HOTEL ASTOR, NEW YORK CITY, OCTOBER 26, 1931.

- The SECOND CURRENT meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the Joint Basketball Committee met at the Hotel Astor, NewYork City, October 26th, 1931. Meeting was called to order by Chairman St. John at 5:30 P.M.. This was a dinner meeting.
- Minutes of the First Current Executive Committee meeting were read and approved.
- Those present were: - Messrs. Menton, Hepbron, St. John, Tower, Metzdorf, and Brown.

Those excused were: - - Messrs. Rowe and Crocker, also Mr. Ralph Morgan.

- 4. Mr. Metzdorf reported progress for the Committee on "Income and Expense". Report accepted.
- 5. MOTION: All matters pertaining to finances be referred to the Committee on "Income & Expense". CARRIED.
- 6. MOTION:- That Messrs. Metzdorf and Morgan constitute the Committee on publication of the Guide and on "Income & Expense". This Committee was instructed to confer with J. T. Doyle, President of the American Sports Publishing Company, regarding publication of the Guide and royalties. CARRIED.
- 7. MOTION: The nest meeting of the Executive Committee be held in December, date to be decided later. CARRIED.
- 8. MOTION: The dates and place of the Annual meetings of the Officials Conference, Rules Revision Committee, Executive Committee and Joint Committee be referred to the December meeting of the Executive Committee. CARRIED.
- 9. MOTION: The question of the Joint Basketball Committee cooperating with the Basketball Coaches Association in deciding the dates of the Annual Meetings be referred to the December Executive Committee meeting. CARRIED.
- 10. Financial report of the "Blocking Committee" was presented by Mr. Metzdorf and on motion the bills presented were ordered paid.
- 11. Secretary Hepbron reported progress of the Committee on "Free Throws" stating that Chairman Rowe and his Committee had the matter all set up and was going ahead with the collection of material and would be ready to report at the Annual Rules Revision and Joint Committee meetings.
- 12. MOTION: That agenda for Executive Committee meeting, evening preceding the Joint Meeting, be referred to the December Executive Committee meeting. CARRIED.

- 13. MOTION: Question of expense of the delegates to the next Annual meeting be referred to the December meeting of the Executive Committee. CARRIED.
- 14. MOTION: Question of stenotypist's service for Annual Executive Committee meeting and the Joint Committee meeting be referred to the Executive Committee meeting in December.

 CARRIED.
- 15. Secretary Hepbron reported that the Committee had received \$500. advance on royalties from the American Sports Publishing Company.
- 16. Secretary Hepbron reported that Treasurer's report, audited by "Reeve, Brown, and Atkins, Public Accountants, New York City", had been sent to all members of the Committee.
- 17. MOTION:- That a gratuity of \$15.00 be sent to the Banquet Department of the Hotel Astor for the employees' Christmas Fund for services rendered by employees in connection with Annual Eastern Interpretation Meeting at Hotel Astor, New York City, October 26th, 1931. CARRIED.

18. Meeting adjourned 8:00 P. M..

/Respectfully submitted,

Leo. T. HEPPRON.
SECRETARY.

L. W. ST. JOHN CHAIRMAN

ASTOR HOTEL, NEW YORK CITY, OCTOBER 26, 1931.

- The Annual Eastern Interpretation Basketball meeting was held at the Hotel Astor, New York City, Monday, October 26th, 1931.
- Chairman St. John presided. Meeting was called to order at 8:30 P.M.
- 3. Chairman St. John called on Secretary Hepbron to make a few preliminary announcements.
- 4. Chairman introduced Dr. Brown, (Chairman of the National Officials Committee) who spoke on matters relating to the National Officials Committee and Chartered Boards.
- 5. Chairman St. John introduced Mr. Oswald Tower who explained the changes made in the present Rules.
- 6. Chairman St. John spoke on the technique of officiating.
- 7. Mr. Tower opened discussion of all Rules in the Book and received questions from the floor.
- 8. Chairman St. John continued his remarks on technique of officiating.
- 9. Dr. Brown, in a short address, urged the officials present to follow the same procedure as before and hold interpretation meetings in their territory and emphasized the value of not only holding their meetings in metropolitan areas but also in smaller communities. He emphasized the value of good judgment as a qualification for officials in handling games.
- 10. The attendance at this meeting was the largest of any previous meeting, there being over 200 persons present. Attached herewith is a list of those present who signed slips—many did not sign because they came in after the slips had been passed.
- 11. Chairman St. John closed with a few timely remarks emphasizing the importance of intelligent and efficient officiating.
- 12. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. T. HEPBRON SECRETARY

L. W. ST. JOHN CHAIRMAN.

Earl L. Lakeman Director Phy. Ed. Congress High School Bridgeport Conn. Official,

Secy. Conn. State B'd.

Leonard R. Nixon New Britain High New Britan Referee.-State B'd.

George H. Taylor St. Luke's School New Canaan, Director & Coach

Nathan Winnick 902 Chapel St. New Haven. County Board Secy-Treas.

Zeke Chadys 83 Sylvan Av. New Haven Referee-County B'D.

Francis J. Fitzgerald 412 Blohm St. West Haven Dir, Phy, Ed. W. Haven Schools.

