

Few officials will bother themselves regarding the questionable are of the ball when they are paid to watch the action of the players for fouls and violations on the floor. Certainly this distraction of the officials' eyes away from the playing floor cannot improve the calibre of this already difficult game to officiate.

I challenge the NCAA basketball rules committee or the National Coaches Association to show one substantial research project accomplished in the past ten years.

Freeze the rules for a three-year period with the intention of formulating a research committee for intelligent rules study and research. Instead of the NCAA confiscating the major portion of the basketball gate receipts for a "hobby pot", insist that a Basketball Foundation be formed with research by competent full-time men to study the vital needs of the game.

THE NEW INJURY RULE PERMITTING THE OFFICIAL TO CALL TIME OUT
FOR INJURY FOR EITHER SIDE

The new injury rule is an old rule in a new garb. There was a time when wily and unprincipled coaches taught their players to fake injuries when the opponents had the ball in a favorable scoring position. The rule had to be changed to the one just abolished. Since officials cannot rule on intent, doubtless this new rule will plague the officials and rule makers before many months.

UNLIMITED SUBSTITUTION RULE

Again the basketball rules committee has been fast asleep on the free substitution rule. Football has had it in operation for several years using double the number of players with splendid success. This long overdue rule will take the curse off of the so-called coaching from the bench. With players substituting freely the master minding of the coach is reduced to a minimum.