

# Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Joint Basketball Committee

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The Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Joint Basketball Committee was held at the University of Pennsylvania Club, 35-39 East Fiftieth St., New York, N. Y., on Saturday, April 20th, 1929.

The Meeting convened at 10:55 A.M. L. W. St. John, Chairman, presiding.

Chairman St. John:

Gentlemen, the Annual Meeting of the Joint Basketball Rules Committee is now in session.

As a very brief preliminary statement, the Chairman would like to say that this organization has been having what I would term, perhaps, some growing pains, and after pretty thorough consideration, with an evidence of a good deal of cooperative spirit, we believe that the growth and development of the Joint Committee has been proceeding along satisfactory lines.

The Executive Committee of the Joint Basketball Rules Committee had what I would term a very satisfactory session yesterday morning, discussing still further the problems in the development of this Committee, and this Executive Committee is ready to report to the Joint Committee here and now on some principles of growth and development of this Joint Basketball Committee.

Before I allow the Executive Committee to make that formal report, I feel like making this very brief statement; perhaps, that as a result of what I should say, study of the fundamental consideration of basketball rules, basketball development, basketball control, I am convinced that the college interest which had been to a degree, I might say, a sort of disturbing factor in the happy relationship are today—and by the college interest I mean the eight districts through their representatives over the United States—I don't particularly include myself in that, because I have throughout been personally very desirous of maintaining the cooperation, harmonious development that has been in existence for so many years in this joint arrangement. But I feel that at this moment these representatives from all over the United States are pretty definitely committed to the cooperative joint arrangement of the original groups, having to do with basketball, continuing in this cooperative and agreeable relationship, which is in my estimation absolutely for the best interests of basketball, not only in the United States but in the adjoining countries—in Canada in particular—in the foreign countries, where basketball is growing and developing, but thinking of basketball as a game and in the broad sense. I think that the college