DELAWAREAL John D. Naylor, Wilmington, Dela. Pres. Delaware B'd. Coach-- Official.

> NEW JERSEY-37 Gerald Bannigan 117 Magnolia Av. Arlington Referee & Coach

Sam Hyman 480 Av. C. Bayonne Referee

LeRoy E. Haskins Blair Academy Blairstown Ath. Dir. Coach Referee

N. J.-Continued Chas. A. Brumbaugh High School Caldwell,

Geo. T. Hepbron 146 N. Grove St. East Orange Rules Rev. Com.

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W. J. Smith Englewood H.S. Englewood Referee

Russel B. Logan 274 Central Av. Hackensack Referee & Coach

Adrian M. Thees Harrison H. S. Harrison Referee & Coach Dir. of Athletics

Leo J. Zatta 1000 Hudson St. Hoboken Referee - Phy. Inst. Referee

M. Pat Kennedy 106 - 11th St. Hoboken Referee - Phy. Inst.

John C. Sim, Stevens Inst. Hoboken Coach

J. A. O'Connor 215 Summit Av. Jersey City Referee

N. J. Continued Wm. Wiggington Jersey City Coach - Dir. Phy. Ed.

Edwin C. Olson High School Lyndhurst Referee

Milton A. Nichols 11 Pleasant Place Metuchen Referee

Alexander Buncher 320 Millburn Av. Millburn Referee- N.J.B'd.

Charles J. Schreider Central H. S. Newark, N.J. Official

Ben Silverman Newark Official

H. W. Baldwin, D.P.E. S.H. School New Burnswick Ch. N. J. A. A. U. Basket ball Comm., Interpreter North Jersey Bd.

John A. Baumann 460 Franklin Av. Nutley,

Sydney A. Morris Y.M.C.A. Orange Physical Director

Thomas Wachenfeld, Jr. 327 Main St. Orange Referee - Secy-Treas North Jersey Bd.

Peter Karl Post Office Passaic Referee

N. J. Continued G. R. Pickett 95 Spring St., Passaic Referee

A. M. Marks
37 Ried Av.
Passaic
Coach- Passaic
H.S.

Phil Lichtenberg 220 Columbia Av Passaic

Alfred Livingstone Eastside H. S. Paterson Referee - Coach

Earl Gray Central H. S. Paterson Referee - Phy. Ed.

H. A. Stine High School Plainfield, Official

W. C. Cook
H. S. Athletic Dir.
Plainfield
Coach - Official

John E. Dwyer 313 Augusta St. South Amboy Referee

Al. Lange So. Orange Official North Jer.

Jos. P. Bataille Springfield North N. J.

Robert A. Wagner 415 - 7th St Union City.

Frank Ferguson,
Pres. So. Jersey Bd.
of Officials
Referee

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Harry Smith
63 No. Boulevard
Albany
Referee

A. J. Lynch
Bronxville H.S.
Bronxville,
Referee

P. T. Meier Bronxville Coach

Art Powell 175 Crosby Av. Kenmore Coach- Un. of Buffalo

Nils R Thompson 90 Crocus Av. Floral Park, L.I. Referee - Umpire

Geo. J. Stanton
Supt. Schools
Highland, N.Y.
Vic-Pres. Central
Hudson Walley Bd.

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S. R. Covert Lynbrook H.S. Lynbrook

John Duryea 212 East Main St. Middletown Central Bd. - Referee

Edward Olim Mt. Kisco Referee

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Ermond F. Brunn Crescent Athletic Club Brooklyn Referee & Umpire

Wm. H. McKillop Pratt Institue Brooklyn Boach

Hyman Gittlitz 491 Powell St. Brooklyn Referee

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P. J. Vitacio Y.M.C.A. 209 - 33rd St. Brooklyn, N.Y. Referee

Floyd R. Eastwood N. Y. University Wash. Sq. East New York Referee

David Hussock Savage Normal School New York Asst. Coach

George Vincent Svage School New York Student

C. D. Nardlair Teachers College Columbia Univ. New York Coach, Official

Henry Geissenheimer Christ Church House 344 W. 36th St. New York

Wm. H. Simpson Jr. Trinity School 139 W - 91st St. New York Coach - Official

Andrew Rosenberg 425 Webster Av. Long Island City Referee

Jack Bippert 155 E. 44th St. New York - - Referee New York City

N. Y. CONTINUED Howard G. Cann N. Y. University New York Referee

.John P. Schloderer, Jr. 154 E. 43rd St., New York Referee & Coach

Lucius McNeely 224 W. 63rd St. Columbus Hill Community Center New York Referee

Ashton C. Kitchens 224 W. 63rd St., New York Phy. Director

Clarence V. Penalver 224 West 63rd St. (do) New York Referee

John P. Gerety Boys' Clubs New York Referee

Monty Banks Ed. Alliance 197 E. Broadway New York Referee - Bkyn Bd.

Wm. K. Dyckes N. Y. U. Phy. Ed. 4th & Green St. New York Referee - Bklyn Bd.

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Carl Abberseth 762 Elton Av. Bronx

J. P. Davern 17 W. 64th St. New York Mgr. Westside Y Team

Joseph McGuirk 409 48th St.

