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# Celebrating Women's History Month: Empowering Women Coaches Through WeCOACH Memberships

March 31, 2025 – As Women's History Month comes to a close, WeCOACH proudly recognizes the organizations and conferences that have championed the advancement of women in coaching by providing WeCOACH memberships, resources, and access to our empowering community of over 18,000+ women coaches (see list below). Their commitment supports year-round professional growth opportunities, fosters leadership, and helps bridge the gender gap in coaching across all sports and levels.

# **Professional Sports Organizations:**

National Football League (NFL) National Hockey League Coaches' Association (NHLCA) Washington Spirit

## **Coaches & Sport Associations:**

Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Association (IWLCA)
National Collegiate Acrobatics & Tumbling Association (NCATA)
US Club Soccer
USTA Missouri Valley
USTA Southern
USTA Texas

## **NCAA Division I Conferences:**

Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Big 12 Conference BIG EAST Conference Big Ten Conference Ivy League

Northeast Conference (NEC)

Pac-12 Conference

Patriot League

Southern Conference (SoCon)

Summit League

## **NCAA Division II Conferences:**

California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA)

Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC)

**Conference Carolinas** 

East Coast Conference (ECC)

Great American Conference (GAC)

Lone Star Conference (LSC)

Mountain East Conference (MEC)

Northeast-10 Conference (NE-10)

The PacWest Conference

Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC)

Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC)

South Atlantic Conference (SAC)

Sunshine State Conference (SSC)

#### NCAA Division III Conferences:

College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW)

Collegiate Conference of the South (CCS)

Conference of New England (CNE)

Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC)

Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC)

Liberty League

Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA)

Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC)

New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC)

New England Women's & Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC)

Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (NACC)

North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC)

Northwest Conference (NWC)

Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC)

Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC)

Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC)

Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC)

State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC)

United East Conference

University Athletic Association (UAA)

# **NAIA Conferences:**

Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC)

# **Community College Associations:**

California Community College Athletic Association (3C2A) Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC)

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## Why Investing in Women Coaches Matters

- Increased Representation Women coaches inspire future generations of female athletes.
- ☑ Diverse Leadership More perspectives enrich decision-making in sports.
- Stronger Athlete Development Representation fosters confidence and growth in athletes.
- ✓ Equity in Sports Addressing the gender gap in coaching is crucial for the future of sports leadership.

WeCOACH celebrates the strides made and looks ahead to continue the progress. We encourage more organizations to invest in women coaches and create lasting change in sports leadership. To learn more about WeCOACH group memberships, email <a href="mailto:memberships@wecoachsports.org">memberships@wecoachsports.org</a>.

Together, we are building a stronger, more equitable future in coaching.

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## **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.