

get their pro-rata part. There is no profit for any individual, whether he be an out and out promoter or a newspaper man.

Do you not agree with me that it is just as legitimate to have an N.C.A.A. basketball tournament as we have the N.C.A.A. track and field meet? The friends of basketball felt that it was just as fair to give the college men of the United States an opportunity to participate in the Olympics in the sport of basketball as it was in any of the other sports. By this method of procedure they expect the best college players in the United States to be formed into a most formidable team that will challenge the supremacy of the A.A.U. in basketball. Of course, this college team will not be made up from one single college, but the college stars will be picked from all over the United States and they will be assembled just like the all-star football team is assembled, say the East-West team, and then they can play the A.A.U. outfit for their right to represent the United States in the Olympic Games.

This is not just a tournament to take boys away from classes, but rather it is the plan to give the boys in their favorite sport the same right to enjoy their game as is enjoyed by the track and field men, the swimmers, the wrestlers, the crew, or what not. The N.C.A.A. authorities do not desire that nomads be made out of basketball players. Rather, a legitimate national champion will be crowned each year and a greater interest will be developed in this sport as there has been in all sports where Olympic participation is possible. Had the Olympic Games been held in Tokio, Japan, basketball would have had a place, but since they have been transferred to Stockholm, basketball will not be one of the sports. But in 1944 it is the aim of the colleges of America to challenge for Olympic participation.

The five members of the executive committee for the N.C.A.A. Basketball Tournament are: H. G. Olsen, of Ohio State University, chairman; June Salmon, Princeton University, who is chairman of the basketball rules committee of the United States and Canada; W. S. Chandler, of Marquette University, who is president of the National Association of Basketball Coaches; John W. Dunn, of Stanford University, and Forrest C. Allen, University of Kansas. Each of the eight collegiate districts have a chairman, just the same as there are chairman for the other sports.

The winners of the four collegiate districts east of the Mississippi River (districts 1, 2, 3, 4) meet tonight and tomorrow night, March 17 and 18, at the University of Pennsylvania basketball palestra, to determine the regional winner. At Treasure Island in San Francisco next Monday and Tuesday nights, March 20 and 21, the University of Oklahoma representing the 5th district, the University of Texas representing the 6th district, Utah Agricultural College representing the 7th district, and the winner of the 8th district (either the University of California or the University of Oregon) will meet to determine their regional winner. The winners of these two tournaments in the east and the west will meet at Northwestern University Patten Gymnasium on Monday, March 27, to determine the national champion in basketball.