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Lou Peltz New York P.S.A.L. Official

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Fordham Univ. Fordham Coach

John W. Bittig Nyack Referee

F. W. Helm Y.M.C.A. Poughkeepsie Coach, Referee New York Cont'd. Edwin R. Langer Pearl River Referee

A. E. Metzdorf 97 Elmsdorf Av. Rochester Rules Rev. Com

Walter Campbell

St. Albans, L.I.

Official

Rochester Asst. Professor Walter T. McLaughlin

Ed. J. Kearney 357 S. Warren St. Syracuse District Bd.

Donald R. Sherwood Spring Valley Referee

Richard F. Hayes 66 Post St. Yonkers Referee

Leslie E. Beck 52 Cricklewood Rd. Yonkers Referee & Umpire

Wm. T. Grieve 45 Stratlon St. Yonkers Referee - Umpire

George E. Van Cott Weschester County Bd. Referee

MARYLAND-1 Paul Menton The Evening Sun Baltimore

MASSACHUSETTS-5 Oswald Tower Phillips Academy Andover Editorial Comm.

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E. J. Hickox Y.M.C.A. College Springfield Coach

Laurence E. Briggs University of Rochester Mass. State Colege Coach - Referee

> Lonir E. Ball Mass. State College Referee - Coach

MISSOURI-1 Les Warren Pre. Kansas City Pres. Central N.Y. Basketball Officials Assoc.

> PENNSYLVANIA -7 James M. Heller Bethlehem H.S. Bethlehem Pres. E. Dist.

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Allan W. Johnson 119 North 3rd St. Easton Referee - Coach

F. P. Maguire State Teachers College E. Stroudsburg Secy-Treas E. Penna District Bd.

Bertram W. Sand J. Harris H. School Harrisburg, Pa. Pres. Central Penna District Bd.

Philip G. Lewes Philadelphia Board President

Penna. Continued Lewis T. Miller Philadelphia Bd.

L. W. St. John Ohio State University Columbus Nat. Collegiate A.A.

University of Pa. Club, New York, N. Y., April 11th, 1931.

- 1. The SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING of the JOINT BASKETBALL COMMITTEE was held at the University of Pennsylvania Club, 35-39 East 50th Street, New York City, New York, April 11th, 1931.
- 2. The meeting was convened at 10:40 A.M. by Chairman St. John.
- 3. The accredited list of delegates read by Secretary Hepbron. (List attached.)
- 4. Chairman St. John appointed Messrs. Tower and Hepbron as the Committee on Publicity; they to see that the press receive a full account of the proceedings.
- 5. Report of Treasurer A.E. Metzdorf read.

 MOTION: Report be accepted. Carried - Unanimous.
- 6. Report of Officials Committee read by the Chairman,
 Dr. John Brown, Jr.. Copy of this report to be sent
 to members by Dr. Brown.
 MOTION:- Report be accepted. Carried - Unanimous.
- 6-A. Dr. Brown recommended that the Joint Committee "adopt the following financial policy regarding the relations between the Officials Committee and the Joint Basketball Committee:-
 - 1. That the Officials Committee pay all its own expenses out of its own receipts;
 - 2. That we operate on the principle of paying our bills monthly as they are incurred; and that a monthly statement be sent to the treasurer of the Joint Basketball Committee;
 - 3. That the Officials Committee maintain a permanent balance of \$1,000 in the bank as a reserve fund;
 - 4. That the Officials Committee vote an annual contribution to the Joint Basketball Committee of any balance on hand over the amount of the \$1,000 reserve fund.
 - 5. That \$1,200 be paid for the clerical services of the Chairman of the Officials Committee for the year, April 1, 1930 to March 31st, 1931.

MOTION: - Morgan-Reynolds; Moved that the financial program as outlined by Dr. Brown, Chairman of the Officials Committee be approved by the Joint Committee and that we operate on that basis in the future.

Carried - - Unanimous.

- 7. Both Mr. Metzdorf and Mr. Morgan reported for the special Committee on Study of Income and Expense of the Joint Basketball Committee. Mr. Morgan stated that a detailed report would be made to the Executive Committee at its next meeting.
- 7-A. Both Morgan and Metzdorf recommended that the yearly dividends to the three (3) original constituent member organizations be omitted for the year 1931. This to be considered at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.
 - 8. MOTION: That the reading of the Minutes of the Joint Committee; The Eastern Interpretation Meeting; and the Executive Committee meetings be dispensed with as each member had received a copy by mail.

 Carried -Unaniamous.
 - 9. Chairman appointed the following nominating committee:Wm. McK. Barber; Judge H.G. Immenhausen; C.E.Beckett.
 This Committee to submit nominations for Chairman;
 Vice-Chairman; Secretary; Treasurer; Editor; and four additional members who together with the officers constitute the Executive Committee.
- 10. Report of both Editorial and Questionnaire Committees presented by the Chairman Oswald Tower.

 MOTION: Reports be accepted. Carried - Unanimous.
- ll. It was suggested that the next meeting of the Joint
 Basketball Committee be held in California during the
 dates of the Olympic Games.
 MOTION:- Refer to Executive Committee.

