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Tucker Center Releases 11th Annual Report Card on Women in College Coaching

August 1, 2023 – The Tucker Center for Research on Girls & Women in Sport at the University of Minnesota released its annual Women in College Coaching Report Card (WCCRC) in collaboration with WeCOACH. The report documents the percentage of women in all coaching positions for women’s teams within seven select NCAA Division I conferences (Big Ten, Big East, Big 12, Pac-12, American, ACC, SEC).

Data in the 11th year of the WCCRC points to some ‘firsts’ and some good news!

Based on the numbers, we are cautiously optimistic that the stagnation era is over and we are entering a new era for intercollegiate Division I women sport coaches at the most visible, powerful institutions—**Slow and Steady Incline!**

- The percentage of women head coaches of NCAA D-I women's teams in seven select conferences is **up again for the ninth year in a row**.
- The percentage of women head coaches increased by the **largest margin** (2.3%) in the history of the Report Card, and 2022 marked the second greatest increase (1.2%).
- For the **first time** more institutions earned an A grade than a F grade! In fact, there were **3x more As than Fs!** For the last ten years, the number of F grades far outnumbered the As.
- This year recorded the **greatest number** (n = 10) of institutional A grades, 2021-22 recorded seven As.
- University of Cincinnati has earned an A grade *every year* of the report.
- For the **second time in ten years and for two years in a row**, a majority of positional vacancies (58.1%) were **filled by women**.
- For the **first time**, a majority (65%, 15 of 23) of BIPOC coaches hired were women of color.
- The percentage of women coaches of color **increased** from 5.7% in 2022 to 6.2% this year.
- This year marks the **first time** all select seven conferences increased in the percentage of women head coaches.
- Basketball the most lucrative, visible and popular women's intercollegiate sport moved up to an A grade for the **first time**.

To see the full report and which institutions, sports and conferences get passing and failing grades go to [TuckerCenter.org](https://www.tuckercenter.org)

About the The Tucker Center for Research on Girls & Women in Sport

The Tucker Center for Research on Girls & Women in Sport at the University of Minnesota is the first interdisciplinary research center leading a global effort to accelerate change for girls and women in sport

About WeCOACH

Founded in 2011, WeCOACH is a one-of-a-kind 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to recruiting, advancing, and retaining women coaches in all sports and levels through year-round professional growth & leadership development programs. Prior to Title IX, over 90% of women's collegiate sports teams were coached by women. Today, over 50 years later, the data indicates that number has decreased to 46% in Division I, 41% across all three NCAA Divisions, with only 6.2% women head coaches of color (Division I). Only 5% women coach men's teams. At the youth level, the data is hard to estimate, approximately less than 20% of teams are coached by women. WeCOACH launched MOVE the NUMBERS in 2022 to help change the landscape for women coaches and the student-athletes they lead. If she can see her, she can be her. For more information visit [MOVE the NUMBERS](https://www.move.thenumbers.org).

