

May 13, 1939.

Mr. R. E. Weinzettel,  
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Dear Mr. Weinzettel:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letters of May 8, 9, and 11.

In regard to the meeting of the Rules Committee some time this fall, possibly August, this will be the executive group with Porter, Tower, Rowe and the other individuals who live in close proximity to these men. This obviates the necessity of all the members getting together and curtails the expense.

Regarding the size of the modified backboard, I might say that the Rules Committee asked me to have other committee members work on a modified board. They suggested doing some additional work on a flat surface board 3' by 4', and the convex board with a width of 4'6" to 5', using a radius first of 2'3", and then another board with a radius of 2'6".

So you can see they apparently had nothing definite in mind until Mr. Porter and Mr. Tower got together and worked out the diagram in the wee hours of the days, as Porter says in his letter of May 9. These gentlemen are members of the Research Committee and they have a perfect right to work on these problems. You can see in his letter he asks if we would sanction such a size and shape.

Personally, I would think that the 3" flange at the bottom of the board would be a mistake because all of our old style baskets have 6" for attachments. I would be glad for you to have a huddle with Mr. Chervenka and your experts there and see if you do not feel that 3" below the basket is a little shy. I rather favor the 6" attachment.

You will recall that this streamlined backboard was Mr. Porter's idea, but all the coaches and research men that I have talked to say it is too small. This has been proven out in our practice. None of our players like it. Mr. Porter did not tell the committee that this was his idea, but rather let it go that this was just one of the boards that your firm submitted.

I will certainly vote for a modified backboard, but I would like to see the convex board voted on as a modified board as optional equipment. It was the feeling of the committee that the convex board should