 Carried - Unanimous.
- 12. Recess 12:50 for luncheon - Reconvened at 2:30 P.M.
- 13. Each constituent member submitted to Secretary Hepbron their selections for the personnel of the following standing Committees: - Rules Revision Committee Editorial Committee

 Officials Committee
 Questionnaire Committee.
- 14. At the request of Chairman St. John, representatives of the various constituent organizations reported.
- of the Committee appointed by the National Basketball Coaches Association to bring about, if possible, the acceptance of Basketball as one of the official Olympic Sports) to report on the probability of Basketball being accepted by the Olympic Committee as one of the Official Sports. Dr. Allen reported that overtures had been made to the Olympic Committee but while every-

body seemed to be sympathetic, no official action was taken regarding it. The Committee had been approached regarding putting Basketball on as a 'demonstration game'; no decision has yet been made.

16. Report of Nominating Committee presented by Mr. Beckett as follows:- Chairman - - - L. W. St. John Vice-Chairman - - Wm. McK. Barber Secretary - - - Geo. T. Hepbron Treasurer - - - A. E. Metzdorf Editor - - - - Oswald Tower.

John Brown, Jr. - - Paul Menton
Floyd Rowe - - - J. H. Crocker.

The Officers and the four additional members to constitute the Executive Committee.

MOTION:- That the Secretary case one ballot for the nominees.

Carried - - Unanimous.

- 17. Ralph Morgan presented his resignation to the Committee. A number of those present expressed their appreciation of the unstinted contribution Ralph had made to the game of Basketball in general and to the Joint Basketball Committee in particular, and each speaker expressed their regrets that he considered it advisable to take this action.

 MOTION:- Barber Kelly; That Ralph Morgan's resignation be accepted with sincere regrets and that he be elected an honorary member for life. Chairman St. John called for a rising vote to emphasize the group's regrets and his election as an honorary member for life.

 Carried - Unanimous.
- 18. MOTION: An Honorarium of \$500.00 for the office of the Editor. (Oswald Tower, Editor.) Carried - Unanimous.
- 19. MOTION: That Morgan, Metzdorf, and Tower constitute a committee to arrange for the publication of the official Guide for season 1931-32. Carried - Unanimous.
- 20. MOTION: That a vote of thanks and gratuity of \$15.00 be extended the Management and Employees of the University of Pennsylvania Club for their fine cooperation and excellent service.

 Carried - Unanimous
- 21. A fraternal communication was received from Dr. James
 Naismith, the inventor of the game of Basketball. This
 letter was read before the Committee and elicited both
 interest and appreciation. The suggestions contained
 therein were accorded full consideration.
 MOTION:- That the Secretary be instructed to communicate
 with Dr. Naismith and express our appreciation for his
 stimulating communication. Carried - Unanimous.
- 22. Report of the Rules Revision Committee read by the Secretary, Mr. Tower. The changes recommended by the Rules Revision

Committee were fully discussed and action taken on each one. Each action unanimous.

- The Editor, Mr. Tower, was requested to send copies of changes to the members of the Joint Committee and any others requesting same.
 - 23. MOTION: That the Officials Committee make a study of how a more uniform interpretation of rules by Officials may be brought about.

 Carried - Unanimous.
 - 24. MOTION: That either Mr. Tower or Mr. Hepbron inform the Secretary of the Association of Basketball Coaches that their recommendation regarding uniformity of interpretation of the Rules by Officials, was presented and acted upon at both the Rules Revision and Joint Committee meetings, and that the matter was referred to the Officials Committee for further study and recommendation. (Mr. Tower agreed to write the Secretary.)

 Carried - Unanimous.
 - 25. MOTION: That the Rules Revision Committee make a study and report specific recommendations at the 1932 Annual Meeting on how to reduce the number of 'free throws'.

 Carried - Unanimous.

The Chairman of the Rules Revision Committee appointed the following Committee:-

Floyd A. Rowe, Chairman - - F. C. Allen
E. J. Hickox - - - - - - W. E. Meanwell
J. H. Crocker - - - - - H. G. Reynolds.
This Committee to report at the Annual Rules Revision and Annual Joint Basketball Committee meetings - 1932.

26. The Committee appointed by the Chairman of the Rules Revision yesterday (April 10th,1931) to study "Blocking" and submit recommendations, diagrams and photographs to the Joint Committee was asked to report. Chairman Porter made a partial report, stating the Committee had a meeting but on account of the limited time were not able to present any diagrams showing legal and illegal "blocking". The Committee continued; personnel of the Committee:

Messrs. Porter - - Meanwell - - Barber

Allen- - - Bohler - - - Tower.
At the meeting of the Joint Basketball Committe Messrs.
Tebell and Hickox were added to this Committee.

- 27. The Chairman, St. John, asked the Editor to present to the Rules Revision Committee at the 1932 meeting the question of the advisability of a double referee plan.
- 28. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M..

Geo. T. Hepbron, Secretary.

L. W. St. John, Chairman. Names of Official Members of the Joint Basketball Committee accredited delegates to the SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE held at the University of Pennsylvania Club, 35-39 East 15th Street, New York City, April 11th, 1931.

