

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BASKETBALL COACHES: The recommendations of the National Association of Basketball Coaches were presented by Clair Bee of Long Island University. They were:

1. A captain shall have the option to decline any free throw and choose instead to take the ball out of bounds at the side of the court nearest to the spot of the foul. The personal foul penalty shall be charged to the offender. Rules 15, Section 13B

In case where a foul is penalized by two free throws, the right to decline any free throw shall obligate the disclaimer to decline both free throws. Rule 15, Section 13B

2. In case of a throw for the basket and a foul by the defense, occurring simultaneously, the throw resulting in a field goal shall count and the personal foul shall be charged against the offender. Rule 15, Section 13B
3. With a view towards making them official, the requirements as to form and materials used in the construction of the ball, the basket and its rim, the net and the bank board, shall be standardized. Rule 2, 3, 4.
4. The word optional shall be stricken from the rule dealing with court size. Each of the end lines shall be four feet behind the front surface of its respective bank board. There shall be fifty feet from side line to side line. The distance between the front surfaces of the bank boards shall be ninety feet. Rule 1.

CHARTERED BOARDS OF OFFICIALS: Recommendations were presented by Dr. John Brown, Jr. These recommendations were noted along with those mentioned in the questionnaire and in the reports of the various sub-committees. All of them were considered in the course of the ensuing sessions. The Secretary did not receive a copy of the recommendations and consequently they are not included in their entirety in these minutes.

REPORT OF RESEARCH COMMITTEE: Reports were made by chairman and by various members of the Research Committee. Copies of detailed comments relative to the desirability of raising the height of the baskets and of experiments with modified backboards and basket nets were distributed to each member of the committee and consequently they are not included in these minutes. Copies of a method for rating basketball players were also distributed.

Floyd Rowe reported on a study of lighting standards and recommended a minimum intensity of 10 foot-candle power at 4 feet above the court.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE: The report of the Publications Committee is included in the report on the business session which appears near the end of these minutes.

QUESTIONNAIRE COMMITTEE: The Questionnaire Committee analyzed the results of the voting on the various topics included in the questionnaire.

1939-40 RULE MODIFICATIONS

Several modifications in rules or interpretations were made after a thorough consideration of all reports and of all statistical data which might have a bearing. No attempt is made to indicate which member made or seconded any motion. In every case, action was taken after a motion regularly made, seconded and carried. In practically all cases the adoption was by unanimous vote. In no case was any change authorized with less than a three-fourths majority.