

### Extension of End Line:

The National Basketball Committee at its annual rules session in Chicago on April 5 and 6, 1938, extended the end lines 4 feet behind the basket instead of 2 feet as the rules were last year. This is an optional change for those who desire to adopt it if their courts will permit. Some schools will move the basket 2 feet further in the court rather than to extend the lines 2 feet beyond the end of the present end line. This rule should result in there being fewer out of bound balls and it will also give the driving basketball player an opportunity to play the ball without going out of bounds.

There was much discussion regarding the oversize of a 4 by 6 backboard. It was felt by many that corners should be cut off the 4 by 6 backboard thereby permitting many good shots at the basket by a player who might be in a position back of the backboard. The National Rules Committee was asked to encourage some teams in playing the smaller backboard to see what effect it might have on the future game.

### Three-Second Rule:

"The rule which forbids a player to be in his free throw lane for more than three seconds is not to apply to a player who is in the half of his free throw circle nearer the center provided he does not have possession of the ball. In other words, a player without the ball may stand in the outer half of his free throw circle indefinitely, but as soon as he gets the ball he is subject to the three-seconds rule. If he is touching the free throw line he is not in the outer half of the circle." The adoption of this rule has caused and is causing much comment. However, the fact that if an offensive player is touching the free throw line he is considered not to be in the outer half of the circle. The nudging and pushing by the pivot post player under the old rules of four years ago will not be permitted here