* ABSENT.	AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION		
Hepbron, Geo.T., Chin.	105 Nassau St.	New York City	N.Y.
Hill, L.S.	Ithaca College of Phy. E	d. Ithaca	N.Y.
Kelly, Daniel J.	29 Grozier Rd.	Cambridge	Mass.
Immenhausen, H.G.		Chicago	Ili.
Menton, Paul	The Evening Sun	Baltimore	Md.
Simonds, Claude	1241 Carondelet St.	New Orleans	La.
Allen, Forest C.	University of Kansas	Lawrence	Kas.
Hunt, Ernest P.	Stanford University	Palo Alto	Calif.
Dana, H.R Jr.	1916 Broadway		Calif.
Blum, H.J.	210 Chester Av.	Pittsburgh	Pa.
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Morgan, Ralph 2nd "			
	University of Virginia		
Meanwell, W. E. 4th "		Madison	Wis.
	" Missouri		Mo.
Schmidt, F. A. 6th "	Texas Christian Univ.		Texas
Romney, E. L. 7th "	Utah Agriculture Colleg		Utah.
Bohler, J. E. 8th "	Washington State "	Pullman	Wash.
Town, Oswald	Phillips Academy	Andover	Mass.
	MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIAT		
Metzdorf, A.E. Ch'n.	97 Elmdorf Av.	Rochester	N.Y.
*Ball, W. H.	22 Hillcrest	Yonkers	N.Y.
Brown, John - Jr.	347 Madison Av.	New York	11 11
Beckett, C. E.	1736 "G" Street	Washington	D.C.
*Edgren, H.D.	5315 Drexel Av.	Chicago	Ill.
Forbes, W.M.	Navy Y.M.C.A.	Norfolk	Va.
Helm, F. W.	Y. M. C. A.	Poughkeepsie	N.Y.
Matheny, I.C.	173 Orange St.	New Haven	Conn.
*Richardson, V.A.	Central Y.M.C.A.	Cincinnati	Ohio
Hickox, E.J.	Y.M.C.A. College	Springfield	Mass.
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RESIGNATION.

Ralph Morgan - 2nd Dist. National Collegiate Athletic Association

To take his place:
Balmon, H.H.-Jr., 2nd Dist. - c/o Johnson & Higgins, 67 Wall St. N.Y.C.

Standing Committees of the JOINT BASKETBALL COMMITTEE for 1931-32.

OFFICERS. Chairman L. W. St. John Vice-Chairman Wm. McK. Barber Secretary George T. Hepbron Treasurer A. E. Metzdorf Editor Oswald Tower			
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE L. W. St. John Chairman Wm. McK. Barber Vice-Chairman Geo. T. Hepbron Secretary A.E. Metzdorf Treasurer Oswald Tower Editor			
John Brown, Jr Floyd A. Rowe Paul Menton J. H. Crocker			
RULES REVISION COMMITTEE. George T. Hepbron Chairman. W. E. Meanwell Wm. McK. Barber F. C. Allen F. A. Schmidt C. E. Beckett H. V. Porter A. E. Metzdorf H. G. Reynolds H. G. Immenhausen.			
Oswald TowerChairman I. C. MathenyH. R. Dana, Jr. Samuel RogersH. V. Porter.			
John Brown, Jr., Chairman Gustav K. Tebell W. M. Forbes Geo. T. Hepbron E. M. Kelleher H. J. Blum.			
Oswald Tower Chairman Claude Simons F. W. Helm H. V. Porter.			

University of Pa. Club New York City, N. Y. April 11, 1931.

Meeting of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE called by Chairman St. John on Saturday, April 11th, 1931, at 5:45 P.M., immediately following adjournment of the Joint Committee, meeting.

With a view to expediting the business session of the annual meeting with the minimum loss of time and in order to give a larger proportion of time to consideration of the report of the Rules Revision Committee, a proposed procedure was agreed upon for next year, whereby the reports of other sub-committees would first be considered by the Executive Committee prior to presentation to the Joint Basketball Committee as a whole.

MOTION: That at the time of the annual meeting in 1932, a meeting of the Executive Committee be held on the evening preceding the meeting of the Joint Committee; at which time reports of the various sub-committees and other business matters will be submitted and recommendations arising therefrom reported by the Executive Committee to the Joint Committee on the following day

Carried -- Unanimously

MOTION: - That the personnel recommendations from the representatives of the Constituent Members for standing committees be approved.

Carried -- Unanimously.

Adjourned 6:10 P.M..

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. T. HEPBRON, Secretary.

