

# NATIONAL BASKETBALL COMMITTEE of the UNITED STATES AND CANADA

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(a) Is crowding around jumpers a problem in your locality? Yes 488 No 553

(b) Are too many fouls committed during jumps? Yes 365 No 369

(c) Should the abnormally tall player be deprived of part of his advantage? Yes 373 No 640

2. Concerning the rule which prohibits coaches from addressing players or officials:

(a) Should the present rule be retained? Yes 419 No 582

(b) If you favor modifying the rule make suggestions on the back of this sheet.

3. Would you favor making it permissible to move the baskets a specified number of feet farther in the court on courts that are at least 75 feet long?

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4. Has the smaller ball size which was adopted last year been satisfactory? Yes 115 No 905

5. Would you favor raising the baskets to 11 or 12 feet? Yes 115 No 905

6. Would you favor changing the size of the basket to 20 inches in diameter? Yes 110 No 908

7. (a) Is the pivot post play in the free throw lane causing undue trouble in your locality? Yes 152 No 878

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8. When a player, in driving in toward the basket, is fouled but succeeds in scoring in the continuing offensive motion the foul should be charged against the offender but the field goal should be allowed and no free throw awarded. Would you favor such a rule? Yes 434 No 607

9. Relative to the traveling rule:

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Comments:

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7. (a) Is the pivot play in the free throw lane causing undue trouble in your locality? Yes 100 No 0

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  - (b) Are too many fouls committed during jumps? Yes. **398** No. **744**
  - (c) Should the abnormally tall player be deprived of part of his advantage? Yes. **400** No. **722**
2. Concerning the rule which prohibits coaches from addressing players or officials:
  - (a) Should the present rule be retained? Yes **1002** No. **123**
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3. Would you favor making it permissible to move the baskets a specified number of feet farther in the court on courts that are at least 75 feet long? Yes. **453** No. **655**
4. Has the smaller ball size which was adopted last year been satisfactory? Yes. **1101** No. **10**
5. Would you favor raising the baskets to 11 or 12 feet? Yes. **125** No. **1003**
6. Would you favor changing the size of the basket to 20 inches in diameter? Yes **123** No. **993**
7. (a) Is the pivot post play in the free throw lane causing undue trouble in your locality? Yes. **161** No. **980**
  - (b) Would you favor some rule change which would take away the right of a player in the traditional pivot post position to try for a field goal? Yes. **150** No. **998**
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(a) Is crowding around jumpers a problem in your locality?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Alabama	10	15
Arizona	30	13
Arkansas	5	2
California	11	4
Colorado	1	
Delaware		1
Florida		1
Georgia		3
Idaho	14	22
Illinois	107	82
Indiana	19	3
Iowa	2	5
Kansas	1	11
Kentucky		2
Louisiana	5	7
Michigan	2	2
Minnesota	5	36
Mississippi	2	1
Missouri	5	3
Montana	1	
Nebraska		5
Nevada		1
New York	33	78
Ohio	59	61
Oklahoma	14	25
Oregon	3	1
Pennsylvania	5	1
South Carolina	1	1
South Dakota	45	40
Tennessee	2	3
Texas	25	12
Utah	9	31
Washington	2	1
West Virginia	1	2
Maryland, Wash. D.C., Virginia, North Carolina	59	72
New England States	26	49
Canada	<u>24</u>	<u>27</u>
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>623</b>



(b) Are too many fouls committed during jumps:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Alabama	8	17
Arizona	22	21
Arkansas	6	1
California	9	5
Colorado	1	
Delaware		1
Florida		1
Georgia		3
Idaho	12	23
Illinois	84	101
Indiana	19	3
Iowa	3	4
Kansas	4	8
Kentucky		2
Louisiana	5	7
Michigan	2	2
Minnesota	4	37
Mississippi	1	2
Missouri	4	4
Montana		1
Nebraska		5
Nevada		
New York	9	100
Ohio	49	82
Oklahoma	17	23
Oregon	2	2
Pennsylvania	3	4
South Carolina	1	1
South Dakota	33	51
Tennessee	2	3
Texas	20	15
Utah	6	33
Washington	2	1
West Virginia		3
Maryland, Washington D.C., Virginia, North Carolina	39	84
New England States	14	61
Canada	<u>18</u>	<u>33</u>
Totals:	398	744



