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WeCOACH Announces New League-Wide Membership with The Summit League

August 31, 2023 – WeCOACH and The Summit League are pleased to announce a new league-wide membership for the 2023-24 academic year. The membership is active immediately, allowing each of the league’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.

“We are excited for the Summit League’s women coaches to benefit from this partnership with WeCOACH,” said Commissioner Josh Fenton. “The programming, resources and overall community created by Vanessa (Fuchs) and her team have already been a tremendous asset to many across the country and I’m thrilled our group will have access to those same opportunities.”

A one-of-a-kind nonprofit organization with the mission to recruit, advance and retain women coaches in all sports and levels, WeCOACH offers year-round professional growth and leadership programs to help navigate the challenges and obstacles women coaches face to stay in, feel supported, and advance in the coaching profession. Summit League women coaches will have access to premier programs such as the WeCOACH-NCAA Women Coaches Academy & Academy 2.0, Regional Workshops, Mentor Program, monthly Video Chats, WeAMPLIFY (women of color initiative), and more.

“The data demonstrates greater investment in women coaches is necessary to support their advancement and retention in the coaching profession. Many thanks to Commissioner Fenton and The Summit League leadership for their commitment to invest in professional growth opportunities to elevate their member coaches. Together, we will MOVE the NUMBERS to support and increase women in coaching,” said Vanessa Fuchs, CEO of WeCOACH.

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

ABOUT THE SUMMIT LEAGUE

Headquartered in Sioux Falls, S.D., The Summit League is embarking on its 42nd year at the NCAA Division I level and offers 19 championship sports. The League's nine institutions have a combined enrollment of nearly 100,000 and include five located in top 60 U.S. metropolitan populations and two land-grant universities. Full-time member institutions are the University of Denver, University of Missouri-Kansas City, University of North Dakota, North Dakota State University, University of Nebraska Omaha, Oral Roberts University, University of St. Thomas, University of South Dakota, and South Dakota State University.

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](#).