L. W. ST. JOHN, Chairman. C. I. BREWER

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JOINT BASKETBALL COMMITTEE

ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE

February 20, 1931

This questionnaire is sent annually to representative basketball men of the country in order that their views may be presented at the annual meeting of the Joint Committee. It is the intention of the Committee to make only such changes in the basketball rules as seem essential to those who are in a position to judge what is best for the game. The Committee will be grateful if you will answer these questions and RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRE PROMPTLY to

The Committee Member whose name appears above will send all replies received up to March 25, to Oswald Tower,

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

And	over, Massachusetts. (Use the reverse side of this sheet to supplement your answers to the questions.)
1.	Do you favor abolishing the center jump at the beginning of periods and after goals?
2.	If the present center jump is retained, do you think the court ought to be zoned in order to prevent crowding during the jump?
3.	Is "stalling" having a harmful effect on the game in your section?
4.	(a) Would you favor extending the five-second held ball rule to apply anywhere on the court?
	(b) Would you favor limiting, say to 5 seconds, the time a player may hold the ball, whether or not he is closely guarded?
5.	Do you think so-called "legal blocking" has a bad effect on the game?
6.	Should the rules place more responsibility on the pivoter for avoiding contact in "pivot block" plays?
7.	Describe on the reverse side any other suggestions you may have for the improvement of the game.
Fil	lled out by

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ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS

To Members of the Joint Basketball Committee:

We send you herewith a supply of the annual questionnaire blanks. Please insert your name and address in the proper space at the top of the blanks and then distribute them to representative basketball men of your section. On March 25 forward all blanks that have been returned up to that time to the undersigned. Notify the undersigned if you need more blanks.

Oswald Tower,

Andover, Massachusetts

February 20, 1931.

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April 1, 1931

Mr. Forrest C. Allen,
Room 1863,
The New Yorker,
34th Street at Eighth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear "Phog":

Your note of Monday arrived this morning.

The notice of meetings as sent out by Secretary George Hepbron is as follows:

Annual Conference of Officials Thursday, April 9, at 10:00 A. M.

Rules Revision Committee meeting Friday, April 10, at 10:00 A. M.

Joint Basketball Committee meeting Saturday, April 11, at 10:00 A. M.

All meetings at the University of Pennsylvania Club 35 East 50th Street

I would suggest that you get in touch with George Hepbron, Secretary of the Joint Committee and Chairman of the A.A.U. Committee, who is to be found at 105 Nassau Street, with the A. G. Spalding firm. His telephone, I believe, is Courtland 2900.

Not finding opportunity to talk to you to any extent, I am writing to you frankly some of my thoughts--wise or otherwise.

You would be welcome, I am sure, at the meeting of the Representatives from the Chartered Boards of Officials. These officials take themselves entirely too seriously and go into the matter of recommendation on rules revision at great length—and I may say needlessly. The most boring and time consuming part of our basketball meetings in the past few years has been from these Representatives of the Chartered Boards, who bring before the Rules Committee a lot of petty and trivial stuff. You will probably be bored to death if you do attend the Thursday meeting. I was there once and said "never again".

The most important meeting of the entire session is, or should be, the Rules Revision Committee meeting on Friday, to begin at 10:00 A. M. Only members of the Rules Revision Committee are slated to take an active part in this work. The hope of getting something done intelligently and expeditiously rests in this Committee doing a good job and in the Joint Committee respecting fully the work done by the Revision Committee. Hepbron serves as Chairman of this Committee. He has on there from the A.A.U. on the Rules Committee, Immenhausen and Hunt. I am suggesting to George that if either of these men are not there or could be replaced you be put in place of one of these men. In case this is not done, I suggest that you be present at the Rules Revision Committee meeting. While you would have no official standing under those circumstances, you would have opportunity to speak and to exert an influence on what is done by the Committee, which opportunity I feel certain you would use with discretion.

May I say here without giving any offense that I hope you and Dr. Meanwell may work with full harmony and a fine degree of cooperation on this entire Rules Committee business. When I see you, I will enlarge upon this statement somewhat, but I do not believe I will be misunderstood at this moment.

Revision Committee is well done, the Joint Rules Committee meeting on Saturday becomes much easier. It has been the history of the last three or four meetings that the Joint Committee session has concluded about 6:00

o'clock on Saturday afternoon. We always think we will get through earlier than this, but some of the discussion drags on interminably. I am sure we shall start in again this year with the fine hope and ambition of concluding the Rules Committee meeting by 4:30 or 5:00 o'clock.

Barber (Wm. McKinley), according to my address book, is to be reached at Hanover 5306. This phone number may be wrong. If so, Hepbron or Hepbron's office could give you the correct number. Barber is a good man and speaks with authority for the Eastern Intercollegiate League. He has been President of this League for a number of years and is perhaps the most substantial member from the standpoint of rules consideration in the eastern contingent. If you could have a session or two with Barber, it would probably be very desirable.

Some of the interests of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations have been agitating the question of a separate set of basketball rules to be formulated and promulgated by the National High School Federation. This to me would be a very undesirable move and we should do what we can in our local states to prevent action along this line. I have the feeling that if, and when, such a move is made, the final result will be a complete "bust up" of the present Joint Committee.

I shall probably be in New York on Thursday, April 9, although I am not likely to make any appearance at this Officials' meeting. I may be able to see you Thursday evening.

Please consider much of what I have said to you as being in confidence.

Sincerely and cordially yours,

L. W. ST. JOHN,

Chairman,

Joint Basketball Committee.

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Announcement to Members N.A. of B.C.

Now that the season is just about history we can look back and join the seasond guessers in figuring out what might have been. Allen, Longorg, Meanan, Stegeman, Powell and others may have their championship teams but they can't lick us when it comes to second guessing. Every man is free and equal in that game and no mistake. The same goes when it comes to talking about rules.

