# NATIONAL BASKETBALL COMMITTEE
## of the UNITED STATES AND CANADA

# 1940 ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE

**This questionnaire is sent annually to representative basketball men 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** Dr. Forrest C. Allen
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**The Committee Member or State Athletic Officer whose name appears above will send all replies received up to March 16th to the Secretary of the Committee, 11 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.**

## PART I. Concerning rule changes made last spring:

1. Any player may request a time-out. Is present rule satisfactory? Yes X No.....
2. After a technical foul, the throwing team keeps possession at mid-court. Is present rule satisfactory? Yes X No.....
3. A captain may waive the free throw and take the ball at mid-court after a personal foul. Is present rule satisfactory? Yes X No.....
4. When a player in the act of throwing is fouled from behind, two free throws are always awarded.
   (a) Has this rule been properly enforced? Yes X No.....
   (b) Has it tended to eliminate the deliberate push in the back? Yes X No.....
   (c) Is present rule satisfactory? Yes X No.....
5. On a free throw for personal foul, it is a violation when the ball does not go through or touch the ring before touching a player. Is present rule satisfactory? Yes X No.....
6. Is the present rule on the four-foot end space satisfactory? Yes X No.....

## PART II. Concerning general trend of game:

7. Molded Type Ball:
   (a) As compared with the ball with sewed seams, the molded type ball is (1) More satisfactory..... (2) Equally as satisfactory X (3) Less satisfactory.....
   (b) The best bouncing reaction of a ball is: (1) Minimum 49" X Maximum 54" X Median 51" to 52".....
8. What percentage of the courts on which you play have: (1) Poor lighting 50 % (2) Less than four-foot space behind backboard 30 %.
9. (a) Is the present game as interesting and scientific as it was with the center jump? Yes..... No X
   (b) Are criticisms valid enough to warrant consideration of reinstatement of the center jump with restrictions such as having players rotate for the jump? Yes X No.....
10. Do you favor encouragement of experimentation with:
    (a) Baskets without a backboard? Yes..... No X
    (b) Baskets 11 or 12 feet high? Yes..... No X
    (c) Free throw lanes 8 feet wide? Yes..... No X

## PART III: Concerning rules for 1940-1:

11. Assuming that proper safeguards would be made against any sudden compulsory use of equipment whose use would involve considerable expense, do you favor permitting the **optional** use of:
    (a) A flat surfaced backboard with several inches removed from the borders and with upper edge circular? Yes..... No X
    (b) A convex surfaced board with shape as in (a). Yes..... No X
12. (Check this only if you are connected with College or Independent games).
    College and Independent games should be played in 10-minute quarters. Yes X No.....
13. Should the number of jump balls be reduced by:
    (a) Awarding ball to the offensive team, if it is in the air on a try at the end of a quarter and is not successful. Yes X No.....
    (b) By awarding ball to the team on defense, if they cause a held ball outside the lane or center restraining circle? Yes X No.....
14. (Check only one)
    (a) For games played in quarters, remove restriction on number of times a player may enter during first three quarters and permit only one re-entry during the fourth quarter and during each overtime period. Yes.....
    (b) In any game permit a player to re-enter three times. Yes.....
    (c) Retain present rule on re-entering. Yes X
15. Following a successful field goal or successful last free throw for personal foul:
    (a) Start watch as soon as goal is made. Yes X No.....
    (b) Remove right of either team to take charged time-out. Yes..... No.....
    (c) Permit substitution after any goal. Yes..... No X
16. Consider any foul (not flagrant) against a player who is in his back court as a technical foul. (Note that penalty for technical foul is more severe than formerly). Yes..... No X
17. Reduce bouncing tolerance of a ball from the present 5 inches to 3 inches. Yes..... No.....
18. If any section of the rules needs to be clarified or amplified state which.
    Use reverse side for additional comments.

QUESTIONNAIRE COMMITTEE

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