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BASKETBALL RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Dear 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 Collegiate 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