Some of us think the rules are just about right and should stand as they are. Some of us feel there is something wrong with this game of basketball. Every man's opinion is as good as his neighbors providing he expresses it at the right time and place. The time and place for second guessing on the rules is March 27, 28 at the ASTOR HOTEL.

Discussion of the rules is only one of the features of this meeting. I can't name them all in this letter. Printed programs will be sent later. But there will be time for pleasures as well as business and you'll miss the time of your life if you miss the meeting.

Seriously, everyone of us who earns his living in bask-tball owes it to himself and to the game and to the Association to be in New York March 27th and 28th.

Lets' make the watchword ATTENDANCE!

See you at the meeting.

Lew Andreas President

P.S. If a letter to your Director of Athletics will help, let me know.

L.P.A.

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BASKETBALL RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

General Palmer E. Pierce, President, National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Doar Sir: -

As chairman of the National Collegiate Basketball Rules Committee, I have the honor to submit to you the report of the activities of this Committee during the current year.

It has been recognized for some time that a definite enlargement of the committee handling basketball rules is necessary. These rules are now international in scope. It was found inadvisable to carry out in detail recommendations for reorganization of the committee specifically made to the National Collegiate at the meeting last year. In principle, however, the recommendations made and approved by the National Collegiate have been followed.

Fifteen years ago conditions in regard to playing rules for basketball were somewhat chaotic and certainly unsatisfactory, three distinct sets of rules being sponsored and promulgated by three different organizations. Largely through the wise leadership of Dr. Joseph E. Raycroft, at that time chairman of the National Collegiate Basketball Committee, a joint rules committee was formed, consisting of representatives of the Amateur Athletic Union, International Y.M.C.A. and our National Collegiate group. The statement has been made before and is repeated at this time that this Joint Committee has worked in harmony and to the best interests of the game of basketball for a long period and while it was felt that some justification existed for reapportionment of this committee, it has seemed unwise to insist on the ideas held by some of our National Collogiate men in face of opposition by the associate groups. The steps taken in reorganization have been approved by the Executive Committee of the National Collegiate. Briefly these steps have been as follows:

The National Collegiate Committee consists of one representative from each of the eight collegiate districts and two representatives at large, one of the representatives at large being Mr. Oswald Tower who has served most efficiently as editor of the Guide. The Amateur Athletic Union increased its rules committee representation to equal that of the National Collegiate although this group also appointed Mr. Tower as one of its representatives. The International Y.M.C.A. increased its representation to equal that of the other original bodies. The following organizations have been invited into participating membership on this Joint Basketball Committee, namely, the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations, two members; the Canadian Amateur Basketball Association, two members; the Chartered Boards of Basketball

Officials, two members.

This enlarged Joint Basketball Committee met in New York in April and formulated the present set of basketball rules. Only minor changes were approved and the current set of basketball rules seems to have been favorably received.

To facilitate rules legislation with so large a committee, a Rules Revision Committee consisting of twelve members has been formed. This sub-committee is able to handle in a satisfactory manner rules revision matters and present them to the Joint Committee. With the increase in number and the consequent increase in expense, it is necessary that some increased revenue be provided to carry on the work of the Basketball Committee. This problem is receiving consideration and a later report will be made by the Committee.

It is the belief of your Basketball Committee that basketball is in a healthy and stable condition. Definite progress has been made in improved handling of the game by the officials. Further effort is being made along this line. The organization of groups of officials for study of the rules and improvement in the administration of the game has been productive of much good.

The National Association of Basketball Coaches has expressed confidence in the Rules Committee organization and is a helpful and powerful group in the matter of improvement in the basketball game.

Respectfully submitted,

L.W. St. John.

JOINT BASKETBALL COMMITTEE

OSWALD TOWER, Editor

ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS

MAY 15, 1930.

THE BASKETBALL RULES FOR 1930-1931.

The following statements summarize the changes in the basketball rules as voted by the Joint Basketball Committee at its annual meeting April 12, 1930. This information is for the benefit of those who need to have the gist of the changes prior to the publication of the Guide in September. It should be understood that no attempt is made here to give the exact wording of the rules as they will appear in the Guide.

On any jump ball, the ball may be tapped twice, but not more than twice, by either one or both of the jumpers, and the second tap may be made either inside or outside the circle. After a jumper has tapped the ball a second time, he may not touch it again until it has touched one of the other eight players, the floor, the basket, or the backboard.

If a jumper leaves the circle before the ball is tapped, the penalty is to be a technical foul. If, however, one of the jumpers taps the ball into the basket on the toss, the goal is to count and the foul is not to be penalized.

If a player who is fouled in the act of shooting, gets his field goal only one free throw is to be awarded. If he misses his field goal, two free throws are to be awarded. In either case the ball is in play after the free throw—after the second free throw, of course, if two are awarded.

When time is taken out for a personal foul, time is to be resumed when the ball leaves the free thrower's hands. The referee should signal to the time-keepers at the instant the watch is to be started. On technical fouls and double fouls when the ball is to go to center whether the free throw is made or missed, time is resumed with the toss at center, as formerly.

A player who has been replaced by a substitute may not return to the game until after play has been resumed.

