

# 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:

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The Committee Member or State Athletic Officer whose name appears above will send all replies received up to March 1st to the Secretary of the Committee, 11 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

**Suggest that rule be added--During a time out or between quarters officials to report at scorers table to check players entering game.**

**Reason--I have witnessed three tech. fouls, this year, called because player entering game did not notice officials standing down at one end of court and walked over to teammates before reporting. This is especially true in high school play where players are over anxious to enter game and I feel that adding above rule will be a great aid to the high school players. I have seen officials sit down along sideline and player enter game and have tech. foul called for not reporting. Personally I feel that in some cases the official has been the one at fault and should not charge player with tech. foul.**

- 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..... Yes  No
  - (b) By awarding ball to the team on defense, if they cause a held ball outside the lane or center restraining circle? Yes  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  No
  - (b) In any game permit a player to re-enter three times. Yes  No
  - (c) Retain present rule on re-entering. Yes  No
- 15. Following a successful field goal or successful last free throw for personal foul:
  - (a) Start watch as soon as goal is made. Yes  No
  - (b) Remove right of either team to take charged time-out. Yes  No
  - (c) Permit substitution after any goal. Yes  No
- 16. Consider any foul (not basket) 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
- 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.

- 1. Any player may request a time-out. Is present rule satisfactory? Yes  No
- 2. 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  No
- 3. Is the present rule on the four-foot end space satisfactory? Yes  No
- 4. Has it tended to eliminate the deliberate push in the back? Yes  No
- 5. Is present rule satisfactory? Yes  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..... Yes  No
  - (2) Equally as satisfactory..... Yes  No
  - (3) Less satisfactory..... Yes  No
- 8. What percentage of the courts on which you play have: (1) Poor lighting..... Yes  No  (2) Less than four-foot space behind backboard..... Yes  No  (3) Median 51" to 52"..... Yes  No  (4) Minimum 49"..... Yes  No  Maximum 54"..... Yes  No
- 9. (a) Is the present game as interesting and exciting as it was with the center jump? Yes  No  (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  No
- 10. Do you favor encouragement of experimentation with:
  - (a) Baskets without backboard? Yes  No
  - (b) Baskets 11 or 12 feet high? Yes  No

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