

REPORT OF THE BASKETBALL INTERPRETATION
MEETING FOR THE EIGHTH DISTRICT

Kansas City Athletic Club December 7, 1929

The meeting convened at 1:00 p.m. with C. L. Brewer, representative from this district to the National Rules Committee, as chairman. About seventy-five coaches, officials, school executives, and followers of the sport were in attendance.

The chairman explained that the meeting was limited to discussion and interpretation of the code. The rules could not be changed, but doubtful points could be cleared or more definite interpretations could be requested from the Rules Committee.

A. A. Schabinger, Director of Athletics at Creighton University, urged all coaches to affiliate with the National Association of Basketball Coaches in order that that organization might become more valuable in fostering the best interests of the game.

Mr. Brewer led an interpretation of the code by taking each rule in order and requesting discussion of any vague section.

RULE 1 Section 3 -- The line drawn through the center circle parallel to the end line should be ONE INCH wide. The exact width is not specified in the rules, but the above measurement has been adopted by the Missouri Valley and the Big Six conferences.

RULE 4 -- The ball should be inflated to an air pressure of thirteen pounds. This is recommended by manufacturers although the Big Six specifies twelve pounds in its games.

Mr. Quigley called attention to the provision which requires the game ball shall not be used for practice before the game nor during any time out period.

RULE 5 -- Attention was called to the fact that the CAPTAIN is a team's representative.

RULE 6 -- Position and duties of the referee and umpire were discussed. The "double officiating" system is now recognized by the Committee. It was described by Coach Don White of Washington University, St. Louis.

The scheme calls for equal authority on the part of the two officials in regard to fouls, held balls, out-of-bounds plays, etc.