When a player steps over the free throw line, or one of his teammates enters the free throw lane before the ball touches the basket or backboard, on a free throw which resulted from a technical foul, the ball is to be tossed up at center instead of at the free throw line. Rule 14, Section 7. If the free throw resulted from a personal foul, the old rule applies, i. e., jump ball at the nearer free throw line.

In games in which the players are of high school age or younger, if the score is tied at the end of the first overtime period, a five-minute intermission is to be declared during which the players may leave the court. It is recommended that in such games not more than three overtime periods be played. It is further recommended that if the score is tied at the end of the second overtime period, the captains and coaches make an agreement so that a fourth overtime period will be unnecessary; either to let it stand as a tie game if the score is tied at the end of the third overtime period, or to consider the game won by the team which first scores two points in this period, or to adopt some other plan which is mutually satisfactory. Leagues and managers of tournaments should have a standing rule governing this situation.

It is recommended that spaces be marked on the free throw lanes to aid in placing players during free throws. This is to be done by means of one six-inch line on each side of each free throw lane, five feet from the end line. One space at each end is to be lettered "H" (home team), and one "V" (visiting team).

In connection with the definition of Held Ball it will be stated in the Rules that Held Ball may be called when a player holds the ball for five seconds in the back-court if an opponent is within one yard of him during this time.

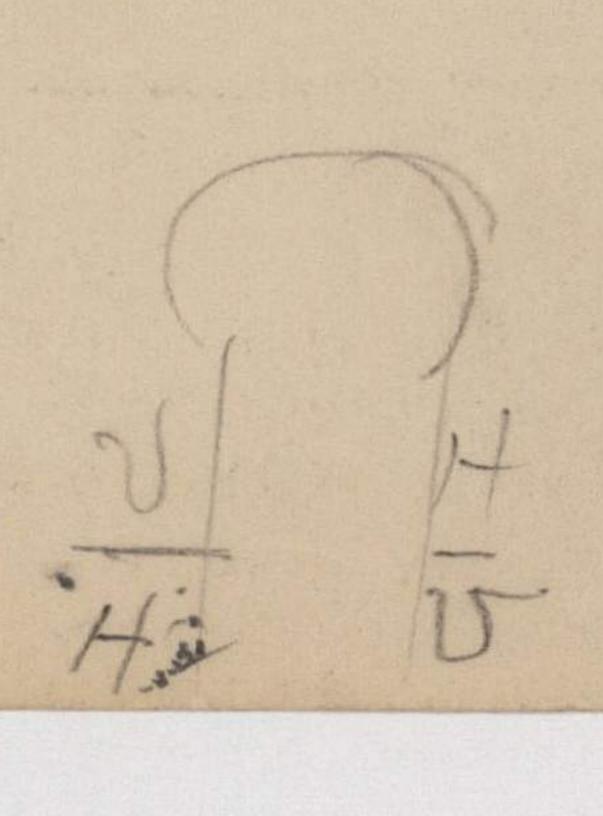
In numbering players, teams are urged not to use combination of digits which are confusing to the officials.

The interpretation of "due allowance" with respect to running with the ball on the part of a player who receives the ball while he is in motion, will remain in the Rules exactly as it appeared last year. It should be emphasized that a player is always expected to stop or get rid of the ball as quickly as possible, and that officials are not obliged to grant the maximum allowance under all circumstances.

The dimensions of the ball are changed slightly: the range in circumference is to be 30 to 31 inches, and the range in weight is to be 20 to 22 ounces.

The question of changing the method of putting the ball into play at the beginning of periods and after goals is still under consideration, but there will be no change for the season 1930-31. Coaches will be asked to continue experiments and the matter will be placed on the next Questionnaire. The Questionnaire will also take up the problem of stalling. There is a feeling in some quarters that rules must be adopted to limit stalling, and some would go so far as to legislate against the delayed offense. As a possible solution of this problem and other related problems, coaches are to be asked to experiment with a one-bounce dribble by the team in possession of the ball in its defensive half of the court.

GEORGE T. HEPBRON, Chairman Rules Revision Committee. OSWALD TOWER, Editor.



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May 13, 1960.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE JOINT BASKETBALL COMMITTEE.

Gentlemen: -

Below is a copy of a letter being sent to the manufacturers noted on the list attached herewith. If there are any other manufacturers to whom you think this should be sent, will you please let me know? The attached list is the one used by Mr. Tower in sending out a similar letter after the 1929 Meeting.

Gentlemen:-

At the Annual Meeting of the Joint Basketball Committee held on April 12th, 1930, the following resolution was passed:-

That the minimum size and weight of the Basketball shall remain as is; that the maximum size be reduced so there is a variance of one (1) inch; that the maximum weight be reduced so there is a variance of two (2) ounces.

That part of Rule 4, Section 1, would then read:-It shall not be less than 30 nor more than 31 inches in circumference; it shall weigh not less than 20 nor more than 22 onnces.

The Members of the Joint Basketball Committee feel that the new specifications will result in a better game and in increased interest, and are confident of the full and hearty cooperation of the manufacturers.

Very truly yours,

L. W. St. John, Chairman.

(signed) Geo. T. Hepbron, Secretary.

Yours sincerely,

GTH/KK

Geo. T. Hepbron Secy,

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