

# REPRESENTATION OF BLACK PEOPLE IN WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

## or rather, the lack thereof

### HIGH BARRIERS TO ENTRY FOR YOUTH

Ice hockey has long been a sport dominated by white people due to high equipment and training costs which can reach up to \$19,000 per year. These expenses alienate people of color who historically have been negatively impacted by the racial wealth gap. With fewer opportunities early on, they are less likely to reach the college level<sup>1</sup>

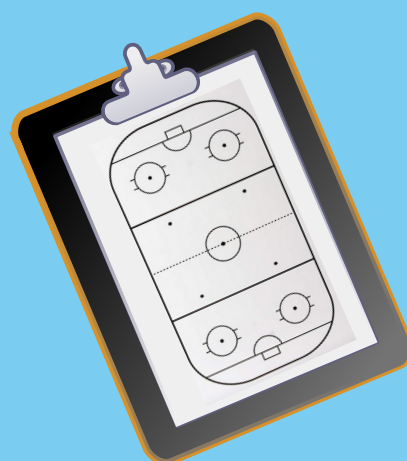


### THE COLLEGE RANKS ARE SEVERELY LACKING

In 2020, Black women hit their peak from 2012-2020... at only 10 total athletes (>0.4% of the total). Over that time, there have only been a total of 61 seasons played by Black women, an average of below seven per year across all divisions in the NCAA<sup>2</sup>

### REPRESENTATION IN COACHING IS WORSE

In the nine NCAA seasons between 2012-2020, there has only been one Black head hockey coach who lasted a lone season in 2013. That is 0.1% of all jobs since 2012. There have also only been three Black assistant coaches in the same timespan, all men, all in 2012<sup>2</sup>



### ZERO BLACK USA OLYMPIANS

Since America's first women's ice hockey appearance six Olympics ago in 1998, there has not been a single Black player or head coach to represent the country<sup>3</sup>

### OUTSIDE OF TORONTO, THE PHF IS STRUGGLING

Several teams have rostered Black women in the past, however, In the 2021-22 season, five out of six teams do not have a single Black player or coach in their organization. The Toronto Six are the only exception with two Black players and one Black assistant coach<sup>4</sup>



### SOURCES:

1. [The NHL Says 'Hockey Is For Everyone.' Black Players Aren't So Sure](#)
2. [NCAA Race/Ethnicity and Gender Demographics Database](#)
3. [All-Time U.S. Women's Olympic Roster](#)
4. [Premier Hockey Federation Official Teams Page](#)