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WeCOACH Announces New Conference-Wide Membership with the Northeast Conference

August 16, 2023 – WeCOACH and the Northeast Conference (NEC) are pleased to announce a new conference-wide unlimited group membership. While NEC schools have been institutional members over the years, this is the first time the NEC is joining WeCOACH as a conference-wide member.

"The NEC is committed to the empowerment and support of women coaches, and we are excited to join forces with WeCOACH. This collaboration aligns perfectly with our values of fostering diversity and inclusion within the athletic community, and we look forward to the positive impact it will have on the recruitment, advancement and retention of women coaches in the NEC," said NEC Commissioner Noreen Morris.

The conference-wide membership will be active immediately, allowing each of the conference's nine institutions to enroll an unlimited number of women coaches to benefit from the year-round programs and resources offered by WeCOACH, including several new programs and initiatives that will be unveiled this fall.

"The recently released Women in Coaching Report Card from the Tucker Center for Research on Girls & Women in Sport indicates we are entering a new era of steady incline, and with partnerships like this with the NEC we are convinced boys, girls, men, and women, in sport will benefit from having more strong women coach leaders to serve as their role models and mentors," said Vanessa Fuchs, CEO of WeCOACH. "Thank you to Commissioner Noreen Morris and the entire NEC leadership for helping to MOVE the NUMBERS to support and increase women in coaching."

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

About the Northeast Conference

Now in its 43rd season, the Northeast Conference is an NCAA Division I collegiate athletic association consisting of nine institutions of higher learning located throughout five states. Media coverage of the NEC extends to a number of the largest markets in the United States including New York (#1), Boston (#9), Hartford/New Haven (#34) and Syracuse (#85). Founded in 1981 as the basketball-only ECAC Metro Conference, the NEC has grown to sponsor 24 championship sports for men and women and now enjoys automatic access to 15 different NCAA Championships. NEC member institutions include Central Connecticut, FDU, Le Moyne, LIU, Merrimack, Sacred Heart, Saint Francis U, Stonehill and Wagner. For more information on the NEC, visit the league's official website www.northeastconference.org and digital network (www.necfrontrow.com), or follow the league on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, Instagram and TikTok, all @NECsports.

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](#).