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Horizon League Upgrades Membership with WeCOACH

August 9, 2023 – WeCOACH is pleased to announce the Horizon League has upgraded their membership to a league-wide, unlimited group membership for the 2023-24 academic year. The Horizon League was the first-ever NCAA Division I conference-wide member to join WeCOACH in 2019.

“We are thrilled to expand our WeCOACH partnership and provide unlimited WeCOACH memberships to all our coaches throughout the League,” said Horizon League Senior Associate Commissioner Christine Neuman. “Since we became the first collegiate conference to activate a League-wide membership in 2019, the partnership has provided a tremendous benefit to our coaches and administrators and we look forward to continuing to work together with the organization to support, increase and advance women in coaching.”

The conference-wide membership will be active immediately, allowing each of the league’s 11 institutions to enroll an unlimited number of women coaches to benefit from the year-round programs and resources offered by WeCOACH.

Abbey Sutherland, Green Bay Women’s Volleyball Head Coach/SWA, is a two-time WeCOACH-NCAA Academy graduate (2019 WCA Class #48, 2023 Academy 2.0 Class #6) who had this to say about the impact: “The Horizon League was ahead of the curve in providing us WeCOACH memberships, and they’re continuing to get it right. It’s inspiring that they have a woman commissioner—we see her and we can be her! Thank you to the Horizon League for directly contributing to my growth as a coach and a person. The Academy 2.0 experience filled my cup in so many ways. I left feeling loved, confident, and I am fired up to support other women coaches in any way that I can.”

“Members from the Horizon League are some of our most highly engaged so we look forward to making even more impact across their league through this upgraded membership,” said Vanessa Fuchs, CEO of WeCOACH. “They were our first conference-wide member, and their league’s leadership continues to model the way for what support looks like for women in sport.”

To learn more about WeCOACH membership options, including group memberships, visit <https://wecoachsports.org/membership/membership-options/>, or email memberships@wecoachsports.org.

ABOUT THE HORIZON LEAGUE

The Horizon League is an NCAA Division I athletics conference comprised of 11 member institutions located throughout the Midwest’s major metropolitan cities. Headquartered in Indianapolis, the League and its members strive to be highly competitive athletically while committing to the total development of its student-athletes and creating a lasting impact on campus and in the community. For more information, visit [HorizonLeague.org](https://horizonleague.org).

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://wecoachsports.org/move-the-numbers).