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Dear "Phog":

I am making a canvass of the members of our selection committees, etc., plus a number of other coaches, to find out if they have any definite reaction about the relative merits of the eight team tournament as compared with the present set-up of Eastern and Western play-offs with the final game between the two winners.

I do not believe there is any particular advantage in the eight team tournament idea. First of all, I think it has less chance of succeeding financially, and, secondly, I think the total time away from classes would be greater under the eight team tournament than it is under the present plan. The only teams that suffer under the present arrangement are the two teams who go through to the finals and I have the feeling they for the most part are rather glad to make a sacrifice of this kind in order to play for the National Collegiate Basketball championship.

I suppose by this time you have had word from either John Griffith or Bill Owens to the effect that they want you to come along to Chicago for the meetings on September 6 and 7. I hope to have some reactions from these letters so that we can dispose of the matter of whether we are going to run a eight team tournament or continue with the present scheme.

As to the place of meeting for the Basketball Rules Committee, I have not heard further from Floyd Rowe but I also registered with him the definite opinion that the Rules Committee should again meet in Kansas City at the time of the N.C.A.A. Tournament or shortly thereafter. I hate to see Nat Holman and some of that Eastern gang succeed in pulling the Rules Committee to New York after the way they selected their place of meeting.

I am here in Columbus only for a couple of days and am going back up to camp, but in case you have anything to write me about, mail addressed to me here at Columbus will be forwarded immediately. I will be looking forward to seeing you in Chicago if I don't hear from you prior to that time.