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Dear Ruby:

I have not much to report in the way of changes in basketball rules from this district. The San Francisco Bay region had a meeting last night in which changes in the rules were discussed. The consensus of opinion at this meeting was to the effect that the basketball rules be not altered to any great extent. There were a couple of proposals, however, that I will discuss below.

No. 1. On all jump balls, neither jumper shall be permitted to have his lower hand or arm in a plane in advance of his body until the ball has been tipped; in other words, neither jumper be permitted to have his lower arm between himself and his opponent.

No. 2. That the restraining line on the free-throw lane be made a rule instead of a recommendation.

Some discussion was had as to enlarging the center jump circle six or eight inches and also as to providing for a restraining circle around the jump circle but no recommendations were made.

There is not a coach or official in this district who has expressed himself as being in favor of changing the dribble rule. During the past season the Pacific Coast has had absolutely no trouble with stalling. A few of the teams attempted this but the team behind always came out immediately and guarded man for man.

Where a year ago there was some talk of changing the tip-off rule, during the past season most of the coaches and officials on the Pacific Coast have made the provision that the present tip-off has looked very good during the past season and they are mostly in favor of retaining the present method of putting the ball in play.