



# National Association of Basketball Coaches

## NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Rankings

### November 17, 2020 (Pre-Season Poll)

	Record	Points	Last
1. Northwest Missouri State	31-1	400	1
2. Lincoln Memorial (Tenn.)	32-1	367	2
3. West Texas A&M	32-1	366	3
4. Indiana (Pa.)	28-2	318	6
5. Florida Southern	29-2	309	5
6. Nova Southeastern (Fla.)	23-6	295	20
7. West Liberty (W.Va.)	27-4	282	7
8. Northern State (S.D.)	26-6	255	17
9. Missouri-St. Louis	27-6	240	19
10. Queens (N.C.)	24-7	223	23
11. Azusa Pacific (Calif.)	25-4	195	8
12. St. Thomas Aquinas (N.Y.)	25-5	190	11
13. Colorado School of Mines	22-10	177	NR
14. Alabama Huntsville	26-5	165	12
15. Ferris State (Mich.)	27-6	152	16
16. Point Loma (Calif.)	24-6	137	24
17. Augustana (S.D.)	19-11	127	NR
18. St. Edward's (Texas)	27-4	264	9
19. Valdosta State (Ga.)	26-4	245	10
20. Fairmont State (W.Va.)	23-7	91	NR
21. Missouri Southern	23-8	84	21
22. Charleston (W.Va.)	25-6	80	NR
23. Sioux Falls (S.D.)	22-8	78	NR
24. Bridgeport (Conn.)	24-4	50	13
25. Southern Indiana	22-8	47	NR

Records final from 2020-21 season.

Last ranking is from final poll of 2020-21 season.

**First place votes** – Northwest Missouri State (16).

**Others receiving votes:** Augusta (Ga.) 37, Truman State (Mo.) 33, Saint Anselm (N.H.) 25, Southern Nazarene (Okla.) 25, Chico State (Calif.) 24, Findlay (Ohio) 24, Seattle Pacific (Wash.) 22, UNC Pembroke 22, Angelo State (Texas) 20, Indianapolis (Ind.) 17, Mercyhurst (Pa.) 16, Lubbock Christian (Texas) 13, Miles (Ala.) 13, Washburn (Kan.) 12, DBU (Texas) 11, Jefferson (Pa.) 9, Shippensburg (Pa.) 9, Biola (Calif.) 7, Cal Poly Pomona 6, Black Hills State (S.D.) 4, Western Oregon 4, Minnesota State 3, Concordia (Calif.) 2, Colorado Mesa 2, Daemen (N.Y.) 2, Stonehill (Mass.) 2, Union (Tenn.) 2, Embry-Riddle (Fla.) 1, Fort Lewis (Colo.) 1, Rogers State (Okla.) 1, Walsh (Ohio) 1.

#### Weekly Poll Notes:

Northwest Missouri State, the top-ranked team at the end of the 2019-20 season, will open the 2020-21 season atop the NABC/Division II national rankings.. The Bearcats closed last season with 23 consecutive wins and won the most recent national championship when the tournament was conducted in 2019. Northwest not only enters the season with a 23-game winning streak, but has gone 69-1 over the past two seasons.

Northwest's 23-game streak is tied for the second-longest active streak in NCAA Division II with West Texas A&M, who is ranked third in the pre-season poll. In between Northwest and West Texas A&M is Lincoln Memorial, who won 32 in a row after a season-opening loss last year.

Indiana (Pa.) and Florida Southern – who won its last 17 games last season – round out the top five in the pre-season poll. Florida Southern is a spot ahead of Nova Southeastern, giving the Sunshine State Conference two teams in the top ten along with the South Atlantic Conference, as Lincoln Memorial and Queens (N.C.) represent that conference.

A total of 10 conferences have multiple teams in the pre-season top 25. The Mountain East Conference has three teams in No. 7 West Liberty, No. 20 Fairmont State and No. 22 Charleston, while the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference is represented by No. 8 Northern State, No. 17 Augustana and No. 23 Sioux Falls.

Due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, a number of conferences in NCAA Division II will not begin their seasons until after the 2020 calendar year concludes. That list does include several teams that were named in the pre-season rankings.

That said, the 2020-21 season will get underway this weekend, which will include No. 1 Northwest Missouri State facing Rogers State (who received votes) and No. 2 Lincoln Memorial hosting Newberry on Saturday. Two more top 10 teams – No. 9 Missouri-St. Louis and No. 10 Queens (N.C.) – are scheduled to start their campaigns next week.