 at Barry |
| 24. West Alabama | 27-6 | 65 | 17 | Nov. 10 vs. Central State |
| 25. Mercyhurst, Pa. | 25-6 | 61 | 16 | Nov. 4 vs. #9 Central Oklahoma |

Others receiving votes: Saint Martin's (Wash.) 49, St. Thomas Aquinas (N.Y.) 41, Virginia Union 40, USC Aiken 38, North Georgia 37, Southeastern Oklahoma State 21, Azusa Pacific (Calif.) 20, Florida Southern 20, Southern Nazarene (Okl.) 20, Minnesota State 20, Fairmont State (W.Va.) 15, Fayetteville State (N.C.) 15, Ferris State (Mich.) 15, Ashland (Ohio) 12, Missouri-St. Louis 12, Emmanuel (Ga.) 11, Northern Michigan 10, Saint Anselm (N.H.) 10, Saint Leo (Fla.) 10, Daemen (N.Y.) 9, Fort Hays State (Kan.) 9, Embry-Riddle (Fla.) 8, Catawba (N.C.) 7, MSU Moorhead 7, McKendree (Ill.) 6, Miles (Ala.) 5, New Haven (Conn.) 4, Academy of Art (Calif.) 3, Claflin (S.C.) 3, Walsh (Ohio) 3, Illinois Springfield 2, Hillsdale (Mich.) 1.

Records are final from 2022-23 season. Previous ranking was from final ranking of the 2022-23 season.