(c) Should the abnormally tall player be deprived of part of his advantage?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Alabama	7	17
Arizona	18	23
Arkansas	1	4
California	6	8
Colorado		1
Delaware		1
Florida		1
Georgia	3	
Idaho	13	22
Illinois	74	116
Indiana	15	6
Iowa	3	4
Kansas	1	10
Kentucky		2
Louisiana	2	10
Michigan	2	2
Minnesota	16	19
Mississippi		3
Missouri	3	6
Montana		1
Nebraska		4
Nevada		
New York	18	89
Ohio	68	54
Oklahoma	14	27
Oregon	2	1
Pennsylvania		4
South Carolina	1	1
South Dakota	40	45
Tennessee	1	3
Texas	11	24
Utah	2	38
Washington	1	2
West Virginia	1	2
Maryland, Washington D.C., Virginia, North Carolina	39	89
New England States	18	56
Canada	<u>21</u>	<u>27</u>
Totals:	400	722



2. Concerning the rule which prohibits coaches from addressing players or officials:  
 (a) Should the present rule be retained?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Alabama	23	2
Arizona	36	7
Arkansas	7	
California	14	3
Colorado	1	
Delaware	1	
Florida	1	
Georgia	3	
Illinois	177	19
Idaho	34	2
Indiana	17	3
Iowa	6	1
Kansas	12	
Kentucky	2	
Louisiana	11	1
Michigan	4	
Minnesota	34	2
Mississippi	3	
Missouri	5	2
Montana	1	
Nebraska	5	
Nevada	1	
New York	80	8
Ohio	106	16
Oklahoma	32	8
Oregon	4	
Pennsylvania	6	
South Carolina	2	
South Dakota	78	8
Tennessee	5	
Texas	30	3
Utah	37	4
Washington	3	
West Virginia	3	
Maryland, Washington D.C., Virginia, North Carolina	113	17
New England States	67	6
Canada	<u>38</u>	<u>11</u>
Totals:	1002	123



3. Would you favor making it permissible to move the baskets a specified number of feet farther in the court on courts that are at least 75 feet long?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Alabama	4	20
Arizona	14	29
Arkansas	3	4
California	7	9
Colorado		1
Delaware		1
Florida		1
Georgia	2	1
Idaho	15	21
Illinois	63	121
Indiana	7	13
Iowa	5	2
Kansas	8	3
Kentucky		2
Louisiana	4	8
Michigan		4
Minnesota	12	25
Mississippi		2
Missouri	3	5
Montana	1	
Nebraska	3	2
Nevada	1	
New York	61	36
Ohio	53	59
Oklahoma	20	19
Oregon	3	1
Pennsylvania	2	4
South Carolina	1	1
South Dakota	36	49
Tennessee	1	4
Texas	21	12
Utah	7	31
Washington	2	1
West Virginia		3
Maryland, Washington D.C., Virginia, North Carolina	46	80
New England States	27	54
Canada	<u>21</u>	<u>27</u>
Totals:	453	655



4. Has the smaller ball size which was adopted last year been satisfactory?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Alabama	25	
Arizona	42	
Arkansas	7	
California	17	
Colorado	1	
Delaware	1	
Florida	1	
Georgia	3	
Idaho	35	1
Illinois	178	
Indiana	21	1
Iowa	7	
Kansas	12	
Kentucky	2	
Louisiana	12	
Michigan	2	
Minnesota	41	
Mississippi	3	
Missouri	8	
Montana	1	
Nebraska	5	
Nevada	1	
New York	101	2
Ohio	109	
Oklahoma	41	
Oregon	4	
Pennsylvania	6	
South Carolina	2	
South Dakota	83	
Tennessee	5	
Texas	35	
Utah	40	
Washington	3	
West Virginia	3	
Maryland, Washington D.C., Virginia, North Carolina	122	4
New England States	73	1
Canada	<u>49</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals:	1101	10



