

I would change the scoring of field goals to three points and the free throw remaining at one. I would put the free throw distance at twenty feet and retain the four personal disqualifying foul rules as they now are. This present disqualifying foul rule is and would be a bar against roughness. The reason that I have consistently opposed the rule permitting more than four personal fouls for disqualification is that a crafty coach could instruct his defensive men to grab or hold their offensive opponents before they got within shooting range of the basket. All the offended team would ever get would be one free throw.

If both coaches exercised these questionable tactics, then you would have nothing but a free throwing match, whereas the coach that regarded the spirit of the rules would permit the so-called crafty coach's team to work into the basket and the result would be inevitable. The coach who took advantage of the rule would order his men to continue to hold. With four personal fouls you do away with this possible danger.

Coach Bill Chandler's suggestion of permitting a man to return to the game three minutes later would still be dangerous because a coach could use a large squad of men and continue the holding practice so that the three minute rule would not effect the holding procedure, and the net gain would be only the successful free throws from these fouls. Coach Chandler was at Iowa State College in our conference for nine years and I highly regard him as a real coach and a gentleman, but I see a great danger in increasing the personal foul rule.

What many coaches need is to teach their men better defensive work because a foul is a mistake, whether intentional or otherwise, and by teaching the defensive men to make fewer mistakes they would make fewer fouls. Too many coaches spend too much time on the offense and not enough time in teaching the men defensive manouvers. Therefore, you are rewarding weak coaching and inefficient coaching by increasing the personal foul rule, and you are making a rougher game.

I would also permit an offended team to throw the free throw for the basket in the half of the court where the foul was committed. Many times a team has advanced the ball the full length of the floor only to be stopped by the referees fouling one of their players. There is a slow parade of officials and players the full length of the floor. Remotely it is like penalizing a football team the full length of the field and more nearly like the golf penalty of loss of stroke and distance.

Whether there is merit in the proposal of allowing free throws to be made by the offended team in the half of the court where the foul is made, only time and experiment can tell.

I would reduce the legal size of the present ball to 29 inches maximum and to 28½ inches minimum. The maximum is now 30 inches, the minimum 29½. (The original ball was 27 inches, then grew to 33 inches.) This size would make for more expert ball handling and more accurate