

I am quoting below a night letter that I received from H. G. Olsen, chairman of the national committee, as of February 23, and my reply to him on February 24:

"Suggest for your approval that NCAA guarantee complete expenses of competing teams limited to total party of 12 in play-off at Philadelphia and San Francisco, also in final game at Chicago. If district tournaments seem advisable in suggesting NCAA cannot guarantee total expenses but that they be run on prorata basis which may very well result in all expenses being paid depending on popularity of play-off in that district. Please indicate immediately if this meets with your approval.  
H. G. Olsen."

"Heartily approve of your policy regarding Philadelphia, San Francisco and Chicago tournaments. Suggest however that where prorata basis guarantee exists for district tournament that colleges concerned take their prorata earnings individually if income exceeds expenses.  
Forrest C. Allen."

You can see from Mr. Olsen's wire that there is a possibility of the NCAA permitting the competing teams to pocket all the money, but this will be determined by the action of the national committee. It is my feeling that the national committee should have at least a small part of the proceeds because their administrative set up will naturally prove expensive in promoting these various tournaments. I further feel that any income that the national committee may receive in the name of the NCAA should be earmarked for basketball and basketball promotion. However, this is for the policy committee of the national group to determine.

I thought that perhaps the members of my committee would desire to keep step with the progress of the collegiate basketball situation.

Very sincerely yours,

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