5. Would you favor raising the baskets to 11 or 12 feet?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Alabama	4	21
Arizona	3	41
Arkansas	1	6
California	1	14
Colorado		1
Delaware		1
Florida		3
Georgia	5	31
Idaho	2	176
Illinois	6	16
Indiana	1	6
Iowa	1	11
Kansas		2
Kentucky	1	11
Louisiana		4
Michigan	2	39
Minnesota		3
Mississippi		7
Missouri	1	
Montana		5
Nebraska		1
Nevada	28	79
New York	11	109
Ohio	5	36
Oklahoma	1	3
Oregon		6
Pennsylvania	1	1
South Carolina	3	82
South Dakota		5
Tennessee	4	31
Texas	4	37
Utah	1	2
Washington		3
West Virginia		
Maryland, Washington D.C.,	26	103
Virginia, North Carolina	8	67
New England States	5	42
Canada		
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>1003</b>



6. Would you favor changing the size of the basket to 20 inches in diameter?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Alabama	4	20
Arizona	7	35
Arkansas		7
California	3	14
Colorado		1
Delaware		1
Florida		1
Georgia		3
Idaho	9	26
Illinois	19	165
Indiana	4	17
Iowa	1	6
Kansas	1	11
Kentucky		2
Louisiana	1	11
Michigan	2	2
Minnesota		41
Mississippi		2
Missouri	2	5
Montana	1	
Nebraska		5
Nevada		1
New York	11	100
Ohio	10	106
Oklahoma	5	35
Oregon	1	2
Pennsylvania		5
South Carolina	1	1
South Dakota	6	77
Tennessee	1	4
Texas	6	29
Utah	1	39
Washington		3
West Virginia		3
Maryland, Washington D.C., Virginia, North Carolina	12	115
New England States	13	62
Canada	2	46
Totals:	<u>123</u>	<u>993</u>



7. (a) Is the pivot post play in the free throw lane causing undue trouble in your locality?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Alabama	3	22
Arizona	4	38
Arkansas	3	4
California	2	15
Colorado	1	
Delaware	1	
Florida		1
Georgia		3
Idaho	5	31
Illinois	9	170
Indiana	6	16
Iowa		7
Kansas	3	9
Kentucky		2
Louisiana	2	10
Michigan		4
Minnesota	5	35
Mississippi		3
Missouri	1	7
Montana		1
Nebraska		5
Nevada	1	
New York	15	96
Ohio	25	97
Oklahoma	5	36
Oregon	1	3
Pennsylvania	3	3
South Carolina		2
South Dakota	10	75
Tennessee	1	4
Texas	8	26
Utah	1	40
Washington		3
West Virginia		2
Maryland, Washington D.C., Virginia, North Carolina	38	92
New England States	3	73
Canada	<u>6</u>	<u>45</u>
Totals:	161	980



(b) Would you favor some rule change which would take away the right of a player in the traditional pivot post position to try for a field goal?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Alabama	2	23
Arizona	2	41
Arkansas	1	6
California	2	14
Colorado		1
Delaware		1
Florida		1
Georgia	1	2
Idaho	5	31
Illinois	18	174
Indiana	5	16
Iowa		7
Kansas	2	9
Kentucky		2
Louisiana	2	10
Michigan		4
Minnesota	9	32
Mississippi		3
Missouri	1	7
Montana		1
Nebraska		5
Nevada	1	
New York	11	98
Ohio	23	98
Oklahoma	5	36
Oregon	1	3
Pennsylvania	1	5
South Carolina		2
South Dakota	9	76
Tennessee	1	4
Texas	4	31
Utah	1	40
Washington		2
West Virginia		3
Maryland, Washington D.C., Virginia, North Carolina	36	92
New England States	4	71
Canada	3	47
	<u>150</u>	<u>998</u>
Totals:	150	998



8. When a player, in driving in toward the basket, is fouled but succeeds in scoring in the continuing offensive motion the foul should be charged against the offender but the field goal should be allowed and no free throw awarded. Would you favor such a rule?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Alabama	10	15
Arizona	16	27
Arkansas	2	5
California	6	11
Colorado		1
Delaware		1
Florida		1
Georgia	1	2
Idaho	19	17
Illinois	73	120
Indiana	11	11
Iowa	4	3
Kansas	6	6
Kentucky	1	1
Louisiana	3	11
Michigan	2	2
Minnesota	9	32
Mississippi	2	1
Missouri	1	7
Montana	1	
Nebraska	3	2
Nevada	1	
New York	69	38
Ohio	55	69
Oklahoma	12	29
Oregon	2	2
Pennsylvania	1	5
South Carolina	1	1
South Dakota	35	51
Tennessee	1	3
Texas	21	14
Utah	11	30
Washington	3	
West Virginia	2	1
Maryland, Washington D.C.,		
Virginia, North Carolina	45	82
New England States	28	45
Canada	25	26
Totals:	480	672



