

March 17, 1933.

Mr. George T. Hepbron,
105 Nassau St.,
New York, N. Y.

My Dear George:

Reading the attached communication, which has had the approval of the Executive Committee of the National Collegiate, in my judgment will not be much of a surprise to you. Waiting for definite approval on this action has caused my delay in answering your letter of March 9 relative to notices to be sent out.

So far as we are concerned and the High School Federation also, the old Joint Committee arrangement is out. Whatever you may do or say from the standpoint of the organization you happen to represent, you know perfectly well that my contention is based on absolutely sound reasoning. The reasons for the A. A. U. and the Y. M. C. A. insisting on an equal voice in all basketball matters are sentimental and political. These necessary moves are really just as painful to me as they could possibly be to you, but I see no sound basis for any other procedure.

It is my honest and frank belief that wise leadership will find you accepting the new proposal in the right and proper spirit. There is no reason why a new Joint Committee cannot proceed to function in the same old satisfactory way. If the A. A. U. and the Y. M. C. A. do not care to go along with us, there will be no hard feelings whatever, and the college group, with the high school group, will proceed in their own and in a regular way with basketball rules for schools and colleges.

I expect to come down to New York within the next few days and will be very glad indeed to talk over any and all of these matters with you. In the meantime, I am taking up these matters with the National Collegiate membership and also with the High School Federation.

I am just as cordial and sincerely anxious to have you go on functioning in this organization as I have ever been. I have no personal or political quarrel with the A. A. U. in any way. Unwillingness on the part of both the A. A. U. and the Y. M. C. A. to appreciate and consider things as they really are have just inevitably brought about this condition.

Yours sincerely,

Encl
LWS:MF

L. W. St. John,
Chairman N. C. A. A.
Basketball Rules Committee.