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WGCA COACHES POLL RANKINGS ANNOUNCED

FRISCO, Texas (September 25, 2026) – The Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) has announced the results of the WGCA Coaches Poll. This is the first poll of the 2026 Fall Season.

In Division I, **Wake Forest University** received 13 first-place votes and is No. 1 in the poll. The Demon Deacons have started the fall season strong with a win at the ANNIKA Intercollegiate presented by 3M and the Jackson T. Stephens Cup – Stroke Play. **University of Southern California** locks down the second spot in the poll with a second-place finish at the ANNIKA Intercollegiate presented by 3M and a win at the Golfweek Red Sky Classic. The Trojans received two first-place votes. The **University of Florida** Gators are No. 3 in the poll, following a win at the Cougar Classic and a tied second-place finish at the Mason Rudolph Women's Championship. At No. 4 in the poll, the **University of Oregon** had a third-place finish at the ANNIKA Intercollegiate presented by 3M and a third-place finish at the Jackson T. Stephens Cup – Stroke Play, advancing the Ducks to the Match Play portion of the event. **Auburn University** sits in the fifth spot in the poll, after finishing fourth at the ANNIKA Intercollegiate presented by 3M and a runner-up finish at the Canadian Collegiate Invitational.

Dallas Baptist University sits at the top of the Division II poll. The Patriots received 19 first-place votes and won their first event of the year, the WinStar Invitational. **University of Findlay** secures the second spot in the poll, with a sixth-place finish in the Mary Fossum Invitational. **Anderson University (SC)** sits at No. 3 in the poll with a runner-up finish at the 2026 Savannah Lakes Women's Invitational. **Barry University** climbs into the fourth spot in the poll, following a win at the 2026 Eckerd Invitational. Rounding out the poll, the **University of North Georgia** is at No. 5 with a second-place finish at The City with Spirit Fall Classic and a win at the 2026 Savannah Lakes Women's Invitational.

In Division III, **Emory University** received 16 first-place votes and sits at the top of the poll, following two wins and a tie at the UAA Championship. **Carnegie Mellon University** received three first-place votes and secured the second spot in the poll. The Tartans had one win, one loss, and a tie at the UAA Championship, as well as a win at the Guy & Jeanne Kuhn Memorial Invitational. **New York University** had one first-place vote and holds steady at No. 3 in the poll, following a win at the St. Lawrence University Fall Invitational. **Washington University in St. Louis** is fourth in the poll, after a win at the Lynn Schweizer Invitational. **Middlebury College** climbs into the fifth spot and rounds out the poll, with two wins to start the season (Polar Bear Shootout and George Phinney Jr. Classic Intercollegiate Golf Invitational).

At the NAIA level, **SCAD** sits atop the poll and received eight first-place votes. The Bees won the Wildcat Fall Invitational at Purdue and The Battle @ Black Diamond. **Keiser University** is No. 2 in the poll and received two first-place votes, after a win at the PDI Shootout and a T4 finish at the 2026 Eckerd Invitational. **Dalton State College** is third in the poll, following a win at the 2026 Eagle's Open, a third-place finish at the Wildcat Fall Invitational at Purdue, and a tied runner-up finish at the Carey Collegiate.

DIVISION I WGCA COACHES POLL

Rank	University (First Place Votes)	Points
1	Wake Forest University (13)	366
2	University of Southern California (2)	358
3	University of Florida	317
4	University of Oregon	282
5	Auburn University	265
6	University of South Carolina (1)	248
7	Texas A&M University	245
8	University of Virginia	240
9	Iowa State University	236
10	University of Texas	205
11	Stanford University	190
12	University of Arkansas, Fayetteville	185
13	University of Miami (Florida)	182
14	University of California, Los Angeles	179
15	Duke University	168
16	University of Tennessee	153
17	Florida State University	132
18	Arizona State University	127
19	Mississippi State University	121
20	University of Mississippi	113
21	Vanderbilt University	98
22	Pepperdine University	86
T23	Eastern Michigan University	56
T23	University of Arizona	56
25	Oklahoma State University	40
Other Receiving Votes: Baylor University (38); University of North Carolina (32); University of Oklahoma (30); Louisiana State University (26); Northwestern University (20); University of Central Florida (19); Southern Methodist University (12); Texas Christian University (12); University of Kansas (8); University of Alabama (8); University of Kentucky (6); The Ohio State University (5); Virginia Tech (3); Purdue University (1)		