9. Relative to the traveling rule:  
 A player in motion receives the ball and comes to a legal stride  
 stand stop on the count of two. Do you favor retaining the present  
 rule which does not allow a pivot from such a position?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Alabama	11	14
Arizona	19	24
Arkansas	5	2
California	10	5
Colorado	1	
Delaware	1	
Florida	1	
Georgia	2	1
Idaho	14	22
Illinois	109	80
Indiana	11	10
Iowa	3	2
Kansas	5	7
Kentucky	2	
Louisiana	7	5
Michigan	4	
Minnesota	14	27
Mississippi	3	
Missouri	4	4
Montana	1	
Nebraska	4	1
Nevada		1
New York	69	42
Ohio	71	51
Oklahoma	19	22
Oregon	2	2
Pennsylvania	5	1
South Carolina	2	
South Dakota	42	42
Tennessee	4	1
Texas	17	17
Utah	28	13
Washington	2	1
West Virginia	3	
Maryland, Washington D.C., Virginia, North Carolina	73	54
New England States	35	40
Canada	18	33
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>524</b>



## COMMENTS

### COACHING RULE

Allow coach to talk to team between quarters - 3.  
Coach ruled from bench on request of visiting captain.  
Allow coach to question decision in presence of other coach - 4.  
Allow substitutes to talk to them.  
Referee should be allowed to change wrong decision.  
Referee should not be able to call technical foul when he is wrong - 3.  
Referee be allowed to call foul on crowd for booing.  
2 officials should work game.

### PIVOT RULE

Allow no player to hold ball longer than 5 seconds.  
Either foot pivot foot - 2.  
3-second rule for pivot play.  
Prohibit use of stationary pivot within 15 feet of goal. - Within 17 feet of goal.  
Force pivot man to take one dribble or pass ball to another player before shooting.  
Rule out pivot man.

### PERSONAL FOUL RULE

Player put out of game for 4 P.F. Would be allowed to reenter game after two or three minutes. If fifth foul made would be banished for another 2 or 3 minutes. After required time elapsed player could not be substituted until ball is dead.  
Eliminate free throws. Count fouls and remove player for 2 fouls in each half.  
Do not remove player for 4 P.F. Allow to remain in game but for succeeding fouls penalize by allowing more free throws.  
2 fouls called on player guilty of deliberate fouling.  
Foul shot by best man on team.  
Free throws shot in intermission. Ball awarded after foul to team fouled on.  
Instead of allowing free throw allow points according to fouls.

### DRIBBLE RULE

Limit dribble to 2 bounces - place penalty on dribbler for charging.  
Dribbler stopping in stride stand should be permitted to pivot - advanced foot moving.  
Dribbler confined to one bounce.

### 10-SECOND RULE

10-second rule coming across center line to apply to defense.  
Front court made larger on 10-second rule.

### CENTER JUMP

Eliminate center jump - 36.  
Use circle around center circle - 9.  
Jumpers hold one thumb in belt.



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MISCELLANEOUS

Time should be taken out after field goal.  
If offensive man fouls goal should not count.  
Permit play at end of half until ball is dead.  
Baskets: Field 3 Free throw 1  
Three 15-minute periods.



