



National Association of Basketball Coaches NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Rankings December 15, 2020 (Regular Season Poll #2)

	Record	Points	Last
1. Northwest Missouri State	3-0	400	1
2. Lincoln Memorial (Tenn.)	3-0	383	2
3. West Texas A&M	0-0	366	3
4. West Liberty (W.Va.)	0-0	324	6
5. Colorado School of Mines	4-0	319	8
6. Northern State (S.D.)	0-0	305	7
7. St. Thomas Aquinas (N.Y.)	0-0	284	9
8. Azusa Pacific (Calif.)	0-0	268	10
9. Valdosta State (Ga.)	1-0	245	16
10. Washburn (Kan.)	5-0	237	17
11. St. Edward's (Texas)	2-0	229	18
12. Truman State (Mo.)	4-0	213	18
13. Augustana (S.D.)	0-0	207	13
14. Point Loma (Calif.)	0-0	177	14
15. Findlay (Ohio)	3-0	162	24
16. Augusta (Ga.)	2-0	157	23
17. Colorado Mesa	4-0	149	22
18. Fairmont State (W.Va.)	0-0	109	19
19. Missouri Western	4-0	97	NR
20. Queens (N.C.)	2-2	89	20
21. Mercyhurst (Pa.)	2-0	81	NR
22. Alabama Huntsville	0-1	76	11
23. Charleston (W.Va.)	0-0	59	21
24. Sioux Falls (S.D.)	0-0	50	25
25. Missouri-St. Louis	2-1	47	NR

Records through Sunday, Dec. 13, 2020.
Last ranking is from poll of Dec. 8, 2020.

First place votes – Northwest Missouri State (16).

Others receiving votes: Tusculum (Tenn.) 36, DBU (Texas) 25, Saint Anselm (N.H.) 22, Seattle Pacific (Wash.) 15, UNC Pembroke 15, Union (Tenn.) 12, Daemen (N.Y.) 8, Emporia State (Kan.) 8, Texas A&M-Kingsville 6, Hillsdale (Mich.) 5, Biola (Calif.) 3, Wingate (N.C.) 3, Fort Lewis (Colo.) 2, Lubbock Christian (Texas) 2, Minnesota State 2, Southern Indiana 2, Wingate (N.C.) 2, Southern Nazarene (Okla.) 1, Stonehill (Mass.) 1.

Dropped out: Florida Southern (4), Nova Southeastern (5), Ferris State (12).

Weekly Poll Notes:

Northwest Missouri State retains the top spot in the latest NABC/Division II regular season rankings as the top three teams in the first poll held their positions. The Bearcats had their only scheduled game last week – against a Missouri Western team now in the top 25 at No. 19 – postponed and will resume play on the final day of the calendar year.

No. 2-ranked Lincoln Memorial also had a game postponed against Queens (N.C.), but picked up a game and a win over a top 25 team by beating then-No. 11 Alabama Huntsville Sunday to improve to 3-0. Meanwhile, No. 3 West Texas A&M was unable to open its season as scheduled and will now begin Wednesday when it hosts Texas A&M-Commerce in a non-conference tilt.

Last week, the President's Council in the Sunshine State Conference announced that its institutions will not begin their basketball seasons until at least Feb. 15 and not take part in the NCAA Division II Tournament. As a result, all of the SSC schools will not be included in the rankings for the balance of the 2020-21 season. Last week's poll had Florida Southern and Nova Southeastern ranked in the fourth and fifth spots, respectively.

As a result, West Liberty – who begins its season on Jan. 7 – moved up to fourth and Colorado School of Mines, who is off to a 4-0 start, is at No. 5.

Besides Missouri Western, Mercyhurst joins the rankings for the first time at No. 21 after posting a pair of impressive wins over then-No. 12 Ferris State over the weekend. Missouri-St. Louis, who was ranked in the pre-season top 25 but fell out after a loss to Truman State, returns to the poll following a road victory on Saturday over Rockhurst.

A total of nine conferences have multiple teams in the pre-season top 25 and three of them – the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, Mountain East Conference and Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference – have three representatives apiece.