

Report of Survey, continued.

Some suggestions have come in for consideration as possible new rules or modifications of old rules. Here they are:

Time-outs will be two minutes instead of one, substitutions will cancel time-outs.

Five time-outs instead of four, an official will handle the ball after each field goal.

Enforce a three second delay after field goals to give the team now on defensive a chance to get its balance.

Disregard the ten second rule if the defensive team is pressing the offensive team in its back court.

Have the ten second rule operate only after the defensive team has retreated past the center line.

Option of refusing a free throw and taking the ball out of bounds when a player is on the way to score with a "lay-up" shot but is fouled, say ten feet from the basket, subsequently going on and completing his shot successfully. Officials shall not blow a whistle but will merely note the foul as in football, if basket is made ignore the foul, if basket is missed declare the foul. There may be need of a further option still, declining the basket if in enforcing the foul would remove a troublesome player from the game on his fourth personal foul.

These are just some indications of what may come up at the meeting, I may say in conclusion at this time, there seems to be an opinion, rightly founded I believe, that the technique of coaching would cover many adjustments needed in the new game. A change of pace is perhaps the most logical feature, and the ultimate game will show a judicious mixture of "fast" and "slow" play which will produce smart and thrilling and healthful basketball.

Very cordially yours,

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