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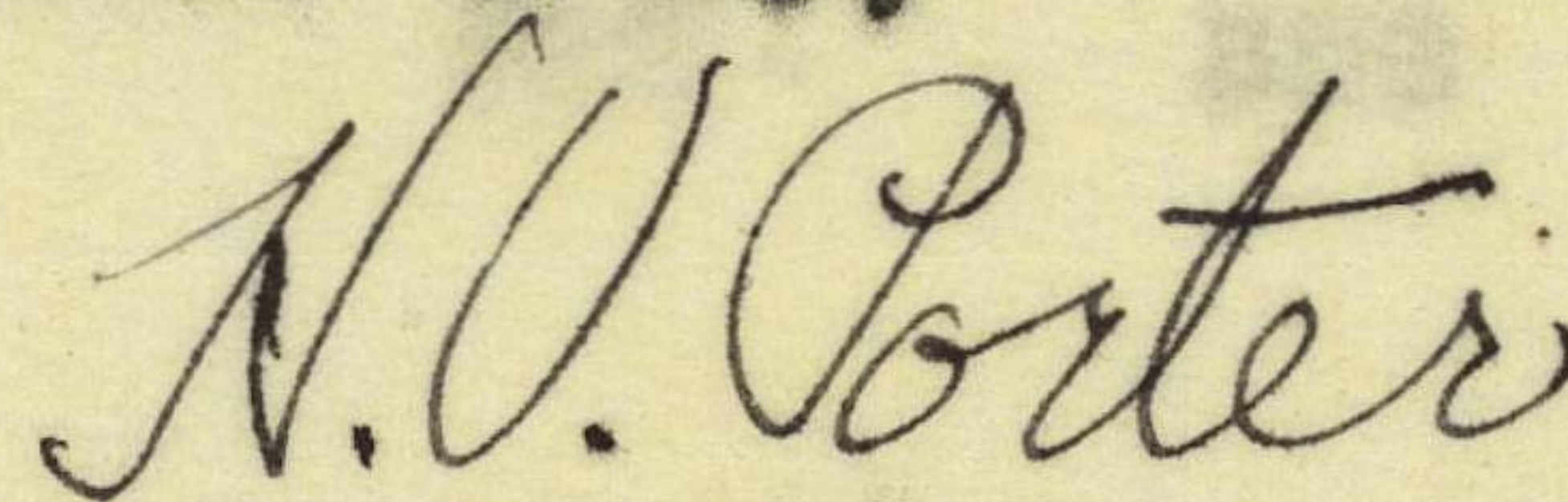
To Members,  
National Basketball Rules Committee:

It occurs to me that as a member of the National Rules Committee you might like to have for your files certain data collected either through the basketball questionnaire or through the work of some of the various subcommittees. In order that you may have this material for future reference I am sending under separate cover the following material:

1. A questionnaire summary.
2. A summary of questionnaire results grouped according to the four sections of the country: east, central, south and west. Roughly the states along the Atlantic seaboard are grouped as the eastern section. From the Appalachians to Kansas and Nebraska and as far south as Kentucky the states are grouped as central. Those south of that state are considered southern and those west of Iowa are considered western. This is a rough classification but I believe it will be of some assistance in helping determine sentiment in the various sections. Canada and Canal Zone are also included.
3. A copy of the latest issue of the Illinois High School Athlete which contains certain data on page 99 which deals with basketball statistics.

I hope you may find some of this material of some little value. If it has none, there is always a waste basket nearby.

Yours truly,



H. V. PORTER

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## NATIONAL BASKETBALL COMMITTEE of the UNITED STATES AND CANADA

### ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire is sent annually to representative basketball men of the country in order that their views may be presented at the annual meeting of the National Committee. The Committee will be grateful if you will check these answers and RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRE PROMPTLY to \_\_\_\_\_

The Committee Member whose name appears above will send all replies received up to March 25 to H. V. Porter, 11 South LaSalle St., Chicago, Illinois.

