

Lawrence, Kansas
February 24, 1940.

Mr. J. W. St. Clair,
Southern Methodist University,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Saint:

Dr. Haismith's wife and daughter were in to see me this morning, and the family has given permission to the National Association of Basketball Coaches for the award of a "Dr. James Haismith Basketball Trophy", to be presented to the championship team of the N.C.A.A. basketball tournament. I am enclosing herewith a copy of their letter to me. This trophy is to be presented each year by the National Association of Basketball Coaches with the sanction of the Haismith family.

I realize that the Rules body has no authority to give the Haismith family carte blanche admission to all college basketball games, but I thought it would be a nice thing to have some sort of a courtesy card printed by the Coaches Association and the Rules Committee for the immediate members of Dr. Haismith's family which would admit them to basketball games played under the auspices of the colleges affiliated with these organizations.

Dr. Haismith made such a definite contribution to basketball, not only as the originator, but he contributed always to the high standard and splendid sportsmanship of the game. We are arranging for a special box at the N.C.A.A. championship games in Kansas City this year for the Haismith family. Appropriate memorial services, although brief, will be conducted in honor of Dr. Haismith.

Very sincerely yours,

PCA:AH

Chairman, 5th District, N.C.A.A.