



## National Association of Basketball Coaches NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Rankings December 28, 2021 (Regular Season Poll #5)

|                             | Record | Points | Last |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|------|
| 1. Lubbock Christian, Texas | 12-0   | 397    | 1    |
| 2. Northwest Missouri State | 11-1   | 387    | 2    |
| 3. West Texas A&M           | 13-1   | 360    | 4    |
| 4. Nova Southeastern, Fla.  | 10-0   | 352    | 5    |
| 5. Chico State, Calif.      | 9-0    | 336    | 7    |
| 6. Cal State San Bernardino | 10-1   | 288    | 12   |
| 7. Mercyhurst, Pa.          | 10-1   | 285    | 3    |
| 8. West Liberty, W.Va.      | 10-1   | 280    | 9    |
| 9. Minnesota Duluth         | 13-0   | 269    | 17   |
| 10. Indiana, Pa.            | 9-1    | 263    | 6    |
| 11. Cal State San Marcos    | 9-0    | 233    | 15   |
| 12. Augusta, Ga.            | 9-1    | 200    | 8    |
| 13. Upper Iowa              | 12-1   | 183    | 24   |
| 14. Dominican, N.Y.         | 9-1    | 170    | 18   |
| 15. Barry, Fla.             | 8-1    | 160    | 19   |
| 16. Queens, N.C.            | 11-2   | 152    | 21   |
| 17. Lincoln Memorial, Tenn. | 9-2    | 143    | 10   |
| 18. Embry-Riddle, Fla.      | 11-2   | 116    | 11   |
| 19. Truman State, Mo.       | 7-2    | 90     | 20   |
| 20. Regis, Colo.            | 10-1   | 85     | NR   |
| 21. Hillsdale, Mich.        | 9-2    | 78     | 13   |
| 22. West Florida            | 11-1   | 59     | NR   |
| 23. Ferris State, Mich.     | 9-2    | 54     | 16   |
| 24. Fairmont State, W.Va.   | 9-2    | 50     | 14   |
| 25. Georgia College         | 9-1    | 44     | NR   |

Records through games of Dec. 20, 2021.

Last ranking is from Dec. 14, 2021 poll.

**First place votes** – Lubbock Christian (13), Northwest Missouri State (3).

**Others receiving votes:** UNC Pembroke 36, Flagler (Fla.) 35, Augustana (S.D.) 17, Central Oklahoma 11, Texas A&M-Commerce 10, Angelo State (Texas) 8, Columbus State (Ga.) 8, Fort Hays State (Kan.) 8, Southeastern Oklahoma State 8, Texas-Tyler 6, Bentley (Mass.) 5, Southwest Baptist (Mo.) 5, Grand Valley State (Mich.) 4, Union (Tenn.) 3, Emporia State (Kan.) 1.

**Dropped out:** Grand Valley State (22), Augustana (23), Union (25).

### Weekly Poll Notes:

A new year will begin this weekend, but play in NCAA Division II will resume a few days ahead of that with Lubbock Christian and Northwest Missouri State still leading the way in the final NABC/Division II men's basketball poll of the 2021 calendar year.

As teams are returning to their campuses after the NCAA Division II winter break, Lubbock Christian won three games in the final week before that break to hold into the top spot for the fifth consecutive week, Northwest stayed at No. 2 after winning twice in the final week prior to the holiday break.

The first change came at No. 3, where Mercyhurst lost for the first time this season to allow West Texas A&M to move up to third. Nova Southeastern also moved ahead to fourth in the new poll and Chico State rose two spots to fifth, as then-No. 6 Indiana (Pa.) also suffered its first setback in the final week prior to Christmas.

Lubbock Christian, Nova Southeastern and Chico State make up three of the five remaining undefeated teams at the NCAA Division II level. The others are Minnesota Duluth, who broke into the top 10 this week at No. 9 and Cal State San Marcos, who came in at No. 11.

Two conferences – the California Collegiate Athletic Association and Sunshine State Conference – have three teams representing their leagues in the latest poll. Chico State, Cal State San Marcos and No. 6 Cal State San Bernardino are in from the CCAA, while Nova Southeastern, No. 15 Barry and No. 18 Embry-Riddle are the SSC's representatives this week.

The CCAA is also one of three conferences with two teams among the top 10 along with the Lone Star Conference and Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.