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## Tucker Center Releases 12th Annual Report Card on Women in College Coaching

August 16, 2024 – 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 goal of the Women in College Coaching Report CardTM is to document the percentage of women collegiate head coaches of women's teams by gender and race over time. Data matters! Based on the numbers this year the new era of STEADY INCLINE for intercollegiate Division-I women sport coaches at the most visible, powerful institutions is firmly in place.

## Data in the 12th year of the WCCRC points to some 'firsts' and some good news!

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- The percentage of women head coaches of NCAA D-I women's teams increased for the seventh year in row and for the TENTH year in a row in the seven select conferences marking a decade of improvement.
- The percentage of women head coaches for the select seven conferences marked the **second greatest increase** (1.4%), building off momentum from the largest gain to date in the 2022-2023 Report Card (2.3% increase).

- The percentage of women head coaches for all NCAA D-I conferences increased by the largest margin (1.9%) in the history of the Report Card.
- For all NCAA D-I conferences
- the most institutional A grades were earned (29 of 362, 8%), and the fewest Fs.
- the **largest number** of sports earned an A grade this year (n = 7).
- University of Cincinnati has earned an A grade every year of the report.
- The percentage of women head coaches hired per year has more than doubled (51.9%) since we started the WCCRC in 2013 (25.8%).
- For **three years in a row**, a majority of positional vacancies in the select seven were filled by women.
- 2023-2024 marked the **highest number** of women coaches of color in the history of the report card (n = 308).
- The percentage of NCAA D-I women coaches of color **increased** from 245 (6.7%) in 2021-22 to 308 (8.3%) in 2023-24.

To see the full report and which institutions, sports and conferences get passing and failing grades go to <a href="mailto:TuckerCenter.org">TuckerCenter.org</a>

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## About 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 41% across all three NCAA Divisions, with only 7% women head coaches of color. 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.