1. (a) Has the new note on held ball resulted in a better game?  
Yes 598 No 113  
(b) Should a held ball be declared whenever a player in control is touching the floor with any part of his body other than hands or feet?  
Yes 183 No 609  
(c) when a team is attempting to consume time by holding the ball near the division line should a held ball be declared whenever a closely guarded player holds the ball for three seconds?  
Yes 428 No 392
2. Player in possession near the sideline sometimes intentionally hits the opponent on the leg with the ball so that it caroms out-of-bounds. There are other similar situations. Should these be regarded as legitimate plays and allowed without penalty?  
Yes 512 No 294
3. Check the court size which you regard as best:  
(a) For high school play 283 48x75 499 48x84 50x94 27  
(b) For college play 4 48x75 220 48x84 50x94 415
4. (a) Has the removal of the "due allowance" clause in the traveling rule caused any difficulty?  
Yes 96 No 703  
(b) It is claimed that few players in starting a dribble drop the ball before the pivot foot leaves the floor. Do you favor rigid enforcement of this rule?  
Yes 231 No 575
5. Would you favor taking time out after each basket?  
Yes 231 No 557
6. The new rule for starting second and fourth quarters reduces the number of center jumps. Would you favor further gradual reduction?  
Yes 403 No 393
7. Would you favor allowing play to proceed at the end of a quarter until the play which is in progress when the signal sounds is completed?  
Yes 69 No 712
8. There is some sentiment in favor of moving the backboards 6 feet inside the end lines. Assuming that over a period of years such a change might be made, in your opinion  
(a) Would it relieve the crowding in front of the basket?  
Yes 219 No 530  
(b) Would it result in fewer out-of-bounds balls?  
Yes 574 No 206  
(c) would it result in more play in the center floor zone and in more tries from there?  
Yes 367 No 357  
(d) Would the increased possibilities for offensive strategy be desirable?  
Yes 332 No 355
9. Would you favor a plan whereby a free throw for a personal foul would be made from the spot where the foul is committed (with proper adjustments for unusually long or short distances)?  
Yes 86 No 687  
List other suggestions on reverse side.

#### QUESTIONNAIRE COMMITTEE,

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QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS ACCORDING  
TO SECTIONS

1. (a) Has the new note on held ball resulted in a better game?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
East	211	43
Central	135	34
South	43	6
West	140	27
Canada	15	3
Canal Zone	1	
	<u>595</u>	<u>113</u>

(b) Should a held ball be declared whenever a player in control is touching the floor with any part of his body other than hands or feet?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
East	69	178
Central	74	214
South	8	59
West	29	140
Canada	4	17
Canal Zone	1	
	<u>183</u>	<u>609</u>

(c) When a team is attempting to consume time by holding the ball near the division line should a held ball be declared whenever a closely guarded player holds the ball for three seconds?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
East	122	148
Central	162	128
South	37	29
West	94	78
Canada	12	9
Canal Zone	1	
	<u>428</u>	<u>392</u>

2. Player in possession near the sideline sometimes intentionally hits the opponent on the leg with the ball so that it caroms out-of-bounds. There are other similar situations. Should these be regarded as legitimate plays and allowed without penalty?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
East	136	121
Central	237	55
South	33	32
West	97	74
Canada	9	11
Canal Zone	1	
	<u>512</u>	<u>294</u>



3. Check the court size which you regard as best:

(a) For high school play	<u>48 x 75</u>	<u>48 x 84</u>	<u>50 x 94</u>
East	135	84	2
Central	60	286	12
South	12	31	8
West	59	93	5
Canada	17	4	
Canal Zone		1	
	<u>283</u>	<u>499</u>	<u>27</u>

(b) For college play	<u>48 x 75</u>	<u>48 x 84</u>	<u>50 x 94</u>
East	3	107	83
Central		43	201
South		15	45
West	1	45	78
Canada		10	7
Canal Zone			1
	<u>4</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>415</u>

4. (a) Has the removal of the "due allowance" clause in the traveling clause caused any difficulty?

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
96	703

(b) It is claimed that few players in starting a dribble drop the ball before the pivot leaves the floor. Do you favor rigid enforcement of this rule?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
East	76	189
Central	38	235
South	37	29
West	73	107
Canada	6	15
Canal Zone	1	
	<u>231</u>	<u>575</u>

5. Would you favor taking time out after each basket?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
East	61	185
Central	98	192
South	18	41
West	43	128
Canada	10	11
Canal Zone	1	
	<u>231</u>	<u>557</u>



6. The new rule for starting second and fourth quarters reduces the number of center jumps. Would you favor further gradual reduction?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
East	95	167
Central	185	107
South	19	36
West	93	75
Canada	11	7
Canal Zone		1
	<u>403</u>	<u>393</u>

7. Would you favor allowing play to proceed at the end of a quarter until the play which is in progress when the signal sounds is completed?

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
69	712

8. There is some sentiment in favor of moving the backboards 6 feet inside the end lines. Assuming that over a period of years such a change might be made, in your opinion

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<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
574	206

(c) Would it result in more play in the center floor zone and in more tries from there?

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
367	357

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86	687