DIVISION II WGCA COACHES POLL

Rank	University (First Place Votes)	Points
1	Dallas Baptist University (19)	475
2	University of Findlay	417
3	Anderson University – SC	401
4	Barry University	367
5	University of North Georgia	341
6	Cal State San Marcos	333
7	Lincoln Memorial University	319
8	Lander University	282
9	Flagler College	266
10	Lee University	263
11	St. Mary's University Texas	254
12	Wingate University	252
13	Nova Southeastern University	249
14	University of Tampa	237

15	University of Texas at Tyler	187
16	Grand Valley State University	182
17	Lynn University	175
18	Rollins College	145
19	West Texas A&M University	122
T20	Saint Leo University	119
T20	California State U, Los Angeles	119
22	Florida Southern College	113
23	Midwestern State University	87
24	Erskine College	86
25	University of Indianapolis	72
Other Receiving Votes: Eckerd College (53); University of Missouri – St. Louis (41), Point Loma Nazarene (41); Rogers State University (21); Southwestern Oklahoma State (18); Ferris State University (15); Arkansas Tech University (15); Palm Beach Atlantic University (14); University of Central Missouri (14); Washburn University (8); Colorado State University Pueblo (7); California State U – East Bay (6); University of Central Oklahoma (6); Lenoir-Rhyne University (4); Carson-Newman University (1)		

DIVISION III WGCA COACHES POLL

Rank	University (First Place Votes)	Points
1	Emory University (16)	494
2	Carnegie Mellon University (3)	478
3	New York University (1)	448
4	Washington University in St. Louis	400
5	Middlebury College	392
6	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges	388
7	Amherst College	360
8	Williams College	356
9	Pomona-Pitzer	340
10	Washington and Lee University	303
11	Hamilton College	283
T12	Randolph-Macon College	254
T12	Bowdoin College	254
14	Wellesley College	198
15	University of Mary Hardin-Baylor	178
16	University of Redlands	161
17	Wesleyan University	159
18	Illinois Wesleyan University	140
19	University of California, Santa Cruz	131
20	University of the South	122
21	Babson College	121
22	Trinity University (Texas)	118
23	Grinnell College	109
24	Carleton College	89
25	Denison University	68
Other Receiving Votes: University of Wisconsin – Stout (48); Huntingdon College (31); Macalester College (29); George Fox University (24); University of Dubuque (9); St. Catherine University (6); Christopher Newman University (4); DePauw University (3); Aurora University (2)		

NAIA WGCA COACHES POLL

Rank	University (First Place Votes)	Points
1	SCAD (8)	97
2	Keiser University (2)	92
3	Dalton State College	72
4	Marian University – IN	56
5	Indiana Wesleyan University	53
6	Lindsey Wilson University	50
7	William Carey University	44
8	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University – AZ	28
T9	University of the Cumberlands	18
T9	Texas Wesleyan University	18
Other Receiving Votes: Cumberland University (16); Loyola University (2); Ottawa University – Arizona (2); Truett McConnell University (1); Taylor University (1)		

The second WGCA Coaches Poll will be announced on Friday, October 23rd, 2026.

About the Women's Golf Coaches Association

The Women's Golf Coaches Association, founded in 1983, is a non-profit organization representing women's collegiate golf coaches. The WGCA was formed to encourage women's college golf in support of education and in accordance with the highest tradition of intercollegiate competition. Today, the WGCA represents over 750 coaches throughout the U.S. and is dedicated to educating, promoting and recognizing both its members and the student-athletes they represent.

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